

12/02 Webinar Reminder

Register for the December 2 webinar on Policy Needs for U.S. Science and Scientists: <https://bit.ly/3m02Pjk>

The second of our webinar in this series tackling the harms created by the Justice Department's "China Initiative" will examine the policy reforms needed to protect U.S. science and scientists. More about the webinar series at: https://bit.ly/APAJ_Webinar_Series

Webinar:
Policy Needs
for U.S. Science
and Scientists

Wednesday,
December 2, 2020
8pm ET / 7pm CT / 6pm
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<https://tinyurl.com/yxj6tru9>

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It's Giving Tuesday - GoFundMe for Franklin Tao

December 2 is [Giving Tuesday](#), a global generosity movement that unleashes the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world. Please consider giving your support to the Legal Defense Fund for Franklin Tao (陶丰) via GoFundMe at <https://gf.me/u/zad9z8>

[Franklin Tao](#) is an award-winning professor of chemistry at the University of Kansas (KU). He became collateral damage in the Department of Justice's (DOJ) "China Initiative," which was launched in 2018 to target Intellectual Property theft by China. He was arrested in August 2019 for filling out his annual Conflict-of-Interest statement at KU incorrectly.

But Franklin is not a thief, and he is not a spy. Even the government does not allege that he stole anything from KU. Nor is there any allegation that he gave anything

inappropriate to China. Instead, the government is testing a new, aggressive theory and Franklin is the guinea pig they are testing it out on. The government is pushing the envelope and trying to establish a precedent with Franklin. If successful with Franklin, they will go after other Chinese-American scientists and charge them with felonies for simply filling out forms incorrectly, even though there is no allegation of theft or espionage. Normally, these types of employment disputes are handled by the Human Resources Department, not DOJ.

Franklin Tao will face a trial in Kansas in 2021. He is fighting the DOJ, and, after exhausting his family's saving and borrowing from relatives and friends, he has nothing left to support his defense. The government wants to drag out this case and wear Franklin down, but Franklin is not a quitter. Please help with your generous donations.

December 7 APA Justice Meeting

The next APA Justice monthly meeting will be held on December 7, 2020. The meeting is off record. Attendance is by invitation only to those who are typically active and recognized organizations and concerned individuals. Please contact [Jeremy Wu](#) or [Vincent Wang](#) if you have interest to join the meeting. Summaries of past meetings are posted here: <https://bit.ly/3kxkqxP>

SCOTUS Hearing on 2020 Census

On November 30, 2020, the Supreme Court began hearing arguments over whether President Trump can alter the 2020 census numbers that determine each state's share of Electoral College votes for the next 10 years.

2020/11/30 New York Times: [A Census Case That Goes to the Heart of American Democracy](#)

2020/11/29 NPR: [Supreme Court To Hear Arguments On Census Counts And Electoral Votes](#)

2020/11/28 AP: [High court takes up census case, as other count issues loom](#)

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