

Opening Remarks by Members of Congress and Other VIPs

Time: 8:30 am - 9:30 am Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016
Speakers: Hon. Judy May Chu, Hon. Tammy Duckworth, Hon. Ted Lieu, Hon. Grace Meng



Hon. Judy May Chu

Being the first Chinese American woman elected to the U.S. Congress, Judy May Chu now serves as the U.S. Representative for California's 27th congressional district. While being elected Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus in 2011, she also founded and co-chairs the Congressional Creative Rights Caucus and serves in leadership of the House Democratic Caucus. She is a member of the Democratic Party.

Chu was granted a B.A. in mathematics from the University of California, Los Angeles in 1974 and then earned a Ph.D. in psychology from the California school of Professional Psychology. She taught as a psychology professor at the Los Angeles Community College District for 20 years.



Hon. Tammy Duckworth

Tammy Duckworth is an American politician who has been the U.S. Representative for Illinois's 8th congressional district since 2013. A Democrat, she is the first Asian American woman elected to Congress in Illinois, the first disabled woman to be elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, and the first member of Congress born in Thailand. Her father is an American and her mother is of Chinese descent. She grew up and studied languages in several places in Asia, and graduated from high school and university in Hawaii. She later studied in Washington, D.C. and Illinois. Duckworth recently completed her Ph.D. in Human Services at Capella University.

Duckworth was appointed to be Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs in 2009. She is an Iraq War Veteran and served in the Reserve Forces for 23 years until she announced her retirement at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 2014.



Hon. Ted Lieu

Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Ted Lieu is a Democratic member of the United States House of Representatives, representing California's 33rd congressional district since 2015. He was elected president of the Democratic Freshman class and serves on the House Budget Committee and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Prior to serving in Congress, he was elected to the California State Senate in 2011 and the State Assembly in 2005.

After his graduation with a B.S. in Computer Science and an A.B. in Political Science in Stanford University in 1994, he was granted J.D. by Georgetown University Law Center in 1994. He also holds the rank of colonel in the United States Air Force Reserves.

**Hon. Grace Meng**

Grace Meng is the first Asian-American member of Congress from New York State, and the only Congress member of Asian Descent in the entire Northwest. Currently serving her second term in the United States House of Representatives, Grace had scored several legislative victories during her first term in the House. She is also a founder and Co-Chair of both the Kids' Safety Caucus and the Quiet Skies Caucus. Grace earned a law degree from Yeshiva University's Benjamin Cardozo School of Law and a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan. She worked as a public-interest lawyer before entering public service.

Chinese American Civic Engagement: Urgency and Impact

Time: 9:30 am – 10:00 am Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016

Speaker: Frank H. Wu

Frank H. Wu, who has appeared on national television and radio and written for mainstream and ethnic media as well as at The Huffington Post, has been working on civil rights and public policy since he was a teenager in Detroit and the Vincent Chin killing occurred. He has been an advocate for Chinese Americans, calling on all Asian Americans to stand up and speak out. He will share an inspiring story about how to become involved, explaining the importance of participating in our diverse democracy.



Frank H. Wu

Frank H. Wu is currently a Distinguished Professor at University of California Hastings College of Law. He previously served as Chancellor & Dean at the school, receiving unanimous early renewal after being voted the most influential law school dean in the nation.

In April 2016, he was elected by the members of Committee of 100 as their Chair. The Committee of 100 is a non-profit membership organization, inviting Chinese Americans who have achieved the highest levels of success to join, working on twin missions of promoting good relations between the US and China and the civic engagement of Chinese Americans.

He is the author of *Yellow: Race in America Beyond Black and White* and co-author of *Race, Rights and Reparation: Law and the Japanese American Internment*. He received a B.A. from the Johns Hopkins University and a J.D. from the University of Michigan. He was born in the United States to immigrants from Taiwan.

Political Empowerment: Why We Need to Redefine Asian American Success

Time: 10:00 am - 10:30 am Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016

Speaker: Karthick Ramakrishnan

Asian Americans are the fastest growing populations in the United States, and much of this new growth is driven by immigration from China and India. Asian Americans tend to be highly educated and have high incomes, but they also have the lowest rates of civic and political participation. This is a major problem that needs our concerted attention. Civic engagement is critically important, not only for the protection and empowerment of our communities, but also for developing the “soft skills” that can help employees break the bamboo ceiling.



Karthick Ramakrishnan

Karthick Ramakrishnan is the Associate Dean of the UC Riverside School of Public Policy, and Professor of Public Policy and Political Science. He is also a Board Member of The California Endowment and a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center. He received his Ph.D. in politics from Princeton University, and has held fellowships at the Russell Sage Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC). Ramakrishnan has received many grants from sources such as the National Science Foundation, Carnegie Corporation, and James Irvine Foundation, and has provided consultation to public officials at the federal and local levels.

Ramakrishnan's research focuses on civic participation, immigration policy, and the politics of race, ethnicity, and immigration in the United States. Ramakrishnan directs the National Asian American Survey and is founder of AAPIData.com, which seeks to make policy-relevant data on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders more accessible to a variety of audiences. He is the author, most recently of *Framing Immigrants* (Russell Sage, 2016) and *The New Immigration Federalism* (Cambridge, 2015).

Cultural Crossroads: How Can Chinese Culture and Values Enrich Our American Experience

Time: 10:45 am - 11:45 am Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016
Session Chair: John H. Jia
Speakers: Chung-ying Cheng, Michael Puett, Wenshan Jia (Commentator)

Chinese civilization is enjoying a renaissance on a global scale. In this session, our distinguished scholars will offer their insights about the nature of Chinese civilization and its most important values. They will also share their perspectives on how Chinese civilization and its values can best illuminate Chinese American's way of life and enrich our all American experience.



Chung-ying Cheng

A renowned world philosopher of both Chinese and Western philosophies and a leading representative of Contemporary Neo-Confucianism, Professor Chung-ying Cheng earned his Ph.D. in Philosophy from Harvard University. As Professor of Philosophy at University of Hawaii (Manoa), Cheng specializes in Chinese philosophy (Yijing, Confucian and Neo-Confucian Philosophy), American philosophy (Peirce and Whitehead), philosophy of hermeneutics (Gadamer and onto-hermeneutics), and comparative philosophy, etc. His publications include over 35 books and over 350 articles in both English and Chinese on diverse philosophical and cultural topics. His most recent books are *Age of New Awakening* and *Toward Recreation of Chinese Philosophy*.

Professor Cheng is the Founding and Honorary President of the International Society for Chinese Philosophy, the Founder of the Journal of Chinese Philosophy and Editor-in-Chief since 1973. He holds the title of Honorary Professorship from numerous leading Chinese universities and visiting professor at Yale University, Oxford University, Kings College of London University, University of Paris, and many others.



Michael Puett

Michael Puett is the Walter C. Klein Professor of Chinese History and Chair of the Committee on the Study of Religion. He is also a non-resident long-term fellow for programs in anthropological and historical sciences and the languages and civilizations of East Asia at the Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala. Puett joined the Harvard faculty in 1994 after earning his M.A. (1987) and Ph.D. (1994) from the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago. His interests focus on the inter-relations between religion, anthropology, history, and philosophy.

