

## 6th US-Japan-Korea Trilateral Symposium

### Speaker Biographies

#### *Welcome & Introductions*



**Linda Butcher** is the Executive Director at the International Student Conferences (ISC). Prior to this role, Butcher was the Director of Media Relations and Public Affairs at the Korea Economic Institute of America (KEI) and a Legislative Researcher for the Congressional Section at the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Washington, D.C. She has written and spoken on topics related to technology, security, gender and environmental issues. During her time at KEI, she consulted with organizations interested in the Asia-Pacific region, co-managed the Korea-Japan Study Group and handled numerous delegations under the Ambassadors' Dialogue, Future of Korea and the US-ROK Professional Exchange Program. While at the Embassy, Linda handled critical issues pertaining to the Asia region while also enhancing relations between the Embassy and the United States Congress.



**Kiho Jang** is the Deputy Director at the Korea Foundation Washington DC Office. He worked as Deputy Director at Korean Studies Department, Global Networking Department and Policy Networking Department at The Korea Foundation. He also served as Chief Assistant to President of the Korea Foundation. Before joining the Korea Foundation, he worked for International Information and Networking Centre for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO and Research Institute of Korean Studies at Korea University. He received his B.A. from Korea University in Human Geography and M.A. from Yonsei University in Political Science.



**Kazuyo Kato** is the Director for Programs and Administration at Sasakawa USA where she leads the Education Program, which offers opportunities for U.S. policymakers, experts and the broader public to improve their understanding of the U.S.-Japan relationship and its important policy issues through frequent public events, delegation trips, people-to-people exchanges/dialogues and fellowships. Prior to this role, she served as the Senior Program Officer managing the U.S.-Japan Exchange Program at the Sasakawa Peace Foundation in Tokyo, Japan, was an Associate at Armitage International, L.L.C., an international business-consulting firm headed by former U.S. deputy secretary of state Richard

L. Armitage. Prior to that, from 2003 to 2007, she worked on a number of Asia projects as Research Associate in the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). She began her professional career in 2001 as an Analyst at Arthur Andersen (later KMPG) in

Tokyo. She graduated from Stanford University with a bachelor's degree in international relations and a master's degree in international policy studies.

### ***Panel I: Role of Soft Power and Media in Trilateral Relations***



**Panelist | Kathleen Stephens** is a former American diplomat. She was U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Korea 2008-2011. Other overseas assignments included postings to China, former Yugoslavia, Portugal, Northern Ireland, where she was U.S. Consul General in Belfast during the negotiations culminating in the 1998 Good Friday Agreement, and India, where she was U.S. Charge 'd Affaires (2014-2015).

Ambassador Stephens also served in a number of policy positions in Washington at the Department of State and the White House. These included acting Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (2012), Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs (2005-2007), Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs (2003-2005), and National Security Council Director for European Affairs at the Clinton White House. Stephens was William J. Perry Fellow for Korea at Stanford University 2015-2018. She is a Mansfield Foundation Distinguished Fellow, Pacific Century Institute board chairman, vice-chair of the board of trustees for The Asia Foundation, and on the board of The Korea Society.

Ambassador Stephens has been President and CEO of the Korea Economic Institute of America since September 2018, based in Washington, DC.



**Panelist | Wataru Sawamura** is assigned to Washington Bureau Chief from July 2017 of the Asahi Shimbun, leading Japanese daily. Previously he served as Deputy Managing Editor (Editor in Chief of morning edition) and Foreign Editor which supervises the company's 30 foreign bureau and 50 correspondents. He was born in 1963 at Tokyo. He received his BA in the literature from Tokyo University in 1986. Since then he has held various positions at the Asahi including New York Correspondent, London Correspondent, Paris Bureau Chief and European Editor (chief of London Bureau). In addition he was in Beijing as visiting scholar for Tsinghua University from 2013 to 2014.



**Student Panelist | Ayoung Kim** is the Chair of the 12th KASC Executive Committee. She is currently pursuing a bachelors in English Literature with a double major in Education in Ewha Womans University, the world's largest female education institution. Having grown up on the American continent, Ayoung comes from a place of naturally bridging the differences between the two countries to build mutual understanding and lasting relationships.



**Student Panelist** | **Kaho Maeda** is serving as the Vice Chair on the American Executive Committee for the 71st Japan-America Student Conference. She is currently a junior at Northeastern University and is majoring in Political Science and International Affairs. As a Japanese citizen having grown up in the United States, she hopes to bring a unique perspective to the discussion about the responsibility of culture, media, and soft power in maintaining and strengthening the trilateral relationship. She is honored to have the opportunity to join experts in seeking a way for students to enhance the role of this partnership in promoting greater global harmony.



**Moderator** | **Andrew Yeo** is an associate professor of politics and director of Asian Studies. He is the author of the forthcoming book, *Asia's Regional Architecture: Alliances and Institutions in the Pacific Century* (Stanford University Press, 2019). His other books include *North Korean Human Rights: Activists and Networks* (Cambridge University Press 2018, with D. Chubb); and *Activists, Alliances, and Anti-U.S. Base Protests* (Cambridge University Press 2011). Other works have appeared in outlets including *Perspectives on Politics*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Comparative Politics*, *European Journal of International Relations*, *Peace Review*, a *Journal of East Asian Studies*. He contributes to the Washington Post's Monkey Cage blog, and has appeared or been quoted in a variety of media outlets including MSNBC, Channel News Asia, CBS radio, Wisconsin Public Radio, Voice of America, Wall Street Journal, The New York Times Magazine, The Washington Post, Al Jazeera, Korea Times, and The Diplomat.

