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Registrations Open for Two Events Co-Hosted by The Baker Institute



The National Science Foundation (NSF) launched its Research on Research Security (RoRS) program on July 12, 2023, to support the study of research security as required in the CHIPS and Science Act and following the federal requirements outlined in the National Security Presidential Memorandum-33 and its accompanying [implementation guidelines](#).

Following a virtual workshop on May 2, an in-person workshop will be hosted by Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy on May 23-24, 2024. The workshop will bring together leading experts from academia, government, and industry to explore the threats and challenges facing the international research and innovation ecosystem. Participants will identify current themes, major issues, and challenges in research security, as well as chart a road map for the future of the NSF's RoRS program.

The workshop is led by Rice University's Office of Research Security and the Baker Institute Science and Technology Program in close collaboration with the University of Houston, IPTalons, Inc., the Society of Research Administrators International, and the NSF (Grant No. 2348714).

Dr. **Rebecca Keiser**, NSF chief of research security strategy and policy, will deliver a keynote address on the origins of the RoRS program on May 23 at 8:30 am CDT. Her remarks will be livestreamed. Registration to watch her remarks is open at: <https://bit.ly/4brHcCr>

On June 6, 2024, the Baker Institute and the Office of Innovation at Rice University will co-host a hybrid forum titled "A Dialogue Between Academic & APA Communities and The FBI."

The event brings together **Jill Murphy**, the deputy assistant director for counterintelligence at the FBI, who oversees the FBI's espionage investigations, and the leadership of the FBI Houston Field Office with members of the academic and Asian American communities to discuss the gaps between national science and technology policy and its implementation at the forefront of law enforcement.

The Texas Multicultural Advocacy Coalition (TMAC) and APA Justice are co-hosts of this important forum.

The communities will be represented by **Gordon Quan**, Managing Partner & Co-Founder, Quan Law Group, PLLC; Former Houston City Mayor Pro-Tem; **David Donatti**, Senior Staff Attorney, Legal Department, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas; and **Gisela Perez Kusakawa**, Executive Director, Asian American Scholar Forum. Professor **Steven Pei** serves as Moderator.

Register to attend the forum between the academic/APA communities with the FBI via Zoom at: <https://bit.ly/3wjg759>



Update of Exonerated Professor Anming Hu



Anming Hu 胡安明

Docket ID: 3:20-cr-00021
District Court, F.D. Tennessee
Date filed: Feb 25, 2020
Date ended: September 9, 2021

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On February 27, 2020, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced the indictment of Professor **Anming Hu 胡安明**, an Associate Professor in the Department of Mechanical, Aerospace and Biomedical Engineering at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville (UTK).

Professor Hu, a naturalized Canadian citizen, was the second China Initiative case involving a U.S. university professor of Asian ancestry. He was charged with three counts each of wire fraud and making false statements, but not espionage. The charges stemmed from his purported failure to disclose affiliations with a Chinese university while receiving funding from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

Professor Hu was the first academic to go to trial under the China Initiative. A mistrial was declared on June 16, 2021, after the jury deadlocked.

Despite the absence of evidence and misconduct, DOJ opted to pursue a retrial on July 30, 2021, prompting outrage by members of Congress, national and local organizations, the Asian American community, and the general public.

On September 9, 2021, Judge **Thomas Varlan** issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order and acquitted Professor Hu of all charges in his indictment. "The government has failed to provide sufficient evidence from which any rational jury could find, beyond a reasonable doubt, that defendant had specific intent to defraud NASA by hiding his affiliation with BJUT [Beijing University of Technology] from UTK," he wrote.

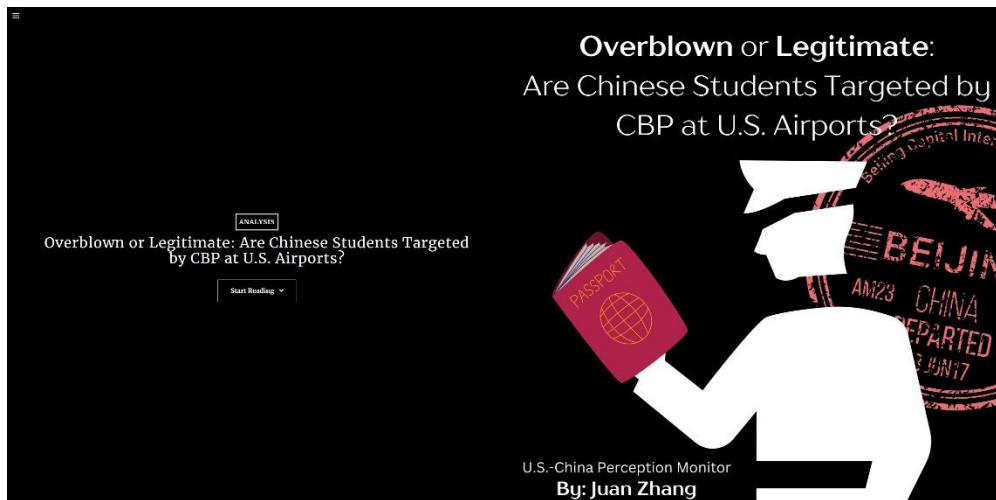
On the part of UTK administrators, they concealed the federal investigation from Professor Hu, provided his records to the authorities without a warrant or informing him, suspended him without pay, and fired him shortly after. Without any attempt to protect its faculty, UTK was broadly criticized for throwing Professor Hu "under the bus."