In his research, Puett aims to bring the study of China into larger historical and comparative frameworks. He has published many articles on early Chinese history (c. 1200 B.C. - c. 755 A.D.), and on classical Chinese ritual, social, and political theory. Puett has received multiple awards for his teaching and advising. In 2013 Puett was one of five named Harvard College Professors in recognition of his dedication to undergraduate education. Since 2012 his General Education course, "Classical Chinese Ethical and Political Theory," has been the third most enrolled undergraduate course at Harvard.



Wenshan Jia

Wenshan Jia (Ph.D. University of Massachusetts at Amherst), President of Chinese Intercultural Association based in Irvine, California, is Professor of Communication Studies at Chapman University, California and Distinguished Adjunct Professor (Qianren Scholar in the Arts), Renmin University of China, Beijing, China.

Author/editor/translator of ten books, more than sixty articles/essays/book chapters mostly in communication theory, intercultural communication, and Chinese culture and communication, he was awarded both the Early Career Award by International Academy for Intercultural Research and Wang-Fradkin Professor by Chapman University in 2005. He serves on the editorial board of International Journal for Intercultural Relations and Asian Journal of Communication. *Contemporary Chinese communication scholarship: An emerging alternative paradigm*, *Intercultural Communication: Adapting to Emerging Global Realities*, *The Remaking of the Chinese Character and Identity in the 21st Century* and *Chinese Communication Theory & Research* are some of his works. Jia is sought after for his expertise by numerous domestic and international media. He is writing the book *Global Communication for an Inclusive World Order* (Routledge, expected 2017).

Nurturing a Multi-Ethnic Democracy - A Panel Discussion among Leaders of Jewish, African American and Latino, as well as Asian American Communities

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016
Guest Introducer: John K. Holton
Moderator: Frank H. Wu
Speakers: Karen K. Narasaki, Alan Ronkin, Hilary O. Shelton,

Chinese Americans are a coalition identity, spanning different origins, generations, dialects, and political perspectives. They have worked with Asian Americans, a pan-ethnic coalition that is unique to our diverse democracy — as moderator Frank H. Wu has said, “There are no Asians in Asia.” Even as the nation recognizes its changing face, with race no longer being literally black and white, Chinese Americans have struggled to achieve political power. In a diverse democracy, coalitions have been crucial. This panel will consider, with practical “take home” suggestions, how Chinese Americans can come together with others to achieve shared goals.



Karen K. Narasaki

Karen K. Narasaki is an independent civil and human rights consultant. President Barack Obama appointed Ms. Narasaki to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights in July of 2014.

She is the immediate past president and executive director of the Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC, one of the nation's premier civil rights organizations. Prior to that she was the Washington Representative for the Japanese American Citizens League. And before JACL, she was an attorney with Perkins Coie.

Ms. Narasaki began her career as a law clerk for Judge Harry Pregerson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit from 1985 to 1986. Ms. Narasaki is currently Chair of the Asian American Diversity Advisory Council for Comcast/NBCU.

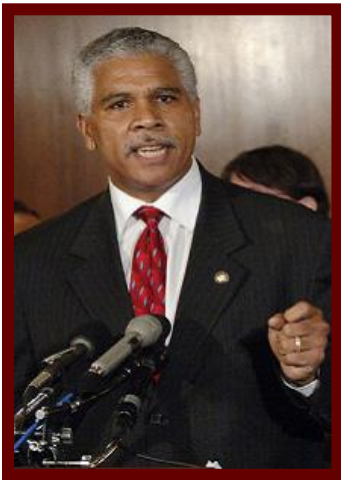
She has served on many boards and commissions throughout her career, including Vice Chair of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and Chair of the Rights Working Group. She was a board member for Common Cause, the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, Independent Sector, the National Adult Literacy Commission, National Immigration Law Center and the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association. Ms. Narasaki received a B.A. from Yale College, magna cum Laude, and a J.D. from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law, Order of the Coif.



Alan Ronkin

Alan Ronkin is an accomplished advocate and career Jewish professional who has been involved in community relations for over 20 years. In that time he has worked in Jewish communal institutions in Los Angeles, Cleveland, Seattle, Boston and Washington DC.

As an advocate, Alan focuses on relationship building and policy development to support a society that reflects the best of Jewish values including support for Israel, equity and appreciation of difference. In 2013, Alan served as Policy Adviser and Constituent Manager for Congressman Joe Kennedy III. In that role he assisted the congressman in enriching his relationships with Jewish constituents and in grappling with issues related to Israel and other Jewish causes. He is a native of Bridgeport, CT, earned a Master's in Public Administration from the University of Southern California and a Masters in Jewish Communal Service and a Doctorate (honoris causa) in Jewish Non-Profit Management from Hebrew Union College. Alan has a B.A. from Yeshiva University.



Hilary O. Shelton

Hilary O. Shelton, presently serves as the Director of the NAACP's Washington Bureau / Senior Vice President for Advocacy and Policy.

Prior to this role, Hilary served in the position of Federal Liaison/Assistant Director to the Government Affairs Department of the College Fund/UNCF. He has also served as the Federal Policy Program Director to the 8.5 million-member United Methodist Church's social justice advocacy agency, The General Board of Church & Society. Hilary has humbly received a number of awards and recognitions for his unwavering dedication to the mission and goals of the NAACP.

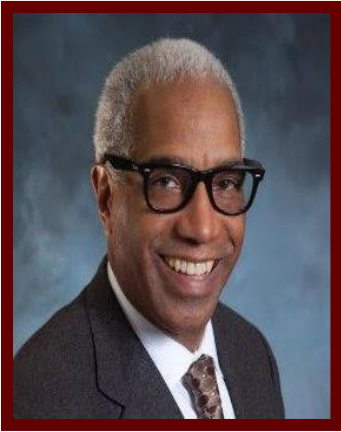
Born in St. Louis, Missouri, to a family of 6 brothers and sisters, Hilary holds degrees in political science, communications, and legal studies from Howard University in Washington, D.C., the University of Missouri in St. Louis, and Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts, respectively.



Frank H. Wu

Frank H. Wu is a Distinguished Professor, the highest rank accorded a faculty member, at UC Hastings College of Law. He is Chair of the Committee of 100.

He is dedicated to civic engagement and volunteer service. He was appointed by the federal Department of Education to its National Advisory Committee on Institutional Quality and Integrity (NACIQI), and by the Defense Department to the Military Leadership Diversity Commission. He was a Trustee of Gallaudet University, the only university in the world dedicated to deaf and hard of hearing persons from 2000 to 2010, and Vice-Chair of the Board for the final four years of his tenure; he participated in the presidential selection process. He served on the Board of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Education Fund from 2004 to 2010 and briefly as Chair of the DC Human Rights Commission.

**John K. Holton**

John K. Holton, PhD, is a Visiting Associate Professor of Gerontology and Director of the Center for Gerontology at Concordia University Chicago. Previously he served held a cabinet level position under two governors in Illinois as the state Director of the Department on Aging. He has held academic appointments at the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, the School of Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago, and School for New Learning at DePaul University. Additionally, he has worked for community not-for-profit organizations addressing child welfare and child maltreatment prevention. He has testified in Congress, published award winning articles, lectured in Brazil, China, Ghana, Germany, and across the United States. He received his doctorate from The Pennsylvania State University in Human Development, his master's degree from the University of Hartford in Urban Education, and his bachelor's degree from Howard University in Political Science.

