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## ***Knox News* on Opposition to Casey Arrowood Nomination**



On November 6, 2022, *The Knoxville News Sentinel* (*Knox News*) published on its front page "UT professor fighting prosecutor." According to the report, Asian communities and advocates in East Tennessee and across the nation are anxious and frustrated that the prosecutor who helped wrongfully mount an espionage case against University of Tennessee professor **Anming Hu** has been nominated to serve as the head prosecutor for the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Tennessee.

The nomination shocked Chinese and Asian community members who say **Casey Arrowood** and the Justice Department's handling of Professor Hu's case make him unqualified. Hu told *Knox News* he's still living with the pain and embarrassment of being labeled as a spy for China.

"We were damaged so deep and hurt so loud," Hu said. "It still is a very painful and really, really bad memory in our brain and our heart...I know in my case, he isn't fair. He didn't pursue justice."

Advocates are weary of Arrowood's decision to bring charges, which many say were rooted in racism. They argue the Trump-era "China Initiative" targeting Chinese professors working in America has had a chilling effect on the scientific research community.

It's been three months since Biden made the nomination and the Senate still hasn't acted, and advocacy groups aren't letting up their opposition. They have called on Biden to withdraw the nomination.

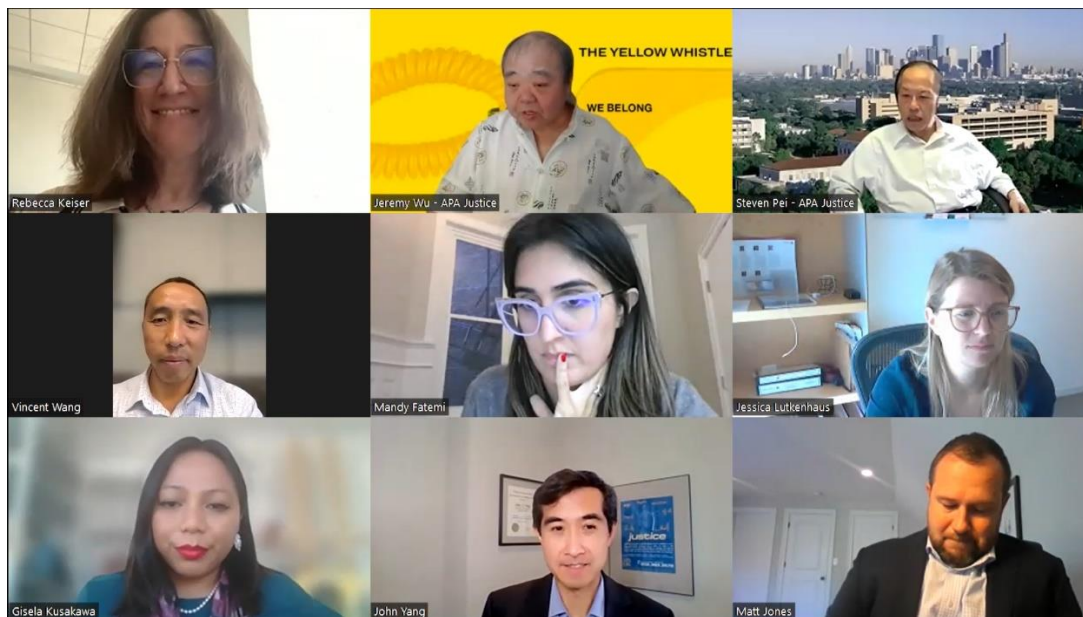
If the Senate doesn't take up the nomination this session – which ends Jan. 3 – it will be returned to Biden. He'll have to re-submit the nomination during the next session if he again selects Arrowood.

If Arrowood is promoted, Hu, **Christine Lai** (a health economist at Vanderbilt University) and **Peng Song** (a principal chemist at Eastman Chemical Company in Kingsport, Tennessee) worry not just for the Chinese and Chinese American community, but communities of all races and backgrounds, and Hu is ready to make his voice heard.

"What will this country be if this happens?" Hu said. "This kind of stuff is really, really shocking. If I have a chance, I will stand out and protest his nomination. I can testify to our senators based on the facts. If they think he's qualified, let's talk about that. Check what he did to my case."

Read the Knox News report at <https://bit.ly/3UDuYgZ>.

