September 14 APA Justice Meeting Agenda and Link to Join

Scheduled and confirmed speakers include Krystal Ka'ai, Dr. David Zweig, Peter Zeidenberg, Gisela Kusakawa, Dr. S.K. Lo, Anthony Ng, and Dr. Jeremy Wu on behalf of Mike German.

The meeting will start at 11:55 am ET/8:55 am PT. Agenda and link to join are posted at: https://www.apajustice.org/call-summaries.html.

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Additional Restrictions and Crackdowns on Students and Scholars from China

On September 7 Nature reported on "U.S. political crackdown spurs fears of Chinese brain-drain." "US scientists are concerned that their government’s crackdown on foreign interference at universities is driving away scientists of Chinese descent. Their exodus would be a loss for US innovation, according to extensive interviews Nature carried out with scientists and research leaders."

On September 8, Financial Times reported on "US border agents turn up the heat on Chinese students." (paywalled) According to the report, Chinese science students accused U.S. border officials of intrusively interrogating them and pressuring them to hand over electronic devices when they left the country, which has heightened fears of falling victim to growing tensions between them. United States and China.

On September 8, Voice of America reported on "US Expanding Restrictions on Chinese Students." According to the report, the crackdown may also target Chinese academics who have relied on state funding for their overseas studies. On August 26, the University of North Texas (UNT) terminated an exchange program for 15 visiting Chinese researchers sponsored by the China Scholarship Council (CSC), a group backed by China’s Ministry of Education. The action marked the first time a United States university cut ties with a Chinese national scholarship fund following the increased attention on academic espionage. In an article published in the university’s newspaper, administrators said they took the action following detailed briefings from federal and local law enforcement. Available evidence suggests that it may be related to a 2020/08/18 letter from a State Department official.

Read more about the UNT situation here: http://bit.ly/APAJ_Racial_Profiling