Defending Civil Rights – A Conversation with Sherry Chen, Xiaoxing Xi, and Peter R. Zeidenberg, Esq.

Time: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016
Moderator: Albert Wang
Speakers: Xiaoxing Xi, Sherry Chen, Peter R. Zeidenberg, Esq.

The increasing mistrust between the United States of America and China, partly triggered by the rise of China, has caught many Chinese American scientists in the crossfire between these two countries. Overzealous prosecution and the practice of racial profiling by government agencies have resulted in Chinese American scientists such as Wen Ho Lee, Xiaoxing Xi and Sherry Chen, among others, being wrongly accused of espionage. This session will examine this great miscarriage of justice through historic facts and personal experiences of the victims. Chen, Xi and their defense attorney Mr. Zeidenberg will share a riveting account about prejudice, fear, suspicion and courage they have experienced.



Xiaoxing Xi

Xiaoxing Xi is Laura H. Carnell Professor of Physics at Temple University, and was the interim chair of the Physics Department between 2014 and 2016. Prior to Temple, he was a professor at Penn State University. Xi is a renowned expert on thin film materials. He has published extensively and holds three U.S. patents. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society.

Born in Beijing, China, Professor Xi received his B.S. and Ph.D. from Peking University. He moved to the United States in 1989 and is a naturalized American citizen. In 2015, the U.S. government arrested and charged Professor Xi for sharing a U.S. company's technology with China. The charges were later dropped when they were proven wrong. Since then, he has spoken out to encourage Asian Americans and scientists to actively participate in the democratic process.



Sherry Chen

Sherry Chen is an adoptive Midwesterner and a devoted public servant. She worked for the State of Missouri for 12 years before joining the National Weather Service in Wilmington, Ohio, where she served for seven years. In 2014, she was wrongfully accused of spying for China and faced 25 years in prison and \$1 million in fines. All charges were eventually dropped.

Chen developed Ohio River Community HEC-RAS model, a forecasting model for predicting floods along the Ohio and its tributaries. The model involves constant data-gathering about water levels and rainfall, as well as how dam and lock operators respond to water flow.

In recognition of her extraordinary accomplishments contributing to operational meteorology, Sherry Chen received the Larry R. Johnson Special Award from the National Weather Association.

**Peter R. Zeidenberg, Esq.**

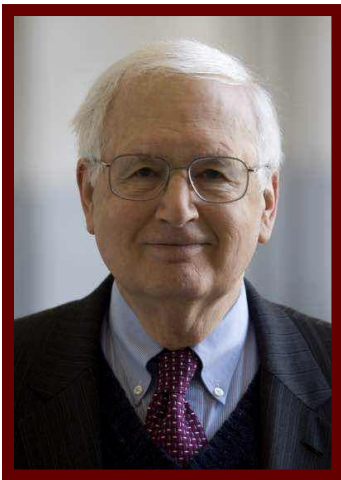
Peter is a partner in Arent Fox's White Collar & Investigations practice. His practice focuses on defending companies and individuals in white collar criminal matters and other issues that are related to internal fraud investigations and corporate governance.

Prior to joining Arent Fox, Peter was a partner at an international law firm where he represented businesses and individuals threatened with government investigations. Before working at that firm, he spent 17 years as a federal prosecutor at the Justice Department, where he served in both the Public Integrity Section of the Criminal Division and at the United States Attorney's Office in the District of Columbia. Peter graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1981 and received his JD from Boston College Law School in 1985.

U.S.-China Relations, and How It Affects Chinese Americans

Time: 3:45 pm - 4:45 pm Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016
Moderator: John H. Jia
Speakers: Ambassador J. Stapleton (Stape) Roy, Cheng Li

China's rapid economic growth and increasing regional and global influence have unexpectedly shifted the geopolitical terrain in Asia-Pacific. As a result, U.S.-China relations have evolved to a complex mix of increasingly intertwined economies and societies, growing international rivalry and intensifying diplomacy. In this session, in light of the upcoming American general election, two renowned "China Hands" will address the foreign policy complexities presented by the economic growth of and tense geopolitical situation surrounding China, and how our foreign policies should evolve to best cope with the challenges while promoting bilateral cooperation. The panelists will also discuss the impact that our China policies have on Chinese Americans.



J. Stapleton (Stape) Roy

Ambassador Roy is Distinguished Scholar and Founding Director Emeritus of the Kissinger Institute on China and the United States at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC.

Roy was born in China and spent much of his youth there during the upheavals of World War II and the revolution thereafter, where he watched the battle for Shanghai from the roof of the Shanghai American School. He attended Princeton University and joined the US Foreign Service immediately after graduation in 1956, retiring 45 years later with the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest in the service. In 1978 he participated in the secret negotiations that led to the establishment of US-PRC diplomatic relations. During a career focused on East Asia and the Soviet Union, Roy's ambassadorial assignments included Singapore, China, and Indonesia. His final post with the State Department was as Assistant Secretary for Intelligence and Research.

On retirement he joined Kissinger Associates, Inc., a strategic consulting firm, before joining the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in September 2008 to head the newly created Kissinger Institute. In 2001 he received Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson Award for Distinguished Public Service.



Cheng Li

Cheng Li is Director and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution's John L. Thornton China Center. Dr. Li is also a director of the National Committee on US-China Relations, a member of the Academic Advisory Team of the Congressional US-China Working Group, and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Li is the principal editor of the Thornton Center Chinese Thinkers Series published by the Brookings Institution Press. He has authored or is the editor of numerous books focused on Chinese political elites and politics.

Li has advised a wide range of government agencies, academic and research institutions, businesses and not-for-profit organizations on working in China. He is also a frequent media contributors. Li recently appeared on BBC, CCTV, CNN, C-SPAN, ABC World News with Diane Sawyer, NPR Diane Rehm Show, and the PBS Charlie Rose Show. Li grew up in Shanghai during the Cultural Revolution. In 1985, he came to the United States when he later received an M.A. in Asian Studies from the University of California (UC Berkeley) and a Ph.D. in Political Science from Princeton University.



John H. Jia

John H. Jia is currently Deputy Director-General and Director of the International Relations and Public Diplomacy at SORSA Research Center, and Senior Vice President of the American Chapter of the Shanghai Overseas Returned Scholars Association (SORSA); Distinguished Professor and Senior Fellow at Peripheral Center for Cooperation and Development, East China Normal University; and Senior Fellow of Fudan University.

Dr. Jia served as a visiting scholar at the Sino-Soviet Institute (GWU), Director of the Washington Center for China Studies, Managing Director of the North American Urban Development Group, President of the North American International Exchange Center (NAIEC), President of the Chinese Scholars of Political Science and International Studies in U.S. (CSPSIS), and founding President of the Union of Chinese-American Professional Organizations in Metropolitan Washington (UCAPO). Dr. Jia holds Ph.D in political science from the George Washington University and MA in international Law from the Shanghai Institute for International Studies (SIIS). Published extensively in both English and Chinese, Dr. Jia specializes in U.S. strategic and foreign policies as well as domestic politics, U.S.-China relations and Asian-Pacific international relations, leadership in international relations and global governance, as well as study of Chinese civilization, values, and exchanges with the other civilizations and cultures.

