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Injustice

Join the campaign to oppose the nomination of Mr. Casey Arrowood to be the next U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee here: https://bit.ly/OpposeArrowoodNomination

Please spread the word to your family, neighbors, friends, colleagues, and concerned organizations and individuals. We aim to cover all 50 states plus the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. If you are located in or know someone in Alaska, Idaho, Maine, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Vermont, please put in extra effort to spread the word and ask them to sign on.

Jamie Satterfield Needs Your Help Now!!!
Jamie Satterfield's coverage of Professor Anming Hu's trial helped to end the "China Initiative." She needs your help now!!

Please donate to Tennessee Lookout, a nonprofit newsroom, to support Jamie Satterfield to continue working full-time for our community and for justice.

Satterfield's coverage of the trial brought Professor Anming Hu’s case under national spotlight. Unfortunately, just before Judge Thomas Varlan acquitted Hu of all charges on September 9, 2021, Tennessee Lookout reported Satterfield lost her Knoxville News job, the same day she picked up yet another first-place journalism award for her relentless, ongoing coverage of the devastating fallout of a coal ash spill at the Tennessee Valley Authority’s Kingston plant more than a decade ago. Satterfield spoke at an August 9, 2021, public meeting in Anderson County, Tennessee, in which she warned local officials about the health hazards at a local playground. Satterfield reported the Tennessee Valley Authority used coal ash waste as infill in its construction of a ball field adjacent to the playground. "My fear, what keeps me up at night – and I’m probably going to get fired, but I’m just going with it," she said. Satterfield lost not only her job but also her health insurance that she needs to treat her illness before the end of August 2021. However, she continued to fight the Tennessee Valley Authority as a freelance writer for Tennessee Lookout.

Most recently, Satterfield is on the forefront again to cover the efforts of against The White House nomination of Casey Arrowood, the lead prosecutor of Anming Hu’s case, for U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Tennessee. She published an exclusive interview with Hu about the nomination on Tennessee Lookout. At the same time, Tennessee Lookout launched a fundraiser of $105,000 that is earmarked for Satterfield to cover her first year of salary and benefit. The understanding is that, once the $105,000 goal is reached, the 501(c)(3) States Newsroom (the parent nonprofit firm for the Lookout and similar news sites in 28 states) will then permanently fund Satterfield’s position. All donations to Tennessee Lookout are tax exempt.

This is the donation link: https://bit.ly/3Kvi3dk
The Third Circuit Court of Appeals has scheduled oral arguments in Professor Xiaoxing Xi's case for Wednesday, September 14, 2022, beginning at 10:00 am in the U.S. Courthouse in Philadelphia at 6th Street and Market Street. The argument will be held in the Albert Branson Maris Courtroom on the 19th floor.

Professor Xi and his family filed the opening brief in February 2022 in their appeal against the U.S. government and the FBI agent involved in wrongly investigating and prosecuting him. In May 2015, armed FBI agents stormed into Professor Xi's home outside Philadelphia and arrested him in front of his wife and daughters for supposedly sharing sensitive technology with scientists in China. The government cast Professor Xi, who is a naturalized U.S. citizen and a world-renowned expert on superconductor technologies based at Temple University, as a technological spy. It threatened him with 80 years in prison and $1 million in fines. But the government's accusations were false and the charges against the professor were dropped four months later.

In the lawsuit on appeal, the Xi family have asked the court to award damages and to declare that the defendants violated Professor Xi's Fourth and Fifth Amendment rights.

Professor Xi is represented by the ACLU, the civil rights law firm Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, Feinberg & Lin LLP, and Jonathan Hafetz.


State Department Announced Briefing on Research Integrity Dialogue

The State Department announced a virtual Research Integrity Dialogue Event to be held on September 8, 2022, between government and academia representatives from Australia,
Canada, the European Commission, France, Germany, Italy (TBC), Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States. They will share the latest actions and thinking and answer questions regarding scientific research integrity & security in the international realm. Monica Medina, Assistant Secretary of the Department of State’s Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, will preside over the event. Additional U.S. participants include Dr. Marcia McNutt, President of the National Academy of Sciences, Dr. Sethuraman Panchanathan, Director of the National Science Foundation with his Chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy, Dr. Rebecca Keiser, Dr. Asmeret Asafew Berhe, Director, Office of Science, DOE, and Dr. Christina Eller, Assistant Director of Evidence and Policy, White Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Stanford University General Guidance: Contacts with Law Enforcement

Stanford University's Office of the General Counsel has a website that advises on what to do if you are contacted by law enforcement at https://ogc.stanford.edu/faq, which leads to this General Guidance dated November 2021: https://stanford.io/3wCzenx.

According to the General Guidance, you should know your rights: Even if a law enforcement agent approaches you in person at your home, office, or on campus, you do not have to speak to them immediately; instead, you can ask for the agent’s contact information and get back to them after you have considered the request and/or had the opportunity to seek guidance from an attorney or an advisor. You have the right to consult with an attorney before answering questions from law enforcement. Please note that you do NOT have authority to consent to the search or taking of university property or records.

The Physics Department provides a link: https://stanford.io/3Rh2fgn, but not all departments at Stanford University do. Please share the information with your Stanford University colleagues and let us know if there are other universities offering similar guidance.
Asia Society Northern California/UC Berkeley Event: Pathways for U.S.-China Research Collaboration

On October 19, 2022, Asia Society Northern California and UC Berkeley School of Law’s Center for Law & Technology will host an in-person and online discussion on Pathways for US-China Research Collaboration.

The ability of the U.S. and China to collaborate in private and public scientific research increasingly looms as a challenge that can affect all of humanity in our efforts to address pandemics, global climate change, and other shared human and planetary challenges. To some observers, however, research has become impossible due to concerns over national security, human rights, and theft. The program will start by first examining the risks of U.S.-China technology collaboration, including a look at the impact of the FBI’s China Initiative, and how China’s own practices and policies may put such collaboration at risk, and the risks posed by collaboration in fundamental research and in sector-specific areas. A second session will look at steps that can be taken to reduce risks of collaboration. The discussions will look at all aspects of research: government to government, corporate, non-profit and academic.

Read more about the program at https://bit.ly/3ctHyPu
The Impact of U.S.-China Tensions on U.S. Science. Professor Margaret Roberts, one of the panelists for the event, has also co-authored a National Bureau of Economic Research Working Paper titled The Impact of U.S.-China Tensions on U.S. Science. According to the Abstract, the paper studies how recent investigations of foreign influence in research have affected the productivity of U.S. scientists in the field of life sciences. Using data from PubMed and Dimensions during 2010–2020, we compare scientists who collaborated with scientists in China during 2010–2014 with those who collaborated with scientists in other countries outside the U.S. By studying the publication records for over 102,000 scientists during 2015–2020, we find that the investigations coincide with a decline in the productivity of scientists with previous collaborations with scientists in China, especially when the quality of publications is considered. The decline is particularly salient for the fields with more pre-investigation NIH funding and U.S.-China collaborations. We also provide suggestive evidence that our findings matter for the aggregate productivity by fields for both the U.S. and China.

Read the paper at https://bit.ly/3AV2oRt

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