APA Justice Update

July 6 Meeting Summary

Summary for the July 6 meeting has been posted. It includes video clips on 5 segments of the meeting, featuring Krystal Ka'ai on CAPAC updates, Professor Maggie Lewis on DOJ's "China Initiative" and Professor Xiaoxing Xi leading the Q&A session, Professor Lewis' 5-point recommendations, John Yang on the Anti-Racial Profiling Project, and Gregg Orton on NCAPA's 2020 National Policy Platform.

Read more at https://www.apajustice.org/call-summaries.html.

ICE Directive on Student Visas

On July 6, 2020, the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) issued a directive on student visas that would compel international students to leave the United States if their coursework were entirely online.

Reactions against the proposed rule were broad, swift, and strong. Within two days, Harvard and MIT filed suit to block the rule. By July 13, 59 colleges and universities filed amicus briefs to back the appeal for injunction. United Chinese Americans (UCA) also filed an amicus brief in support.

A federal judge in Boston announced on July 14 that the Trump administration has rescinded its policy. However, there are still reports that the White House may bring back the rule or apply the rule to new students instead of existing students.

Read more at https://www.apajustice.org/racial-profiling.html.

Racism in the Military

On July 10, retired Lt. Gen. Thomas P. Bostick published an opinion "Racism affects our nation's soldiers" in CNN. He wrote about the racial bias he's faced as an African American in the US Army and highlights the story of Pvt. Danny Chen(陈字晖), a Chinese American soldier who committed suicide in 2011 after enduring racially motivated hazing.

Before Danny Chen, Harry Lew (廖梓源) shot himself in the head. He was an enlisted Marine born in California and a nephew of CAPAC Chair Judy Chu.

After Danny Chen, Raheel Siddiqui died from leaping over a third-story barracks railing. He was a Muslim marine recruit born in Michigan to a Pakistani American family.

Read more at https://www.apajustice.org/george-floydracism.html.

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