On October 14, 2021, UTK offered to reinstate Professor Hu. On February 1, 2022, Professor Hu returned to his laboratory.

It has been two years since Professor Hu was exonerated. He has agreed to speak at the June APA Justice monthly meeting and provide an update on his situation and his family.

The APA Justice monthly meetings are by invitation only. The next meeting will be held on June 3, 2024. It is closed to the press. If you wish to join, either one time or for future meetings, please contact one of the co-organizers of APA Justice - **Steven Pei** 白先慎, **Vincent Wang** 王文奎, and **Jeremy Wu** 胡善庆 - or send a message to contact@apajustice.org.

Overblown or Legitimate: Are Chinese Students Targeted by CBP at U.S. Airports?



Recently, diplomats from China and the United States have debated over a new point of contention: How serious is the issue of Chinese students and scholars being subjected to secondary screening at airports upon arrival in the United States? Chinese diplomats have protested the treatment of Chinese students at the airport for months. **Nicholas Burns**, the U.S. Ambassador to China, reaffirmed that the U.S. is committed to opening its doors to Chinese students.

Summer is coming; prospective students will come to the U.S. for school, and students in the country may travel back to China to visit their families. When those students return to the U.S., will they be “harassed” again at the airports?

In a report published on May 20, 2024, The *US-China Perception Monitor (USCPM)* analyzed this question by focusing on how to read the numbers and how the Chinese students are stuck between U.S. Embassy or Consulates in China and the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP).

For months, the Chinese media reported incidents of Chinese students and scholars undergoing secondary security checks and being held in “little black rooms” at U.S. airports. From January

to March, students in Ph.D. science programs at Yale University, Johns Hopkins University, and other major U.S. research universities have been denied re-entry after visiting family in China, and in some cases, they were immediately sent back home, according to a [Science report](#).

The so-called secondary security check is an airport security measure used in the United States to select passengers for additional inspection.

The State Department denied visas to 1,964 Chinese scholars in 2021 and 1,764 in 2022. Compared to many thousands of visas issued for Chinese students, the number of students affected is considered small.

Nevertheless, visa denials and airport incidents inevitably negatively affect the morality of potential students and those already in this country, wondering whether coming to the United States is the right choice. Already, amidst tense U.S.-China bilateral relations, the number of students studying in the U.S. has declined sharply.

Read the *US-China Perception Monitor* report: <https://bit.ly/3WLxGpb>.

2024/05/10 中美印象简报: [中国学生被关“小黑屋”是否被夸大](#)

ALERT: Continuing Attempts to Revive The China Initiative and Texas Alien Land Bill



SENATE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

COMMITTEE: State Affairs
TIME & DATE: 9:00 AM, Wednesday, May 29, 2024
PLACE: EL-012 (Receiving Room)
CHAIR: Senator Bryan Hughes

The Senate Committee on State Affairs will meet Wednesday, May 29, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. to hear public and invited testimony on the following interim charges:

Maintaining Election Security: Identify threats to Texas's election integrity, including those from "big tech" and foreign entities. Recommend ways to neutralize such threats. Additionally, evaluate the countryside polling place program in Texas. Make recommendations to address countryside polling issues, such as increased wait times, longer travel distances, early shortages, and reporting irregularities. Evaluate current laws that prohibit political subdivisions and public school districts from using government resources for illegal electioneering. Make recommendations to strengthen these laws and put a stop to illegal electioneering.