Chinese Investments in the US: Challenges and Opportunities

(Please note this session is conducted in Mandarin Chinese.)

Time: 4:45 pm - 5:45pm Friday, Sept. 9th, 2016
Moderator: Kaiyuan Wang
Speakers: Yasheng Huang, Krystian Ji, Jun Li, Zhijun Yang

China's rapid economic growth has brought a tremendous influx of Chinese investments into the US, and generated unprecedented impact on Chinese Americans and our communities. In this session, well respected, seasoned investors and distinguished business school professors will discuss the future of US-China economic relations as well as the challenges and opportunities presented to Chinese American communities and Chinese Companies.



Yasheng Huang

Yasheng Huang is an associate dean and a professor at MIT Sloan School of Management. He has taught at the University of Michigan and Harvard University.

In addition to academic journal articles, he has published ten books and numerous articles in media. His work has been profiled in *Wall Street Journal*, *Economist*, *Foreign Policy*, and *McKinsey Quarterly*. His current research covers corruption and economic development, foreign direct investment, state capitalism, and economic history. He is collaborating with researchers at Tsinghua University to create a complete database on historical technological inventions in China and is co-leading a multidisciplinary research team at MIT on food safety. Professor Huang founded China Lab and India Lab and has run a program in Yunnan province to train women entrepreneurs in collaboration with Goldman Sachs Foundation. He has served as a consultant at many international organizations and as an advisor and board member at a number of organizations.



Krystian Ji

Krystian Ji is the Chairman of Axbio Group, an entrepreneurial alliance for building an industrial ecosystem of Precision Medicine through advances in molecular diagnostics, nanotechnologies and artificial intelligence. He co-founded Angstrom Biotech Inc. and Centromere Inc., where his teams are developing clinically applicable fourth-generation sequencing technologies and scaling biomedical data processing power. He was the former Director of Artificial Intelligence at Seven Bridges Genomics Inc. where he still serves as a Board Member.

As an investor with a taste for data-intensive innovations, he established several venture capital funds across various sectors like biotechnologies, cybersecurity and quantitative finance. Previously he spent years leading the development of Automated Reasoning Systems for the Australian Defense. In his spare time, he is a mathematician working on topological data analysis for quantum physics together with Sir Roger Penrose and Samson Abramsky in Oxford.



Jun Li

Jun Li is the Managing Partner of SV Tech Ventures, a Silicon Valley based venture capital firm focusing on technology startup investments. Li is also a Managing Partner of CRCM Opportunity Fund II, focusing on investments in cross border startups, as well as Founding Partner of iCamp, a Shanghai and Silicon Valley based early stage startup accelerator.

Having successfully invested in more than 20 successful companies (e.g. musical.ly, Orbeus, Kika Mobile, Agora), Li was Senior Manager and Co-Founder of several successful start-up companies in Silicon Valley and Japan, including ETOP Design Technology (acquired by Cadence Design Systems in 2004), Altius Solutions, which merged with Simplex Solutions and went public in 2001 (Nasdaq:SPLX) and Excellent Design (acquired by Cadence Design System in 1997). Jun Li holds a B.S. degree in Microelectronics from Peking University in 1990.



Zhijun Yang

Zhijun Yang is the Chairman of Greenland Capital International Ltd., a private investment company focusing on healthcare, new technologies and acquisition opportunities in the U.S. and China. In 2013, as CEO of Shuanghui International Holdings Limited (WH Group Limited, HKEx Stock Code 00288), Yang led and completed the acquisition of Smithfield Foods Inc., the world's largest pork meat processor at the price of \$7.1 billion. This acquisition is the largest investment in the U.S. ever made by a Chinese company. Yang and his team overcame various complex international approval processes. They obtained antitrust approvals in the U.S., China, Mexico and Poland. and received approvals from Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). Yang's leadership was critical in resolving controversies raised in U.S. Congressional Hearings.



Kaiyuan Wang

Kaiyuan Wang is one of the 28 Founding Directors of the prestigious Peking University Entrepreneurs Club certified by the President of Peking University and has served on the Board of over 20 nonprofit organizations in China and in the US. Prior to Kennedy School, he was a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs as well as the first Gold Card holder of Columbia University Library System. He is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Ash Center, Kennedy School with focus on state governance. In late 2015, he founded the Governance Institute in Cambridge, MA to fund outstanding research and studies in state governance worldwide. He was invited as a special guest to CCTV, Wall Street Journal's Economics Forum, Annual Conference of the Atlantic Council and the CEO Forum among other events. Additionally, he was invited to attend US-China Innovation Dialogue and US-China Bilateral Relations Roundtable. Kaiyuan graduated from Nanjing Institute of Technology with a BS Degree in Power Engineering and holds an MBA from Peking University Guanghua School of Management.

Affirmative Action: How It Affects Chinese Americans

Time: 8:30 am - 11:30 am Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
Session Chair: Qian Wen
Moderator: Cecilia Xie Birge, Qian Wen
Panelists: OiYan Poon, Albert Wang, Wenbin Yuan, Janelle Wong, YuKong Zhao, Michael Wang, Amanda Chen

This panel is designed to present a broad perspective of how affirmative action affects Asian Americans today in education, career development and government resources. Participants will take part in a mock college admission exercise to further dissect how race affects Asian American students' chances of being enrolled in top universities. Panelists include experts in education, business, law and government. They will reflect upon their vast spectrum of opinions regarding the value of affirmative action during the college admission process and beyond.



Cecilia Xie Birge

Cecilia Xie Birge is a math and special education teacher at Princeton High School in New Jersey. Her teaching experience spans from low performing urban schools to magnet schools and top rated suburban schools. Before she embarked on her teaching career, Cecilia was a bond analyst on Wall Street for a decade before she became the first Asian American woman elected as mayor in New Jersey in 2007. Since then, she has served on numerous commissions and boards of nonprofit organizations related to land use, environmental protection and women's issues. Additionally, Cecilia was Fundraising Chair and conducted admission interviews for many years for her alma mater, Bryn Mawr College. Cecilia has four children and resides in Princeton, New Jersey.

She holds a B.A. degree in history from Bryn Mawr College and a master's degree in educational leadership from Columbia University in New York City.



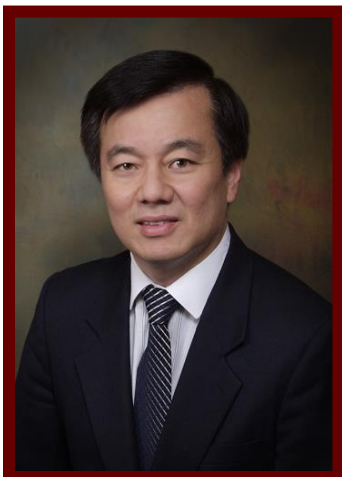
Qian Wen

Ms. Qian Wen is a multi-jurisdictional licensed attorney. Born and raised in China, she received her legal education in China, Canada and the United States. She is admitted to the Florida Bar, New York Bar and the Law Society of Upper Canada. Qian practiced corporate commercial and intellectual property laws in China before moving to North America. She is currently focusing on international law and immigration practice. Qian is an active member of American Bar Association, and serves on board of many local Chinese community organizations.



