

02/01 APA Justice Meeting

The next APA Justice meeting will be held on February 1, 2021. Tentative agenda for the meeting will cover MIT Professor Gang Chen, legal defense for KU Professor Franklin Tao, the transformation of FBI from a law enforcement agency to a secret domestic intelligence agency after 9/11 and its impacts on minority communities, and updates from the Anti-Racial Profiling Project, Biden letter, call for Congressional hearing, and the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus. Participation in the off-record meeting is by invitation only. Summaries of past meetings are available at <https://bit.ly/3kxkqxP>

MIT Professor Gang Chen

On January 20, 2021, the Department of Justice announced the indictment of renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Professor Gang Chen (陈刚) for failing to disclose contracts, appointments and awards from various entities in the People's Republic of China to the U.S. Department of Energy. The government continues its pattern of profiling and criminalizing Chinese American scientists and researchers by fueling xenophobia and using the pretext of combating economic espionage.

Professor Chen is a naturalized U.S. citizen who was born in China. His doctoral advisor was Professor Chang-lin Tien, the seventh Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley (1990–1997) and the first Asian American to head a major university in the U.S. Professor Chen is a mechanical engineer and nanotechnologist. A MIT professor will give an on-the-ground briefing in the February 1 meeting.

Read more about Professor Chen and his case: https://bit.ly/APAJ_GangChen

Kansas University Professor Franklin Tao

Kansas University Professor Franklin Tao (陶峰) was first indicted in August 2019. Despite lack of fact and evidence that he committed any wrongdoing of economic espionage or theft of trade secrets, the government has used two superceding indictments to charge him with possible minor administrative infractions amounting to incorrectly filing a conflict-of-interest form. Through this process, the government has bankrupted the Tao family financially. However, Professor Tao is determined to fight the charges not only for himself but also to prevent similar cases against Chinese American scientists and researchers. Failure to do so will allow the government to set precedence, opening the floodgate for many more over-reach cases like that of MIT Professor Gang Chen.

You can help by donating to and spreading the word about the GoFundMe campaign for Professor Tao: <https://gofund.me/5bf4adbe>. Professor Tao's wife is confirmed to speak in the February 1 meeting.

Read more about Professor Tao and his case: <https://bit.ly/3fZWJvK>

Transformation of the FBI

Mike German, Fellow at the Brennan Center, has served as the moderator for the very successful [Webinar Series on the "China Initiative"](#) and racial profiling. Nobel Laureate Steven Chu who spoke in the First Webinar on The Human and Scientific Costs of The "China Initiative" has now been quoted by major media such as the Wall Street Journal. Dr. Neal Lane, whose proposal to elevate the role of Science to the cabinet level in the Second Webinar on Policy Needs for U.S. Science and Scientists, has now been realized in the Biden administration.

Mike is a former FBI agent who has warned that White Supremacy is the biggest domestic threat to the United States. His August 2020 report [Hidden in Plain Sight: Racism, White Supremacy, and Far-Right Militancy in Law Enforcement](#) was ominous warning to the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol.

Mike is also an author whose book [Disrupt, Discredit, and Divide: How the New FBI Damages Democracy](#) describes how the FBI was transformed from a law enforcement agency to a secret domestic intelligence agency after 9/11. It includes a chapter on how the lawless law enforcer targets innocent "others" who are frequently fellow Americans of minority communities. Mike will be speaking in the February 1 meeting.

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Summary of [H.R.3038 - Securing American Science and Technology Act of 2019](#) was recently updated. The bill would create a working group and a roundtable related to the security of science and technology. In particular, "The National Science Foundation, the Department of Energy, and the Department of Defense shall enter into an agreement with the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine to create a new National Science, Technology, and Security Roundtable."

APA national leaders continue to speak out about the lack of inclusion of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the Biden cabinet. Former Congressman Mike Honda raised the question of [Why aren't more Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Biden's Cabinet?](#) on January 20, 2021.

The Chinese American Museum will host a virtual event on January 28. Deputy national editor at the New York Times, Jia Lynn Yang, will discuss her book "One Mighty and Irresistible Tide: The Epic Struggle Over American Immigration, 1924 - 1965." The event will also feature guests Ted Gong, Executive Director of the 1882 Foundation, and immigration lawyer, Gordon Quan. Registration for the free event is at <http://bit.ly/367GfPT>

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