

APA Justice Updates

July 6 Monthly Meeting

About 100 persons joined the meeting. Steven Pei, Vincent Wang, and I will share video recordings and clips as soon as they are ready. We thank Krystal Ka'ai, Maggie Lewis, Xiaoxing Xi, John Yang, and Gregg Orton for their presentations and discussions.

If you wish to join the monthly meetings on a regular basis, please click and send the reply to Jeremy Wu at Jeremy.S.Wu@gmail.com or Vincent Wang at wang177@gmail.com.

SCMP: [Chinese-American scientist's world upended after he is swept up in US national security net](#)

The July 8 South China Morning Post report highlighted two major points:

- Original charges against Emory University researcher Dr. Li Xiao-Jiang are dropped, but fears of continuing overreach by US Justice Department's 'China Initiative' remain
- Critics call the initiative counterproductive and an over-deterrent, as investigations drive experienced scientific researchers back to China amid the pandemic

Professor Maggie Lewis was quoted extensively in the report.

ARS Technica: [Harvard, MIT sue Trump admin to block deportation of online-only students](#)

On July 8, Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology sued the Trump administration to block an action that forces foreign students with nonimmigrant visas to leave the United States or transfer to different schools that offer in-person classes. [Civil Action No. 1:20-cv-11283](#).

On the same day, Frank Wu was interviewed by The World: [Visa restrictions on Chinese students will disadvantage US, says Queens College president](#). "At the same time this ban on foreign students was announced, the president said he would pressure states to pressure schools, including colleges, to reopen. So, it doesn't make sense to say, well, let's have everyone reopen, but then let's keep out people from places with lower rates of the coronavirus."

Also on the same day, Nature reported that [investigations into foreign interference on US campuses have rattled researchers in both the U.S. and China](#).

On July 6, Nikkei Asian Review reported on: [Canada opens doors to Asian tech talent fleeing Trump's US](#).

Nature: [Exclusive: US National Science Foundation reveals first details on foreign-influence investigations](#)

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has for the first time released figures on the actions it has taken against researchers found to have violated rules on the disclosure of foreign ties. According to the July 7 report, NSF took action in 16-20 cases in which foreign ties were not properly reported. Separately, the NSF Inspector General referred an undisclosed number of criminal cases involving fraud and nondisclosure to the FBI. I was quoted as among many to have called for more transparency surrounding the investigations.

USA Today: [Man making racist comments caught on video identified as tech CEO Michael Lofthouse](#)

On July 7, USA Today reported a viral video of Michael Lofthouse, the CEO of a tech company Solid8, spouting expletives and racist comments toward an Asian-American family at a restaurant in Carmel Valley, California, The waitress and heroine is [Gennica Cochran](#). She beholds the true American value of compassion, justice, and fairness.

According to a [July 1 Stop AAPI Hate media advisory](#), Asian Americans in California have self-reported 832 incidents of discrimination and harassment in the last three months,

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