



**FOM COUNCIL NOMINEES 2019-20**



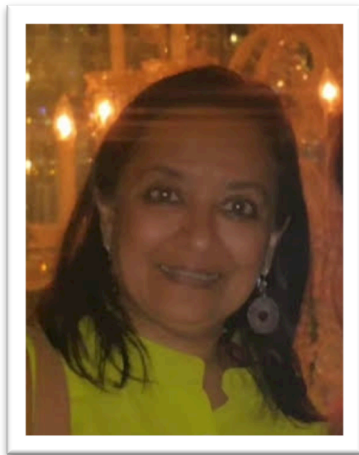
**PRESIDENT, GARIMA LALWANI**

Garima is an American of Indian descent who has lived in Singapore for 17 years. She is passionate about history, art and volunteering. She joined FOM in 2007 and completed docent training at the ACM in 2008, SAM in 2009 and GB in 2018. She has held many leadership roles in FOM including President of FOM 2018- 2019, Co-Head of docent training for SAM 2009-10, participating in the development and running of the Foundation Course for FOM 2010-11 and Overall Head of Docent Training from 2011 to 2012. Over the years, she has delivered Gallery in Focus tours, Friday Highlight tours, DOT talks and Monday Morning Lecture for FOM. Her other volunteering efforts include President of the Indian Women's Association, Chair of the Arts Committee for American Club, serving on SAS Booster and PTA Boards and George Washington Ball Committee for AAS. She holds a Master of Arts and a Master of Philosophy in Psychology.



**VICE-PRESIDENT, SUSAN FONG**

Susan is a Singaporean. She joined FOM in 2014 and started her docent training at the Peranakan Museum. She was Co-head of docent training and a member of the Nyonya Needlework research team in 2015 and 2016. She served as FOM Honorary Secretary in 2017 and 2018. On top of this, she has been guiding at the NUS Baba House since 2011. Over the past year, Susan has busied herself guiding the Chetti Melaka special exhibition at IHC from Sept 2018 to May 2019. Followed by the Guo Pei special exhibition from June to Sept 2019. Currently she is a Museum Educator Guide at ACM and NMS. She has a degree from the Fashion Institute of Design & Merchandising in Los Angeles, California and worked as a senior apparel buyer. Besides volunteering actively, she has been running a home clothing business for 14 years. She enjoys Ikebana, pottery, travelling and photography.



**HONORARY TREASURER, YASMIN JAVERI KRISHAN**

Yasmin is a Singapore PR, from Mumbai, India who has been living and working in Singapore for the past 12 years. She has multi-faceted global experience in Financial Control, MIS, Treasury, Process rationalization & Business Intelligence. Yasmin's experience spans several industries: Retail Banking & Credit cards, HR consultancy, Education management, Accounting and Information consultancy/Decision management and covers several geographies: India, USA, Korea, Saudi Arabia and Singapore.

Most recently, she was the Head of Campus of the SP Jain Institute of Global Management, Singapore for 3 years. She is a rank holding Chartered Accountant from the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and an MBA (Finance and International Business) from the Stern School of Business, New York University. She is currently Resident Director of a Banking software subsidiary in Singapore. Married, with two grown up sons working in the US, her interests include Indian Classical music, Reading, Art and Cultural events. She is fluent in English, Hindi, and Gujarati and conversant with Korean.



**HONORARY SECRETARY, DURGA ARIVAN**

Durga was born in India and is now a PR of Singapore. She joined FOM in 2015 and guides at IHC, ACM and NMS. She nurtures a keen interest in research and actively involved and participated in docent training and various special exhibitions at IHC, ACM and NMS. Durga is a trained Physiotherapist with specialization on Psychology and Rehabilitation. She works as an Integrative psychotherapist with Social service organizations, Elderly homes and private clinics. She continues her Clinical research and mentors undergraduate dissertations. When she's not on Clinical duty, you can find her designing cakes, chasing bugs for photography or camping at the library.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – MUSEUMS,  
LAURA SOCHA**