Professor Yeo's research and teaching interests include international relations theory; East Asian regionalism; Asian security; narratives and discourse; the formation of beliefs, ideas, and worldviews; civil society; social and transnational movements, overseas basing strategy and U.S. force posture; Korean politics; and North Korea. He was awarded the Young Faculty Scholar's Award in 2013 and is a term member of the Council on Foreign Relations. He received his Ph.D. in Government from Cornell University in 2008 and a B.A. magna cum laude from Northwestern University in Psychology and International Studies.

## *Panel II: Areas of Collaboration in Addition to Regional Security*



**Panelist | Emma Chanlett-Avery** is a Specialist in Asian Affairs at the Congressional Research Service. She focuses on U.S. relations with Japan, the Korean Peninsula, Thailand, and Singapore. Ms. Chanlett-Avery joined CRS in 2003 through the Presidential Management Fellowship, with rotations in the State Department on the Korea Desk and at the Joint U.S. Military Advisory Group in Bangkok, Thailand. She also worked in the Office of Policy Planning as a Harold Rosenthal Fellow. She is a member of the Mansfield Foundation U.S. – Japan Network for the Future, a board member for the Japan America Society of Washington, and the 2016 recipient of the Kato Prize. Ms. Chanlett-Avery received an MA in international security policy from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and her BA in Russian studies from Amherst College.



**Panelist | Richard Fontaine** is the President of the Center for a New American Security (CNAS). He served as a Senior Advisor and Senior Fellow at CNAS from 2009-2012 and previously as foreign policy advisor to Senator John McCain for more than five years. He has also worked at the State Department, the National Security Council and on the staff of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Mr. Fontaine served as foreign policy advisor to the McCain 2008 presidential campaign and, following the election, as the minority deputy staff director on the Senate Armed Services Committee. Prior to this, he served as associate director for Near Eastern affairs at the National Security Council (NSC) from 2003-04. He also worked in the NSC's Asian Affairs directorate, where he covered Southeast Asian issues. During his time at the State Department, Mr. Fontaine worked in the office of former Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage and in the department's South Asia bureau, working on issues related to India, Nepal and Sri Lanka. Mr. Fontaine began his foreign policy career as a staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, focusing on the Middle East and South Asia. He also spent a year teaching English in Japan.

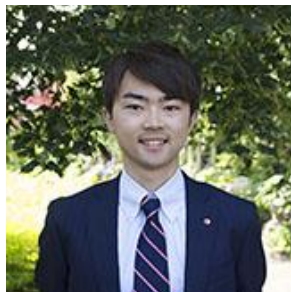
A native of New Orleans, Mr. Fontaine graduated summa cum laude with a B.A. in International Relations from Tulane University. He also holds a M.A. in International Affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) in Washington, and he attended Oxford University. He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and has been an adjunct professor in the Security Studies Program at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He also served as the chairman of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the United States.



**Student Panelist | Damare Baker** is the Recruitment Chair of the 12th Korea-America Student Conference (KASC) Executive Committee. She is an undergraduate student at Georgetown University pursuing a Bachelors of Science degree in Regional Comparative Studies with a focus on the Pacific Rim and a minor in Korean. Damare is interested in the dynamics of the relationship between Korea's history and how it has shaped Korean politics and culture. She



is also interested in relations between the United States, Korea, and other countries in East and Southeast Asia.



***Student Panelist*** | **Shunji Fueki** is a member of the American Executive Committee for the 71st Japan-America Student Conference (JASC). He is currently a second-year student at Soka University of America, located in Orange County, California. He is majoring in International Studies and is especially interested in Japanese politics, as well as nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation issues. He hopes to bring his unique experiences as a Japanese citizen studying abroad in the United States, such as his internship opportunity with the Japanese Parliament working in an office of a Member of the House of Councillors, to the panel discussion.



***Moderator*** | **Sophie Osborn** is a former Executive Committee member of the 10th Korea-America Student Conference (KASC), and a recent graduate of the University of California, San Diego where she received her B.A. in International Studies with a minor in Japanese Studies. After interning with the US State Department's Mission to ASEAN in Indonesia this summer, she moved to DC to complete an internship with the Japan Chair at the Center for International and Strategic Studies. In the fall, she plans on attending graduate school for a Master of Public Policy, and pursue her passion for women's rights. As a former KASC delegate during the 2017 Trilateral Symposium, Sophie is excited to return to the event this time as a moderator, and is looking forward to hearing this year's fresh ideas on the topic of US-Japan-ROK cooperation.

### ***Closing Remarks***



***Master of Ceremonies*** | **Ethan Mattos** graduated from Hobart and William Smith Colleges as a member of the class of 2017, with a degree in Public Policy. After graduation, Ethan attended JASC 69 and JASC 70, first as a delegate, then as American Vice Chair. Through his participation in JASC, Ethan has been able to further develop his interest in and connection to the Japan-America bilateral relationship. Ethan will be moving to Tokyo in January of 2019 to join the International Education Center's staff as an English Language Teacher.