OiYan Poon

OiYan Poon is an Assistant Professor of Higher Education at Loyola University Chicago. A nationally recognized scholar, her research has examined the effects of affirmative action policies on Asian Americans in public contracting, voting rights and education, and has been cited numerous by national media. She is currently completing a book manuscript entitled *Justice or Just Us? Asian Americans in the Borderlands of the Affirmative Action Debate*. Dr. Poon has served as an admissions reviewer in the University of California and as a scholarship reader for the Bill and Melinda Gates Millennium Scholarship. Studying Asian American history in college, she was able to make sense of anti-Asian racism she experienced and witnessed as the daughter of immigrants, and was empowered to become an educator and researcher committed to social justice. She earned her B.S. from Boston College, M.Ed. from The University of Georgia, and Ph.D. from UCLA.



Albert Wang

Albert Wang, born in Taiwan, is a physician. He currently serves as the Chair of the Board for PAFMG, one of the largest multi-specialty medical groups in the US. Dr. Wang has been actively involved in community service. He is National Vice Chair of APAPA and President of the Asian American for Good Government PAC. He helped found Friends of Children with Special Needs in 1996, serving largely immigrant families with special needs children. Wang is a passionate advocate for Civil Rights. As one of the founders of the Wen Ho Lee Legal Defense Fund, he was instrumental in advocating due process protection and ultimately justice for Dr. Wen Ho Lee, who spent nine months in solitary confinement. For his long history of community service, Dr. Wang was honored with the ACS Silicon Valley Region Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award, Top Community Dad Award by Building Peaceful Families, California State Assembly Outstanding Leader Award, and Hero of the Year by World Journal.



Wenbin Yuan

Wenbin Yuan is a geologist by training, having graduated from Central South University in China in 1982 and Iowa State University in the U.S. in 1990. As the owner and CEO of Dakota Intertek Corp., a major hydrogeology and environmental engineering consulting firm in Milwaukee, Minnesota, Yuan is uniquely qualified to speak on federal and state contracting rules and regulations and the impact affirmative action policies have on businesses owned by minority groups. Yuan has been a board member of the National Association of Minority Contractors since 2000 and a board member of Milwaukee Chinese Community Center since 2014. He is the President of Milwaukee Chinese Times, a local Chinese newspaper as well as the co-author of the book titled *Chinese Milwaukee*.



Janelle Wong

Janelle Wong is a Professor of American Studies and the Director of the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Maryland. Prior to joining the faculty at the University Maryland in 2012, she was at the University of Southern California in the Departments of Political Science and American Studies and Ethnicity. She also served as Executive Director of the Institute of Public Service at Seattle University. Considered a groundbreaking study of Asian Americans, Wong's most recent book, *Asian American Political Participation: Emerging Constituents and their Political Identities*, is based on the first nationally representative survey of Asian Americans' political attitudes and behavior. She is a Research Fellow with APIAVote and a member of OCA-DC. Wong received her BA from UCLA in 1995 and her Ph.D in Political Science from Yale University in 2001.



Yukong Zhao

Yukong Zhao is a well-known Chinese American civil rights activist, the President of the Asian American Coalition for Education (AACE) and the author of the book: *The Chinese Secrets for Success*.

Under the leadership of Mr. Zhao, AACE united Asian American organizations and filed administrative complaints with the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice against Harvard University, Yale University, Brown University and Dartmouth College for their discriminatory admissions practices against Asian American applicants. AACE also filed an amicus brief with the U.S. Supreme Court, urging a total ban of racial discrimination in college admissions in support of Plaintiffs Abigail Noel Fisher in *Fisher v. University of Texas*.

Mr. Zhao frequent contributes columns to newspapers and magazines such as Orlando Sentinel, Forbes, The World Journal and Sing Tao Daily to promote Chinese culture and advance Chinese American social progress.

Bridging the Cultural Gap: An Honest Conversation with Chinese American Teenagers and Dr. Kim

Time: 8:30 am - 11:30 am Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
Session Chair: Lily Chen
Moderator: Bonnie Liao (Fishbowl Forum)
Speaker: Josephine Kim

Tiger Mom Amy Chua believes “the best way to protect children is by preparing them for the future, letting them see what they’re capable of, and arming them with skills, work habits and inner confidence that no one can ever take away.” Does this authoritarian approach work? What helps kids? To be allowed to choose for themselves, or to be pushed into achievements that will pay off later in life? In this session, we will hear directly from Asian American teenagers about their view of our parenting and engage in a lively discussion with Dr. Kim from Harvard University about how to raise a “whole” child who is happy, caring and successful.

Session 1 (8:30 - 9:30) Kids Speaking Out
A fishbowl forum on Chinese American parenting practices.

Session 2 (9:30 - 11:30) Bridging the Cultural Gap



Josephine Kim

Josephine Kim is a lecturer at Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has provided professional consultation on multicultural, mental health and educational issues to parents, teachers, other healthcare professionals as well as various media sources. She is USA Today's collegiate case study expert on school violence and has been featured on national networks (EBS and KBS) in Korea.

A National Certified Counselor, whose clinical skills and experiences span many contexts including residential facilities, community agencies, and public and private schools, Dr. Kim was deployed by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the federal government to work with Katrina victims in 2006 as well as Virginia Tech, following the campus violence in 2007. A frequent keynote speaker at various conferences in Asia and the U.S. on the importance of developing a whole child, Dr. Kim is the Founding Executive Director of Mustard Seed Generation, a non-profit organization to bridge the cultural gap between immigrant Korean parents and their Korean American children.

**Bonnie Liao**

Bonnie Liao was born and raised in Beijing, China. She holds a B.S. degree from Peking University, an MBA from Rutgers University as well as a Ph.D in Physics from University of Houston. Bonnie was a Senior Research Scientist at FMC Corporation, an agricultural chemical company and a Senior Analyst at Merrill Lynch for over a decade. Currently, she works as a big-data consultant at Bank of America.

In addition to her interest in science and finance, Bonnie is passionate about education. She worked as a math teacher at The Lawrenceville School, one of the oldest and most prestigious private preparatory schools in the country. Additionally, Bonnie founded two nonprofit private schools in New Jersey and leads two popular non-profit summer language and leadership programs. She has been the General Advisor for a New Jersey-based nonprofit parenting group for 13 years, and has frequently held panel discussions and given talks on EQ Parenting nationwide as well as in China and Canada. Bonnie is a board member of a local Chinese school as well as the Alumni Association of Peking University in Greater New York.

