

Sign-Ons Extended

Sign-on to the letter Calling for a House Hearing on the Racial Profiling of Asian American and Chinese Scientists is extended to December 31, 2020. Prominent organizations and individuals are invited to co-sign the letter initiated by Maryland State Senator Susan Lee. Additional groups and individuals are encouraged to write directly to Congress to express their support. Online sign-on to this letter is available here: <https://bit.ly/38j0hqY>

Sign-on to the letter calling for President-Elect Biden to end the Justice Department's "China Initiative" and take further steps necessary to combat the pervasive racial bias and disproportionate targeting of Asian American and Asian immigrant scientists, researchers, and students is extended to Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 6PM ET. It is now open to individuals. The letter is initiated by all five affiliates of Asian American Advancing Justice, the Brennan Center for Justice, and APA Justice. Online sign-on to this letter is available here: <http://bit.ly/34xq2Tz>

Both letters will be delivered after the new 117-th Congress starts after January 3, 2021.

An Event with Hate Crime Hero and Victims

The [GoFundMe campaign](#) for hate crime hero Zach Owen exceeded its goal and raised \$117,000 from over 2,700 generous donors.

On December 27, 2020, Zach Owen and Bawi Cung (father of the Cung family) will join a virtual Town Hall meeting to express their appreciation, starting at 8 pm ET/5 pm PT. They will be accompanied by Reagan Hignojos, a friend of the Cung family from Midland, TX. The event is open to the public. Registration for the event is at: <http://bit.ly/2J4BMoP>

The GoFundMe campaign and virtual event are organized by ACP Foundation (Qiang Gan), OCA Greater Houston(H.C. Chang and Cecil Fong), Reagan Hignojos, United Chinese Americans (Steven Pei), and APAPA Austin Texas

Chapter (C.J. Zhao).

"New Red Scare" Series Wins Another Major Award

Peter Waldman, reporter for Bloomberg Businessweek, won another major award for his "New Red Scare" series - the [General Excellence Award for Written Journalism from the Asian American Journalists Association](#) this past week. Earlier this year, Waldman won the [New York Press Club Award for Magazine](#).

Through his series, Waldman was the earliest journalist who warned about the nonsensical profiling of Chinese American scientists in basic and cancer research, how the U.S. ethnic targeting policies achieve the opposite result of driving talents away, and the danger of such policies and the Hoover report reinforces racial stereotypes and incite yet another "New Red Scare" toward Asian Americans.

- 2019/06/13 [The U.S. Is Purging Chinese Cancer Researchers From Top Institutions](#)
- 2019/07/18 [U.S. Targeting of Chinese Scientists Fuels a Brain Drain](#)
- 2019/12/10 [Mistrust and the Hunt for Spies Among Chinese Americans](#)
- 2019/12/31 [As China Anxiety Rises in U.S., Fears of New Red Scare Emerge](#)

University President's Open Letter and Day One Project Report

On December 3, 2020, Columbia University President Lee C. Bollinger issued [an open letter](#) to President-Elect Biden to end the Trump Administration's assault on the international exchange of ideas. "Actions by the federal government over the past four years ... erode a profound and basic strength of the American system of higher education: our ability to attract the greatest academic and scientific talents from around the globe, whether in the form of promising students or gifted faculty members," Bolloinger said in the letter.

Day One Project published a report "[Addressing Challenges at the Intersection of Civil Rights and Technology](#)" this month. 'Modern civil rights challenges are

technically complex. Today, decisions made by algorithms, rather than people, limit opportunities for historically disadvantaged groups in critical areas like housing, employment, and credit. The next administration should establish a broad new task force, led by the U.S. Chief Technology Officer (CTO), to address issues at the intersection of civil rights and emerging technologies," the report said.

January 4 APA Justice Meeting

APA Justice will kick off the New Year with a report on the updating the 2017 landmark study of prosecutions under the Economic Espionage Act, the Free Law Project, and a voluntary effort to apply modern technology data science to organize and use legal data, as well as continuing progress with the Anti-Racial Profiling Project and the Webinar Series on the "China Initiative."



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