

09/14 APA Justice Meeting Tentative Agenda

In the upcoming meeting, Dr. David Zweig, Professor Emeritus at Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, will review the history of China's overseas talent programs, analyzes why they have generated diplomatic discord, and offers policy recommendations for China and the United States.

Peter Zeidenberg, defense attorney for Kansas University Professor Franklin Tao, will discuss the current state of Dr. Tao's case, which the government has stated publicly to be a new blueprint it intends to follow in other cases.

Brennan Center of Justice plans to co-sponsor a series of webinars on racial profiling, the first of which will include the legal, community, and scientific perspectives with the Tao case as catalyst.

AAAJ | Asian American Justice Center, which led a broad coalition to file an amicus brief supporting the motion to dismiss the Tao case and opposing the government's increased efforts to profile Chinese American scientists based on ethnicity under the pretext of ferreting out economic espionage, will report on the continuing soft launch of the Anti-Racial Profiling Project.

Tentative agenda for the September 14 meeting is available at: <https://bit.ly/356BypQ>

Purge of Chinese Scholars from University of North Texas

On August 26, 2020, the University of North Texas (UNT) announced that it has immediately ended "its relationship with visiting scholars who receive funding from the Chinese Scholarship Council (CSC." In effect, UNT expelled 15 CSC-funded scholars from UNT and the U.S. without any legitimate explanation.

Ling-Chi Wang, Professor Emeritus at UC Berkeley, and retired Judge Julie Tang wrote protest letters to top UNT officials. An online petition to rescind the UNT decision has gathered more than 6,000 signatures so far.

More on the rapidly developing UNT situation at: http://bit.ly/APAJ_Racial_Profiling

Mass Surveillance Program Exposed by Snowden was Illegal

According to [Reuters on September 2, 2020](#), seven years after former National Security Agency contractor Edward Snowden blew the whistle on the mass surveillance of Americans' telephone records, an appeals court has found the program was unlawful -

and that the U.S. intelligence leaders who publicly defended it were not telling the truth.

An unknown number of Chinese Americans in the U.S. were surveilled by the illegal program and suffered untold consequences. APA Justice had advocated for [reform or sunset of the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act](#) in 2017.

Upcoming Activities

2020/09/08 Frank Wu: [Asian Americans at a Crossroads: COVID-19, #BLM, Discrimination, and Allyship](#). The virtual event is co-sponsored by Seton Hall Law School and over two dozen law student associations and bar associations nationwide.

2020/09/12-20 Asian American Unity Coalition hosts [the National Civic Leadership Forum](#). The 2020 NCLF will feature over 10 ethnic groups and over 100 AAPI leaders as speakers from across the country throughout the dozens of workshops, panels, and keynote speeches - [Press Release](#); [Registration](#).

2020/09/19 Pivot to Peace: [Standing Against Racism & War - The Only Road to Peace](#).

08/03 APA Justice Meeting Summary Posted

The meeting summary and video are now available at <https://bit.ly/2Nt8gb1>. We thank H.C. Chang, Jessica Chen, Gisela Kusakawa, Russell Jeung, Krystal Ka'ai, Aurora Paik, Haipei Shue, and Steven Wong for their reports and speaking roles in the meeting.

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