Challenging the Stereotypes: How Can Chinese Americans Define Our Identity and Broaden Opportunities for Our Children

Time: 8:30 am - 11:30 am Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
Session Chair: Paul Q. Li
Moderators: Paul Q. Li, Ying Laura Gao

Like many other ethnic groups in America, the Chinese Americans are a diverse group of people with different socioeconomic backgrounds, life experiences, skillsets and professional ambitions. However, the society tends to look at us from a single lens. Chinese Americans are often viewed as high achievers in technical fields but lack the skills and capabilities required in business and management. Many of us in the Chinese American community acquiesce to this bias and comply with the stereotypes. How can we break the shackle of these biases, redefine our own individual identity and shape our own destiny?

In this breakout session we will have our distinguished guests to share their personal stories and practical lessons on defying stereotypes and breaking cultural barriers. We will also have our next generation share their stories about overcoming their unique identify struggle growing up in America.

- Session 1 (8:30-9:30) Breaking the bamboo ceiling**
Personal stories of Dr. Wallace Loh, Professor Hai Lung Dai, and Dr. Leana Wen
- Session 2 (9:30-10:30) Breaking cultural barriers**
Practical lessons from Jiayang Fan, Cathy Peng and Winston Chang
- Session 3 (10:30-11:30) Growing up Chinese in America**
A roundtable discussion about overcoming identity issues and stereotypes
Winston Chang, Jiayang Fan, Melody Hu, Irvin Liang, Olivia Lin, and Carissa Wu



Wallace D. Loh

Wallace D. Loh is the President of the University of Maryland. He chairs the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Academic Advisory Council, and is a member of the Committee on Inclusion at American Council on Education and the Committee on Science, Technology and Law at the National Academies. Previously, Dr. Loh served as Executive Vice President and Provost of The University of Iowa, Dean of College of Arts & Sciences at Seattle University, Director of Executive Policy and Chief Policy Advisor to Governor Gary Locke of Washington, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculties at the University of Colorado-Boulder and Dean of the University of Washington Law School.

Born in China, raised in Peru, Dr. Loh is the recipient of the "Immigrant Achievement Award" from the American Immigration Council and the "Trailblazer Award" from the National Asian Pacific-American Bar Association.



Hai-Lung Dai

Hai-Lung Dai is former Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Laura Carnell Professor of Chemistry at Temple University, USA. A graduate of National Taiwan University (1974), he holds a PhD from UC Berkeley (1981), and was a postdoctoral fellow at MIT (1981-84). He joined the University of Pennsylvania in 1984 as assistant professor chemistry and rose through the ranks serving as Chair of the Chemistry Department when Penn Chemistry Department ranked #6 in the nation for research funding. In 2007, he moved to Temple University as Dean of the College of Science and Technology and was appointed as Interim Provost in 2013 and then Provost in 2013.

As Provost, Professor Dai oversees the academic functions of 16 colleges and schools, student services, faculty affairs, research and support activities including technology, library, and student life. Temple University's research funding, education quality, worldwide reputation, and student enrollment have substantially grown under Dai's innovative and outstanding leadership. His successful new collaborative degree programs established with partner universities in Asia and Europe have nearly doubled the number of international students at Temple University.

Professor Dai is well known for his research in physical chemistry and molecular, colloidal and surface sciences having published over 190 articles. He has been elected Fellow of both the American Chemical Society and the American Physical Society as well as receiving numerous honors worldwide. He is also an outstanding musician having conducted numerous orchestral concerts in the Academy of Music, Kimmel Center, Temple Performing Center in Philadelphia and also the Beijing Concert Hall and the Shanghai City Hall of Science.



Leana Wen

Leana Wen is the Baltimore City Health Commissioner. Born in Shanghai, she was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, a Clinical Fellow at Harvard Medical School, the Director of Patient-Centered Care Research in the Department of Emergency Medicine at George Washington University and a fellow at the World Health Organization. Previously, Dr. Wen served as President of the American Medical Student Association and as Chair of the International Young Professionals Commission.

Inspired by struggles during her mother's long illness, she authored *When Doctors Don't Listen* to empower patients to avoid misdiagnoses and unnecessary tests. In October 2015, Dr. Wen wrote a blanket prescription, or "standing order," in Baltimore City, allowing heroin overdose drug to everyone with the proper training to use it, potentially saving many lives that might have been lost to drug overdoses.



Cathy Peng

Cathy Peng is the Chief Business Development Officer for Ethertronics, Inc., a multinational telecommunications company based in San Diego, California. In her 20+ year career in high tech industries, Cathy has held various senior management positions, including General Manager of Synocus International, a leading management consulting firm in Finland, Senior Business Development Manager and Global Brand and Channel Marketing Strategist for Motorola, Inc. Additionally, Cathy was a Regional Business Manager for Motorola Asia Pacific, Ltd., Hong Kong and China.

Cathy is the award recipient of Top 100 Most Diverse Executives under 50 in 2011 by Diversity MBA, Business Leaders of Color by Chicago United in 2013, and Women of the Year in M2M in 2014.

Cathy earned an executive MBA from the University of Chicago and a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Electronic Science and Technology of China



Jiayang Fan

Jiayang Fan is a staff writer at The New Yorker, where she reports on China and Chinese-American politics and culture. Her writing has also appeared in the New York Times Magazine, the New York Times Book Review, Slate, the Virginia Quarterly Review, among other places. She was born in Chongqing and is based in New York City. She received her BA from Williams College in English Literature and Philosophy.



Carissa Wu

Carissa Wu, the reigning USA Ambassador National Teen, is a junior at Winston Churchill High School, Maryland. Previously, she won the titles of 2015 Miss Maryland Jr Teen for the National American Miss pageant and 2016 Miss Maryland Teen for the USA Ambassador pageant. She is also the national spokesmodel, talent, and community service winner for USA Ambassador and the national talent winner for National American Miss. Outside of pageantry, Carissa is an excellent student, maintaining a 4.0 GPA while taking numerous AP and honors classes. Carissa also loves piano. She won the Grand Prix for Music-Fest Rising Talent Festival, and was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall. Carissa also enjoys ballet and Chinese Folklore Dance, and placed 1st at the 2015 Star Power National Dance Competition in Advanced Folklore Duet.

Carissa loves giving back to her community as a dance teacher, tutor, performer, and public speaker.



Winston Chang

A 2005 economics graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point, Winston Chang is a Director at Ambit. There he mentors and manages a team of consultants working at the Department of Education providing critical, congressionally mandated, analysis and reporting. At the same time, Winston is president and founder of Stevie Boi®, a couture fashion brand of eyewear and accessories, which counts many celebrities and fashion magazines among its clientele.

Winston is also an Eisenhower Fellow Recipient, where he studied branding and entrepreneurship among Chinese companies.



Paul Q. Li

Paul Q. Li is a partner at Brown Advisory, a Baltimore-based investment company with over \$55 billion under management. He is a senior healthcare equity analyst and portfolio manager for healthcare investment fund. Prior to joining Brown in 2006, he was an investment manager at Howard Hughes Medical Institute in Chevy Chase Maryland, where he was a technology industry analyst. Paul has an MBA in finance and Ph. D in molecular biology, both from Cornell University, and is a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). He was born and raised in China, and came to the US in 1991.

Paul is actively involved in the Chinese Bible Church in Rockville Maryland, teaching in the Sunday school. He also established Calvin J Li Memorial Foundation in memory of his late son, to promote the welfare of Asian American children from immigrant families.