## 2022/11/07 APA Justice Monthly Meeting

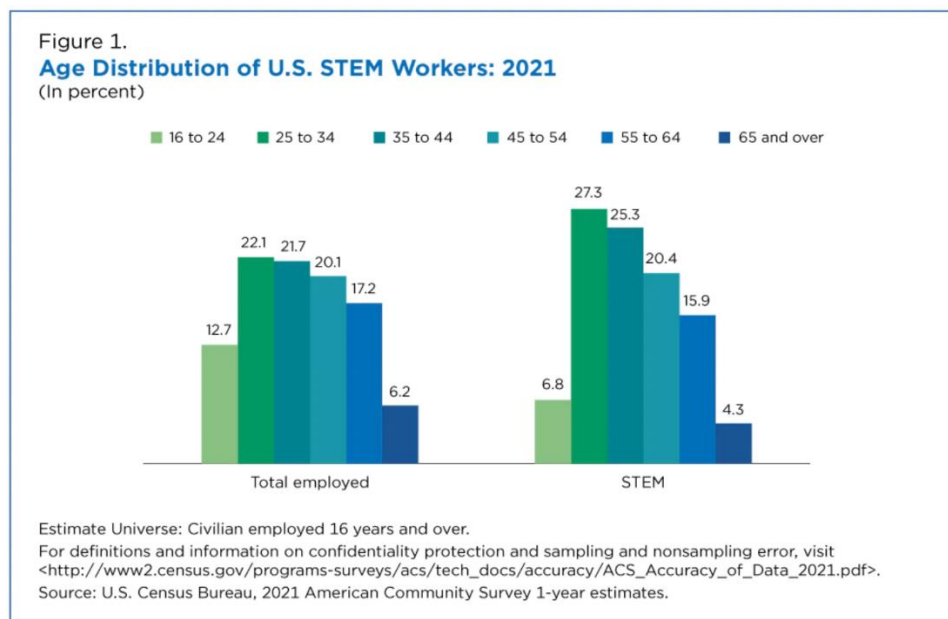


APA Justice held its monthly meeting on September 12, 2022. The meeting featured the speakers:

- **John Yang**, President and Executive Director, Advancing Justice | AAJC
- **Gisela Kusakawa**, Executive Director, Asian American Scholar Forum
- **Matt Jones**, Partner, WilmerHale LLP and lead attorney for Dr. Yanping Chen
- **Rebecca Keiser**, Chief of Research Security Strategy and Policy, National Science Foundation

A meeting summary is being prepared at this time and will be posted after the speakers have a chance to review them. Past meeting summaries are located here: <https://bit.ly/3kxkqxP>

## Census Bureau Data on the STEM Workforce



According to a report by the Census Bureau on November 8, 2022, jobs in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) often require a bachelor’s degree or higher, leaving few STEM opportunities for workers younger than 25 who shape the nation’s future workforce. As a result, in 2021 workers between the ages of 16 and 24 made up 12.7% of total employment across all occupations but only 6.8% of all STEM workers (just under 800,000) in the United States.

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment in STEM occupations is projected to grow at twice the rate (10.8%) of overall employment (5.3%) through 2031.

National STEM/STEAM Day is celebrated every year on November 8 to encourage kids to explore their interests in science, technology, engineering, arts, and math careers.

The STEM workforce tends to have a younger age profile than the overall workforce. Despite the smaller share of older workers, the STEM workforce is aging. Older workers are staying in the labor market longer, potentially limiting opportunities for younger STEM workers.

STEM occupations include computer specialists, mathematicians, engineers, life scientists, physical scientists, social scientists and science technicians. STEM-related occupations consist primarily of architects, healthcare practitioners, and healthcare technicians.

The Census STEM code list includes 70 specific STEM occupations, 49 STEM-related occupations and 446 non-STEM occupations (excluding military-specific occupations).

Read more about the Census Bureau report: <https://bit.ly/3DRgzaq>

## In Other News: Jeremy Wu Inducted as 2022 Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration



**Jeremy Wu**, Founder and Co-organizer of APA Justice, was inducted as a 2022 Fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration on November 2, 2022. The citation reads, "For sustained exemplary contributions and continuing active commitment to the improvement of public administration."

The National Academy of Public Administration is an independent, 501(c)(3) nonprofit, non-partisan organization established in 1967 and chartered by Congress in 1984. To carry out this mission, the Academy draws on the knowledge and experience of its nearly 1,000 Fellows—including former cabinet officers, Members of Congress, governors, mayors, and state legislators, as well as prominent scholars, career public administrators, and non-profit and business executives. Supported by a full-time professional staff, our Fellows bring their insights,

experience, successes, and lessons learned straight to our clients through independent thought leadership, in-depth studies and analyses, advisory services and technical assistance, congressional testimony, forums and conferences, and stakeholder engagement.

As outlined in its Congressional charter, the Academy seeks to advance government practices through studies and projects held to the highest standards of efficiency and excellence. From its founding, the Academy's commitment to good governance drives the organization forward and inspires its work.

The all-day event included a moment in memoriam of two Asian American leaders who passed away this year.

- **Norman Mineta**, former Secretary of Commerce and Transportation, 10-term congressman, and former San Jose mayor
- **Samuel Mok**, former Chief Financial Officer of the Departments of Treasury and Labor

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