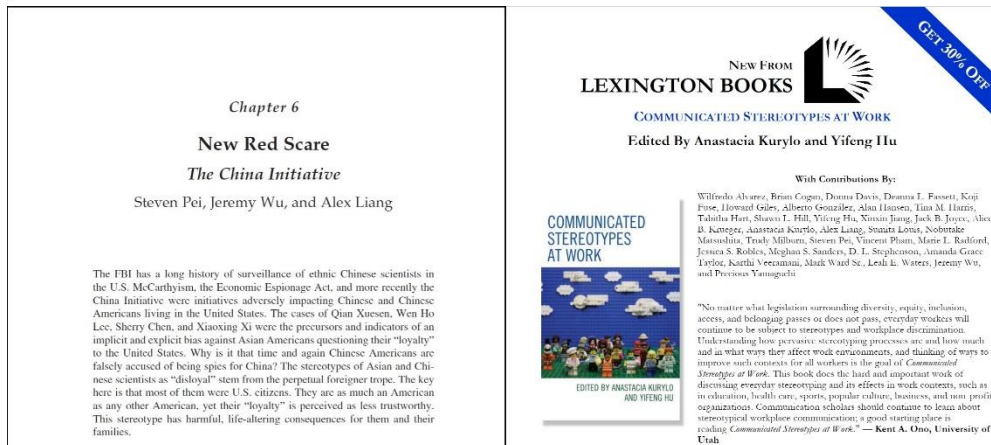
Protecting Texas Land and Assets: Evaluate strategic land and asset acquisitions in Texas by foreign entities that threaten the safety and security of the United States. Further, evaluate large-scale purchases of single-family homes by domestic entities and its impact on housing affordability for Texas families. Make recommendations to ensure Texans are secure from foreign threats and homes are affordable in our state.

On May 22, 2024, the U.S. House Judiciary Committee will hold a markup hearing that includes [H.R. 1398](#), which is yet another attempt to relaunch the now-defunct China Initiative. Read more and watch the markup hearing: <https://bit.ly/3UOqblR>

On May 29, 2024, the Texas Senate Committee on State Affairs will hold a public hearing that includes "**Protecting Texas Land and Assets:** Evaluate strategic land and asset acquisitions in Texas by foreign entities that threaten the safety and security of the United States. Further, evaluate large-scale purchases of single-family homes by domestic entities and its impact on housing affordability for Texas families. Make recommendations to ensure Texans are secure

from foreign threats and homes are affordable in our state." Read the Notice of Public Hearing: <https://bit.ly/3QV7ODx>

"New Red Scare: The China Initiative" Chapter in New Book



Steven Pei, Jeremy Wu, and Alex Liang co-authored a chapter "**New Red Scare: The China Initiative**" in a new book titled "Communicated Stereotypes at Work." The book, co-edited by **Anastacia Kurylo** and **Yifeng Hu**, was published by Lexington Books on May 15, 2024.

The editors and contributors of the new book posit that stereotypes communicated in the workplace remain a pervasive issue due to the dichotomy between the discriminatory and functional roles that these stereotypes can play in a range of professional settings. Contributors demonstrate that while the use of stereotypes in the workplace is distasteful and exclusionary, communicating these stereotypes can also appear—on the surface—to provide a pathway toward bonding with others, giving advice, and reducing uncertainty. The result of this dichotomy is that those who communicate stereotypes in the workplace may not view this communication from themselves or others as being problematic.

Pei, Wu, and Liang opined that the FBI has a long history of surveillance of ethnic Chinese scientists in the United States. McCarthyism, the Economic Espionage Act, and more recently the China Initiative were initiatives adversely impacting Chinese and Chinese Americans living in the U.S. The stereotypes of Asian and Chinese scientists as "disloyal" stem from the perpetual foreigner trope. The key here is that most of them were U.S. citizens. They are as much an American as any other American, yet their "loyalty" is perceived as less trustworthy. This stereotype has harmful, life-altering consequences.

News and Activities for the Communities

1. APA Justice Community Calendar

APA Justice Public Events

Today May 2024 Print Week Month Agenda

APA Justice Public Events

Today Tuesday, May 21 Print Week Month Agenda

Wednesday, May 22

5:00pm Heritage, Culture, and Community: The Future of America's Chinatowns

Thursday, May 23

9:30am Responsible Collaboration Through Appropriate Research Security

Monday, June 3

1:55pm APA Justice Monthly Meeting

Thursday, June 6

5:00pm A Dialogue Between Academic/AAPI Communities with The FBI

Thursday, June 20

9:30am 2024 Social Equity Leadership Conference

Friday, June 21

9:30am 2024 Social Equity Leadership Conference

Saturday, June 22

9:30am 2024 Social Equity Leadership Conference

Events shown in time zone: Eastern Time - Detroit

Upcoming Events:

- 2024/05/22 Heritage, Culture, and Community: The Future of America's Chinatowns
- 2024/05/23 Responsible Collaboration Through Appropriate Research Security
- 2024/06/03 APA Justice Monthly Meeting
- 2024/06/06 A Dialogue Between Academic/AAPI Communities with The FBI
- 2024/06/20-22 Social Equity Leadership Conference

Visit <https://bit.ly/45KGyga> for event details.

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