UCA Youth Service Project Showcase and Networking with Chinese American Role Models

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
Session Chair: Lily Chen
Moderators: CJ Wei, Lily Chen

Convention youth program provides a great opportunity for young people across the country to showcase their talents and present their outstanding service projects. They will enjoy a delicious lunch sponsored by our generous donors and will have the opportunity to have in-depth discussions with successful Chinese American role models in government, education and businesses.

These role models include:

- Theresa Mah, newly-elected First Chinese American Illinois State Representative
- Michelle Wu, President of Boston City Council
- Monica He, Director of China, US trade representative
- Hermann Liu, Venture Capital Investor
- Connie Li Jing, CEO TransSmart
- Dr. Josephine Kim, Lecturer of Education in Harvard University
- Winston Chang, an entrepreneur and consultant at the Department of Education
- Lindy Li, youngest female congressional candidate in US history
- Fang Chu, Director of Hailiang Education Group
- Grant Kettering, an investor and member of Kettering family foundation
- Carissa Wu, Reigning USA Ambassador National Teen.



(This session is generously supported by Steven Chen, Bonnie Liao, Steven Wang, CJ Wei, Ye Wu, Xiaojie Zavan, Friends of Lindy Li and SDS Communications.)



CJ Wei

CJ Wei graduated from Shenzhen University in the early 90's, CJ came to Kansas City for his graduate study and received his Master's degree from University of Missouri – Kansas City in Computer Science in 1996. After working in IT industry for more than a decade as Senior Principal Consultant of Oracle Corp., CJ became the founder of 2 companies – CJW Holding in real estate, and TransWorld Group in international business consulting. CJ has worked with both Missouri / Kansas state officials, various chambers of Commerce in the Greater Kansas City area as a subject matter expert in Chinese culture and international business practices.

CJ was the former President of the Kansas City Chinese American Association, one of the largest Chinese community organizations in the Midwest. He also founded the Midwest US China Chamber of Commerce.



Lily Chen

Lily Chen is a nurse educator and taught at the University of Iowa , the University of Illinois in Chicago, and is currently a nursing instructor at the Northern Illinois University. She has diverse clinical background having worked as Assistant Director of Nursing at Home Health Agencies, and works at local school district. As a social entrepreneur, Lily has passionately promoted elder care exchanges between China and the US. She spoke at various elder care conferences including the Illinois Governor's Conference on Aging, The third China International Senior Service Expo's (CISSE), and has recently been invited as a panelist for the Inaugural Columbia-Fudan Global Summit on Population Aging to be held in Shanghai this year. For nearly two decades, Lily has volunteered at various capacities for local community and organizations having served as board member and vice president at two non-for-profit organizations. She is a current board member for Association of Chinese Scientists and Engineers (ACSE). Her community service also includes organizing multiple community initiatives such as fall prevention program for seniors, and has been a volunteer site Coordinator for Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) through the Illinois Department of Aging past three years.

Recently, Lily worked with a great group of volunteers mobilizing Chinese community as a leadership team member, helped elect the first Chinese American state representative in Illinois, Theresa Mah who will run unopposed in Nov. Lily received a master's degree in nursing administration and adult health from the University of Iowa in 1991, is married with five wonderful children.

Organizing Chinese American Communities: Lessons and Prospects

Time: 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
Guest Introducer: Jay Lin
Moderator: Haipei Shue
Panelists: C.W. Chan, Hamilton Chang, Christine Chen, Ed Gor

Organizing or mobilizing Chinese American community for more civic and political engagement is often a frustrating if not thankless endeavor. However, over the years, we have seen progress being made in our community. Such progress is attributed to the efforts of our tenacious community leaders in various Chinese American organizations. This session has gathered the most experienced Chinese American community leaders. They will share with us what their journey is like, what are the rewards and challenges working in the community and how we can together make our community more civically and politically engaged. From CACA to OCA to CCBC, respected leaders from these organizations will sit on one panel, share with you their stories and visions.



C.W. Chan

C.W.Chan, a retired entrepreneur and mental health consultant and social service administrator, has been active in voluntary community service for four decades, with remarkable impacts on the Chinese American community in Chicago. His extensive civic service record over the decades has included being founder and board president of the Chinese American Service League; president and chairman of the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce; chairman of the Asian American Coalition of Chicago; and since 2000, founder and chairman of the Coalition for a Better Chinese American Community (CBCAC). CBCAC seeks community development through civic engagement and political empowerment and over the last decade has led a successful redistricting campaign and several voter registration drives that more than triple the number of registered Chinese American voters in the Greater Chinatown neighborhood. CBCAC recently completed the first ever Chinatown Comprehensive Community Vision Plan and has been credited with many of the major infrastructure and general improvements that brought Chicago Chinatown wide recognition as the most thriving Chinatown in North America.



Hamilton Chang

Hamilton Chang is CEO of Ballparks of America - Branson, a premier youth baseball and sports entertainment company. Hewas formerly a frequently featured speaker on the topics of finance, at numerous national and regional conferences. A government official serving as Trustee of New Trier Township. He was appointed by Governor Rauner as a State of Illinois Commissioner on the Illinois Human Rights Commission and sits on various boards across the Midwest including the University of Michigan Health System Advisory Group, The Music Institute of Chicago Board of Directors-emeritus, and is Vice Chair of U.S. Senator Mark Kirk's Asian American Advisory Committee.Mr. Change is a partner of Mandarin Communications Group that publishes Mandarin Quarterly, the nation's most prestigious Chinese language magazine.

Mr. Chang holds a University of Chicago Masters Degree in finance, where he is one of four recipients of the Dean's Award in his graduating class, as well as a Bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan.



Christine Chen

Christine Chen is the founding and current Executive Director of APIAVote. During her tenure she had strengthened and expanded APIAVote's partners into 22 states. APIAVote's research and polling of Asian American voters and their regional trainings and field programs have strengthened the local grassroots programs in reaching and mobilizing Asian American and Pacific Islander voters. Through all these efforts, APIAVote has played a key role in elevating the Asian American and Pacific Islander electorate to an unprecedented national level in recent years.

Profiled by Newsweek magazine in 2001 as one of 15 women who will shape America's new century, Chen served from 2001 to 2005 as national executive director of the Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA), one of the leading APIA civil rights organizations in the country. Chen is well-known by activists across the country. Her track record in building coalitions and working at the grassroots and national levels established her as one of the strongest voices in the APIA community. She has more than two decades of experience in organizing and advocating on issues such as immigration, hate crimes, affirmative action, census, racial profiling, voting rights, election reform, and various derogatory and racist media incidents.

Chen currently serves on the Kennedy Center Community Advisory Board, Center for Asian American Media, OCA Northern Virginia Chapter, and the advisory boards for the Asian Pacific American Medical Students Association (APAMSA), and CAPAL.



Ed Gor

Ed Gor is currently the National President of Chinese Americans Citizens Alliance headquartered in California. Ed has blended a career as a Project and Program Manager with Jacobs Engineering Group and in financial management with an increasing depth and breadth of experience derived from volunteering at critical needs non-profit organizations.