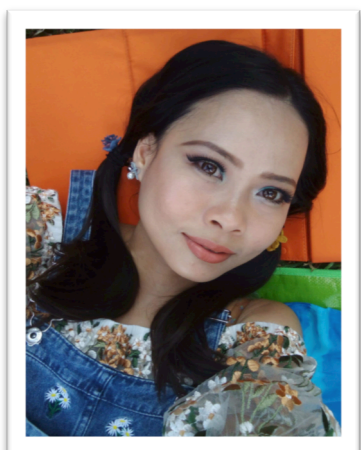
Laura is from Scotland. She joined FOM in 2014 and completed the ACM Docent Training Programme in 2015. She was then part of the Training Team, where she was both a Group Leader and Mentor Coordinator. In 2015 Laura also became ACM Committee Secretary. In the spring of 2016 she co-headed the Christianity in Asia Special Exhibition Research Group and in August 2016 became a Coordinator for the ACM Committee. Currently she is the ACM Yahoo & Website Coordinator. In her spare time Laura is partway through distance learning History of Art Certificate with the University of Oxford.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – MEMBER  
ACTIVITIES, GISELLA HARROLD**



Gisella is from Germany and became an FOM member the moment she arrived in Singapore in 1995. In 2010 she once again became an active FOM member by completing the ACM docent training. Since then she has volunteered in various leadership roles, including ACM Training Co-head, ACM Coordinator and Overall Co-head of Training. Travelling, cooking, history and the arts are some of her hobbies and through FOM's study tours she has been able to cover all these areas. She has co-lead some of FOM's study tours. She has also developed an interest in photography and often provides photos for FOM use in Passage, on the website and Facebook pages. In December 2016 she was elected to the Council as Representative for Communications and has played an important role revamping FOM's website and membership system.

**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE – MEMBERSHIP  
AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION, CHRISTINE  
ZENG**



Christine Zeng is a freelance fashion designer who received her master's degree in Italy. Having spent much of her professional life working solitarily with textiles, colors, art mediums and CAD softwares, public speaking was incredibly foreign to her. When she first started training as a docent, guiding history was like venturing into the unknown. Now she guides visitors regularly at NMS. As a docent, she developed a keen interest in her country's history with which she enjoyed sharing to fellow Singaporeans and foreign visitors alike. Her latest stint was for bicentennial exhibitions: Raffles in Southeast Asia (ACM) and An Old New World (NMS). She was the Speaker Coordinator for the 2018-2019 Training Team at

the NMS. She is now a committee representative of NMS Docent Ongoing Training team and scheduler for An Old New World exhibition. She is also currently serving with FOM's Volunteer Appreciation and Membership Team. Her other responsibilities in life involves taking care of animals in need, reading, writing and painting.



**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE -  
COMMUNICATIONS, HOLLY HAGLUND SMITH**

Dedicated to raising awareness of the arts, Holly is an accomplished communications professional. Originally from the US, she has lived abroad for over 20 years and in Singapore since 2006. Previous incarnations include, manufacturing manager, teacher, fund-raiser, and relocation consultant. She's a voracious podcast junky, outdoor enthusiast and knitter. Holly is currently involved with the Textile Enthusiast Group, Field Studies and Asian Film Studies Group in Singapore and has published the FOM newsletters for the last two years.



**COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR MARKETING  
– MICHELLE FOO**

Michelle Foo is a Malaysian and a Singaporean PR. Having lived in Singapore since 1990, with 8 years in Australia, Dubai and Thailand, Michelle enjoys meeting people including exchanging information on the various cultures. Armed with over 10 years in the hotel and banking industry, she left Singapore to follow her husband in his career. Upon returning, she joined FOM in 2016, and trained to be a docent at TPM, hoping to understand more about her Peranakan heritage. What she gained was more than that! She gained friendships from fellow docents and opportunities to explore further into the world of arts, history and culture. After graduating at TPM, Michelle joined the training team as the museum's Speaker Coordinator 2017/2018, leading to another guiding opportunity at the MHC in 2019. She is a keen advocate of FOM and its contribution to our cosmopolitan society. When not in the realm of the museums, Michelle also enjoys visiting the many interesting food outlets here in Singapore.