

## YALE-NUS COLLEGE LEADERSHIP



**Professor Pericles LEWIS**  
**President**  
**Yale-NUS College**

Pericles Lewis, Professor of English and Comparative Literature at Yale, has served as Director of Undergraduate Studies of the Literature Major and Director of Graduate Studies in Comparative Literature at Yale. An expert on literary modernism, Professor Lewis has published *Modernism, Nationalism, and the Novel* (2000; winner of the Heyman Prize at Yale), *The Cambridge Introduction to Modernism* (2007), and *Religious Experience and the Modernist Novel* (2010). His research shows how developments in literary form emerge out of background of social, political, and existential ferment. Rather than understand the modernists as elitists, hermetically sealed off from the broader culture, he explores their engagements with that culture and the distinctively literary solutions that they found for the central problems of their time.

Professor Lewis, a graduate of McGill and Stanford Universities, held a Social Science and Humanities Research Council Fellowship at the University of California, Berkeley, before joining Yale in 1998. At Yale, he has taught undergraduate surveys of English poetry, the European epic tradition, and literary theory, and courses on modernism in literature and the arts ranging from freshman to graduate seminars. His other teaching interests include literature and philosophy, literature and religion, and the digital humanities.

In addition to serving on many departmental and university committees and as a mentor to various junior faculty members, he has chaired the Yale College Committee on Majors, the Humanities Degree Committee of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Search Committee for a University Librarian, and the Search Committee for Director of the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library. Professor Lewis has served on the advisory board and as chair of the finance committee of the American Comparative Literature Association. He serves on the editorial boards of *Modernism/Modernity*, *Modernist Cultures*, *Modernist Networks*, and *Review 19*.

Professor Lewis has received a variety of academic honors, including Whiting and Morse fellowships, and awards for his contribution to extra-curricular and intellectual life, including the Graduates' Society Award for Student Service at McGill and the Graduate Mentor Award at Yale.

Professor Lewis is a citizen of both Canada and the United States. He and his wife, Sheila Hayre, a Yale Law School graduate who practices public interest law in New Haven, are the parents of two children, Siddhartha and Maya.



**Professor LAI Choy Heng**  
**Executive Vice President (Academic Affairs)**  
**Yale-NUS College**

Lai Choy Heng is Professor of Physics and Vice Provost (Academic Personnel) at the National University of Singapore (NUS). Professor Lai chaired the University Promotion and Tenure Committee during 2003-11, and works with the NUS Provost in academic personnel matters including recruitment and development, benchmarking and resource allocation. He also oversees The Logistic Institute-Asia Pacific, a joint effort between NUS and Georgia Institute of Technology in the USA.

A (bachelor and PhD) graduate of The University of Chicago, Professor Lai was a post-doctoral Research Fellow of the Niels Bohr Institute, University of Copenhagen from 1978 to 1980. He was a Visiting Member to the International Centre for Theoretical Physics, Trieste, Italy from 1983 to 1986 and Visiting Scientist, Center for Theoretical Physics, Laboratory for Nuclear Science, MIT, from 1986 to 1987. A faculty member of NUS since 1980, he became Dean of the Faculty of Science from 2000 to 2003. His current appointment as Vice Provost of Academic Personnel started in June 2003.

Professor Lai's current areas of research are in complex systems and complex networks as well as in quantum information and computation. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Physics in Singapore, as well as a member of the American Physical Society. In addition, he is a member of the Editorial Board, International Journal of Modern Physics C (since 1995), and serves as reviewers for many of the respected physics and computational science journals.

Professor Lai was among the pioneers in Computational Science at NUS, and became its first Department Head in 1996. A member of the theoretical physics group in the Department of Physics, he initiated with his colleagues the "quantum computing" movement, which eventually attracted Professor Artur Ekert, a leading authority in quantum information science, to Singapore and led to the formation of the Centre for Quantum Technologies (CQT) in 2007, a Research Centre of Excellence in quantum information science and technology at NUS. Professor Lai is concurrently the Deputy Director of CQT.

Professor Lai was actively involved in the promotion of nanoscale science and technology, first as the Dean of the Faculty of Science, and later as the Chair of the Management Board of the NUS NanoScience and NanoTechnology Initiative as its Chairman. He was also the Chair of the A\*STAR TechScan Panel on Nanotechnology in 2004-5.

Professor Lai was also responsible for the exploratory efforts over many years that led to the establishment of the NUS Research Institute in the Suzhou Industrial Park in China.

Professor Lai received the Public Administration Medal (Silver) from the Singapore Government (2003), the Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques from the French Government (2002) for his contributions to relations between the two countries within academia. A Malaysia-born Singaporean, Professor Lai is married with one son.



**Mrs Doris SOHMEN-PAO**  
**Executive Vice President (Administration)**  
**Yale-NUS College**

Doris Sohmen-Pao is currently Executive Vice President of Yale-NUS College overseeing the administration of this new initiative to bring liberal arts education to Singapore. In this role she oversees all non-academic affairs. The College's first class will be admitted in 2012 with matriculation in 2013.

Previously she worked as the Director of Human Capital at Bain & Company where she oversaw the recruiting and human resources for the company's South East Asia practice. Under her leadership, Bain was recognized as one of Aon Hewitt's best employers of Asia in 2011. Mrs Sohmen-Pao has extensive experience in school administration having spearheaded the MBA Program at Singapore Management University where she led the design and launch of the program with the goal to create the first MBA centered on leadership in Asia. Mrs Sohmen-Pao held the same title at INSEAD, the top international business school with campuses in France and Singapore, for four years. Based in Singapore, she was responsible for all aspects of the program, including admissions, marketing, operations and career management across both campuses.

Before moving into education, she spent over ten years in Media and Publishing running the Greater China region for an internet start up and working at Time Inc. as the International Director for new media – developing the company's presence in Asia and Europe based in Hong Kong and London. Under her leadership the group launched a number of sites including time.com/asia, asiaweek.com, time.com/europe and wallpaper.com. Mrs Sohmen-Pao began her career as a strategy consultant in PricewaterhouseCoopers' Entertainment, Media and Communications practice in New York City.

Mrs Sohmen-Pao holds a BA in Politics and Environmental Studies from Princeton University and an MBA from Harvard Business School. She has also served as an elected member of the Princeton University Board of Trustees (1993-1998). She remains an active alumna of Princeton as a leader of the Princeton Alumni Association of Singapore and member of the Global Capital Campaign called Aspire. She has served on a number of boards including the Forte Foundation (for women in business) and currently serves on the international advisory board of the YK Pao School in Shanghai, the Singapore Advisory Council of INSEAD as well as the Board of Governors of United World College of South East Asia. She was also appointed to Singapore's Economic Strategies Committee (ESC) in 2010 as a member of the Subcommittee focused on Making Singapore a Leading Global City.

Mrs Sohmen-Pao is Korean American and married to her husband Andreas who is half Austrian and half Chinese and has two children, Alex and Leon.