

Dr. Zweig's Presentation

During the September 14, 2020 APA Justice meeting, Dr. David Zweig gave a very informative and insightful presentation on China's Thousand Talent Program and US Research Discrimination. We thank Dr. Zweig for his permission to share his presentation. It is posted at the APA Justice website. It is also downloadable as a PDF file. You can access Dr. Zweig's presentation and paper at: <https://bit.ly/2Nt8gb1>.

A summary for the September monthly meeting is in progress. A video recording will also be made available.

Brennan Center Inaugural Webinar

It was announced during the September 14, 2020 APA Justice meeting that AAAJ | Asian American Justice Center, APA Justice, and the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School are partnering to produce a series of webinars to raise awareness of a growing number of federal investigations and prosecutions targeting Chinese American scientists and Chinese nationals in the U.S. under the umbrella of the "China Initiative."

The inaugural webinar is scheduled for September 30, 2020. It will feature Nobel Laureate and former Secretary of Energy Dr. Steven Chu, Seton Hall Law Professor Margaret Lewis, and President and CEO of AAAJ | Asian American Justice Center John Yang. Mike German, fellow at the Brennan Center for NYU Law School, will moderate the session. More details about the webinar will be coming soon.

On September 17, 2020, The Scientist published this report covering quite comprehensive the case of Kansas University Professor Franklin Tao: [Racial Profiling Concerns Amid Crackdown on Scholars' China Ties](#)

Rep. Grace Meng's Resolution Passed The House

On September 17, 2020, the House of Representatives passed H.Res. 908, a resolution condemning all forms of anti-Asian bigotry as related to COVID-19. The resolution, introduced by CAPAC First Vice Chair Rep. Grace Meng, is a response to the over 2,600 reported anti-Asian hate crimes and incidents in recent months which have been driven by misperceptions about the coronavirus and how it spreads.

Read the exact text of H.Res. 908 here: <https://bit.ly/35TqsFj>

Read the CAPAC Member Statements on House Vote to Condemn Anti-Asian Bigotry here: <https://bit.ly/2FJpP6a>

Read The Hill report here: <https://bit.ly/3mvUNiO>

Pivot to Peace Online Webinar

On September 20, 2020, Pivot to Peace will host an online webinar titled "Standing Against Racism & War - The Only Road to Peace."

"People from all walks of life are coming together to fight another pandemic – racism. As the US prepares for confrontation and 'major power conflict' with China, millions of Asian-American people are experiencing the racial effects of a new Cold War. We, people inside the United States from a diverse range of backgrounds, are standing together to say NO to racism."

Speakers include retired Judge Julie Tang, co-founder of Asian Law Caucus Dale Minami, UCA Founding Chair Professor Steven Pei, and activists of diverse backgrounds.

Read more about the live-stream webinar here: <https://bit.ly/3ewoNGD>

2020 Smithsonian Affiliations National Conference

Four two-day virtual conferences will be hosted by the Smithsonian in the months of September to November.

On October 21 from 2:30-3:30 pm EDT / 11:30 am-12:30 pm PDT, there will be a session entitled "De-Centering Dominant American History Through the Lens of the Transcontinental Railroad." Using the Transcontinental Railroad as a lens, panelists will discuss how museums and cultural sites across the nation grapple with challenging and complex histories that have significant relevance to issues today. Panelists will discuss how they approached intentionally de-centering the dominant, white American history that is typically told of the Transcontinental Railroad as the basis for larger discussion and in order to help today's PK-12 students learn critical analytical skills, build empathy, and use dialogue to find common ground with others.

Read more at <https://s.si.edu/33GTQLU>

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