

AALEAD Welcomes New Board Members

Washington, DC (February 16, 2022) – Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) is pleased to announce the election of five new members to its Board of Directors. The newly elected Board members are: Lin Chun-Seeley; Maria Grenke; Alexander Jue; Wing Li; and Jason Park.

"I'm extremely excited to welcome these Board members to AALEAD during this critical time period. They each bring unique skills and experiences that will support and strengthen the mission of AALEAD," said AALEAD's executive director Akil Vohra.

"The addition of our new Board members comes at an exciting time for AALEAD, which under Akil's leadership is putting the pieces in place to emerge from the pandemic better able to assist greater numbers of Asian American Pacific Islander youth in Montgomery County, MD; Washington, DC; and Northern Virginia by working even more closely with school districts and community partners," said Board Chair Siu Cheung.

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Lin Chun-Seeley is currently the Program Lead for Advocacy Education and Community Affairs at Children's National Hospital. In this capacity, Lin implements the day-to-day program operations for youth engagement within the Child Health Advocacy Institute and resident training regarding health equity. Lin has a background in higher education and previously worked at George Washington University and George Mason University. Having a background in public health, Lin provided substance use education to college students and leadership development for over 5 years before transitioning to the hospital setting. Lin has a BA in Collaborative Health and Human Services from California State University, Monterey Bay and a MA in Student Affairs Administration from Michigan State University. Outside of work, Lin lives in Maryland with her husband and enjoys backpacking, reading and watching the latest Marvel films.

Maria Grenke is an accomplished finance executive and small business owner. She has over 15 years' experience in corporate finance specializing in government contracting and mergers & acquisitions. She holds a bachelor's degree in Finance and Economics from George Mason University and a master's degree in Organizational Management from The George Washington University. She has served on the board of parent teacher organizations, as a parent liaison at LCPS, and volunteers at local non-profits. Currently, she is an owner/area developer for Rumble Boxing. Maria was born in the Philippines and moved to the United States when she was six years old. She now lives in Loudoun County with her husband and two children. She's an avid



tennis player, fitness enthusiast, plant mama and enjoys traveling, cooking, and chasing adventures with her family.

Alexander Jue is a Senior Policy Analyst with the District of Columbia Government and works for the DC State Board of Education (SBOE). Prior to joining the State Board, Alexander served as the Director of Policy & Research at a DC-based education advocacy organization. Alexander's previous work also includes time as a strategic researcher with one of the nation's largest labor unions, where he worked on eliminating inequities in the nation's healthcare system. Alexander spends much of his free time mentoring students in DC Public Schools (DCPS) and first became connected with AALEAD in 2014 through his mentorship of a then-high school freshman. Born and raised in Cleveland, OH, Alexander has lived in Washington, DC since 2011. He currently lives in Ward 3 with his wife and son, and enjoys stroller walks and hikes, as well as cooking and making cocktails.

Wing Li is the Director of Operations at Grantmakers for Effective Organizations, a community of funders committed to transforming philanthropic culture and practice by connecting members to the resources and relationships needed to support thriving nonprofits and communities. As a nonprofit operations professional, she is passionate about creating and maintaining equitable systems that put people first. Drawn to justice-oriented organizations, Wing ensured smooth operations at the DC Chapter of the ACLU as well as DC Law Students in Court (now Rising Justice) focusing on board liaising, administration, accounting & finance, legal/compliance, communications, human resources, IT administration and fundraising. Wing has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from University of California, Los Angeles. Originally from Hong Kong and raised in San Francisco, Wing has lived in DC since 2008. In her spare time, Wing loves to cook, travel, listen to podcasts, take long walks with her family, and brush up on her language skills by watching YouTube videos in Cantonese and Japanese.

Jason Park is the Head of Federal Government Relations for North America + Caribbean for Expedia Group, one of the world's largest travel technology companies. In this role, he is responsible for developing Expedia Group's policy priorities at the federal level as well as creating the company's outreach strategy with government officials both in the United States and foreign capitals. Before joining Expedia Group, Jason spent more than a decade on Capitol Hill in a variety of senior roles, including as an International Trade Counsel on the Senate Finance Committee and a Legislative Counsel for Senator Patty Murray. Jason also worked as an international trade lawyer at the law firm Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld. Jason was born in South Korea and raised in Kent, Washington, a suburb of Seattle. He graduated from Yale University and received his law degree from the Columbia University School of Law. Jason lives in Washington, DC with his wife and daughter.



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Andrew Brown, Grants Manager, Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation Lin Chun-Seeley, Program Lead for Advocacy Education and Community Affairs, Children's National Hospital

Sharon Eliatamby, Senior Program Manager, The World Bank Group Maria Grenke, Co-Owner, Rumble Boxing

Alexander Jue, Senior Policy Analyst, District of Columbia State Board of Education

Cheryl Ann Lee, Director of Development, Fairfax Library Foundation

Wing Li, Director of Operations, Grantmakers for Effective Organizations

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About AALEAD: Asian American LEAD (AALEAD) envisions a United States in which low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth, and youth of all backgrounds, are equipped with the tools and opportunities to define themselves and their own futures. AALEAD supports low-income and underserved Asian Pacific American youth in the Washington, DC region with educational empowerment, identity development, and leadership opportunities through after-school, summer, and mentoring programs. To learn more about or donate to AALEAD, visit www.aalead.org, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ AsianAmericanLEAD, and follow us on Twitter @aalead.