

Meeting Summaries Posted

Both September and November 2020 monthly summaries have now been posted in the APA Justice website.

The September meeting featured Dr. David Zweig who shared his unique research results on China's National Talent Programs, as well as his recommended actions to both the U.S. and China. Peter Zeidenberg reported on the case of Kansas University Professor Franklin Tao - one of the "China Initiative" cases - and the government's use of an unprecedented and convoluted legal theory in the Tao case. Gisela Kusakawa gave an update on the imminent launch of the Anti-Racial Profiling Project. Mike German announced the launch of a webinar series on the "China Initiative" by a coalition of community organizations and the Brennan Center for Justice. Anthony Ng took time from the 9-day National Civic Leadership Forum and talked about the forum and the lead organizations.

We apologize for the delay in preparing the September summary due to a backlog situation. The October summary has been posted.

The November meeting featured Mara Hvistendahl on her book "The Scientist and The Spy" and related stories and updates. Formerly Michigan State University Professor Ning Xi and his attorney released a statement on his previously unknown civil case against IEEE that preceded his criminal case in 2018, which was dismissed with prejudice (permanently with no retrial). Read more about his situation at <https://bit.ly/3mjtNIG>. Vivin Qiang provided an update on the Anti-Racial Profiling Project. Steven Pei reported on the planning process for the webinar series on the "China Initiative." Jinliang Cai discussed the UCA press statement denouncing Newsweek's smear of the Chinese American community as a tool of Beijing,

We thank all the speakers for their valuable talks and contributions. Read and watch more about these and other meeting summaries here: <https://bit.ly/3kxkqxP>

Updates on Racial Profiling and H-1B Visas

On November 10, 2020, Chemistry World published an opinion on [Science suffers when the DOJ profiles scientists with ties to China](#). "The US Department of Justice's China Initiative, launched in 2018, has indeed nabbed a few genuinely bad actors, but it has also netted scientists who've evidently done nothing wrong or simply made paperwork mistakes that could have been prevented by proper training and oversight."

According to the American Association for the Advancement of Science on November 10, 2020, twenty two higher education organizations, including the Association of American Universities and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, filed an [amicus brief](#) in support of a [complaint](#) filed by universities against the Department of Labor's H-1B visa policy placing salary requirements for high-skilled foreign workers.

Presidential Transition

A list of 39 transition teams with a total of 535 members is available at <https://bit.ly/3ndTh4A>.

The Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies (APAICS) and National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA) have opened a resume bank for AAPI candidates interested in a federal appointment. The intent of this bank is to identify and flag qualified AAPI candidates to serve in a federal administration. Resumes/CV's can be submitted here: <https://bit.ly/3lp1ZfJ>. Questions can be emailed to resumes@apaics.org. NCAPA will read and review applications on a rolling basis. Please note: submissions do not guarantee an appointee position.

Upcoming and Ongoing Events

2020/11/13 Duke University Asia/Pacific Studies Institute: [Future US-China Relations in Higher Education: Challenges & Prospects](#).

2020/11/16 Chinese American Museum DC: [Eye of the Storm: Media, Work and Passion in the Age of Coronavirus](#). Five female journalists on the front lines and join a discussion about the challenges, triumphs, and forecasts of the media in complex times, from the polarization of “alternative facts” to the rise of independent journalism. Joie Chen moderates the session.

The PBS stations of Minnesota have launched the [Moving Lives Minnesota](#) initiative that includes a DEAR MINNESOTA Letter-Writing and Story-Sharing Project to explore the histories of the many communities who have moved through and to Minnesota. Kevin Yang is the contact person. He can be reached at kyang@tpt.org. Annie Prafcke, adopted from China and grew up in Fargo, North Dakota, told her story here: <https://bit.ly/3ppsBQ4>.

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