His community involvement spans across many areas. In addition to having been the Finance Committee Chair of the Houston International Festival, he also provided guidance in various leadership positions on the Board of Directors of the Texas Gulf Coast Workforce Commission (now known as The Worksource), Sheltering Arms Senior Services (a United Way agency) and several Asian American organizations in Houston.

A native Houstonian, he is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a degree in Electrical Engineering. His personal story as a first generation Chinese American of immigrant parents mirrors that of many of the members of the C.A.C.A.

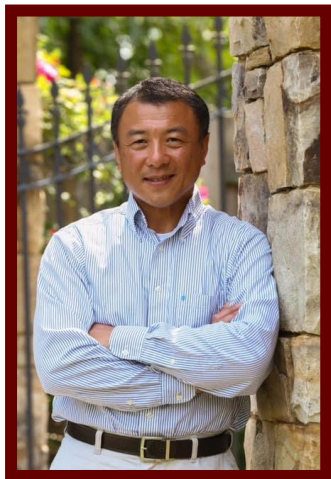


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Jay Lin

Jay Lin has been a resident of Atlanta, Georgia for 30 years. Lin is currently the president and CEO of Pacific Ventures Inc., a Georgia-based construction firm, which has been involved in residential and commercial building and development since 1996.

Jay is a first-generation immigrant from Taiwan. He moved to Atlanta in 1986, where he has dedicated many years to entrepreneurship, and is often considered a "Serial Entrepreneur." Recognizing the lack of Asian participation in the political realm, Lin was compelled to run for the Johns Creek City Council in hopes of increasing the political representation of Asians in the government.

Jay Lin was elected on December 1st, 2015 and he was sworn in in January 2016 serving a 4-year term.

Political and Community Leaders Sharing Their Successful Stories

Time: 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
Moderator: Narantsin Kylie Jia
Speakers: Liang Chow, Denise Gitsham, Conrad Lee, Johnson Lin, Theresa Mah, Cindy Wang, Michelle Wu

In this session, we will showcase Chinese Americans who have led by their own examples to engage in American civic and political life. Their contribution and exemplary influence will inspire many others to follow their footsteps and contribute more to this great country.



Liang Chow

Chow, a Chinese former artistic gymnast, is the founder, owner and head coach of Chow's Gymnastics and Dance Institute in West Des Moines, Iowa. He is notable for being the coach of 2008 Olympic balance beam champion Shawn Johnson and 2012 Olympic individual all-around champion Gabby Douglas. Chow was on China's national gymnastics team for more than a decade, winning numerous national and international medals. He moved to the United States in 1991 after having accepted a position as the Assistant Coach for the University of Iowa's gymnastics program.



Denise Gitsham

Born and raised in California, Denise Gitsham is the only daughter of immigrants, a small business owner, and a leading voice for San Diego's Innovation Economy.

Denise's mother, a Chinese immigrant who came to the US via Taiwan, and her father a Canadian immigrant who served 20 years in the United States Air Force, instilled in her a deep appreciation of the blessings associated with being American.

A graduate of Georgetown University Law Center, Denise has worked in the US Department of Justice, United States Senate, and White House. She practiced law at the prominent international law firm K&L Gates before joining a San Diego-based renewable energy company in 2009. Today, Denise owns her own small business, and works to promote San Diego's Innovation Economy, which is driving our local economy and creating high-paying jobs for San Diegans.



Conrad Lee

Conrad Lee is Bellevue's first minority City Council member, the longest continuous serving member of the council and the first mayor (2012 - 2013) of Asian (Chinese) ancestry.

The veteran council member also serves on the Association of Washington Cities Federal Board. For many years he was Bellevue's representative on the National League of Cities, and is a past president of the NLC Asian Pacific American Municipal Officials. In addition, he has been a member of the Economic Development District Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council.

Conrad holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Washington and a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan. Born in China, Conrad grew up in Hong Kong and has lived in Bellevue since 1967. He and his wife Winnie live in the Somerset neighborhood, where they raised their two children, Christopher and Jennifer. They have three granddaughters.



Theresa Mah

Theresa Mah is the newly-elected Democratic Nominee for Illinois 2nd District State Representative. When she takes office in January, she will be the first Asian American ever to serve in the Illinois General Assembly. Prior to running for elected office, Dr. Mah taught for 15 years at the college level. She came to Chicago 25 years ago to earn her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago.

In her most recent position as a Senior Policy Advisor and Director of Asian American Outreach in the Office of former Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, she oversaw the implementation of the Asian American Employment Plan as well as other efforts to promote diverse representation in state government. She served as the Governor's representative in the Asian American community and advocated for the state's 600,000+ Asian Americans, bringing their issues and concerns to the highest levels of state government and working on policies to address them.



Cindy Wang

Cindy Wang is a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania. Originally from Overland Park, Kansas, Cindy has brought her commitment and passion for service from the Midwest to the East Coast. She has previously served as President of the KCCAA Youth Hope Fund, a student-run non-profit organization dedicated to providing worldwide disaster relief and humanitarian aid. Under her leadership, the organization raised over \$11,000 in two years for victims of Hurricane Sandy, the 2012 Haiti Earthquake, and impoverished children in Yanzibian, China. Currently, Cindy is pursuing a Political Science degree with minors in Consumer Psychology, English, and Mandarin Chinese.



Michelle Wu

Michelle Wu is the President of the Boston City Council. She is the first Asian American woman to serve on the Boston City Council, as well as the youngest current member. In January of 2016, she was elected as President of the Council.

Born in Illinois on January 14, 1985, Michelle Wu graduated from Harvard University in 2007 and Harvard Law School in 2012. Wu worked as the Constituency Director for Elizabeth Warren's 2012 campaign and was elected to Boston City Council At-Large in 2013.



Narantsin Kylie Jia

Narantsin Kylie Jia is the CEO of VoicePub, a management consulting company helping the U.S. companies with the emerging market strategies, and Chinese companies with the global market solutions. Narantsin has advised clients on a wide array of issues including growth expansion, profit enhancement and corporate restructuring and turnaround. She also commands solid corporate experience from working in Fortune 200 companies, to heading startups.

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Narantsin received her M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. She has worked in Boston, Washington DC, Canada, Hong Kong and Mainland China.

Future of UCA: A Panel and Open Mic Discussion

Time: 3:45 pm - 4:30 pm Saturday, Sept. 10th, 2016
Panelists: Qingyuan Han, Hermann Liu, Haipei Shue
Moderator: Ji Su



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Hermann Liu

Hermann Liu is a venture capital investor. He is the managing partner of Andra Capital, a venture capital fund and accelerator focused on technology innovations. Prior to Andra, he was the founding partner of Arbor Ventures. He has invested in the areas of financial technology, big data and cloud computing. Before his investor career, Hermann was a successful entrepreneur and co-founded Global Financial Technology and Nanbo Consulting. He also served on various management and technology positions in Morgan Stanley, Charles Schwab and Kaiser Permanente. He is a board member of Green Collar Club in China that promotes social progress, environmental awareness and charity giving. His public experience was highlighted by hosting the China Economic Summit in 2005 where the former US president Bill Clinton delivered the keynote speech.

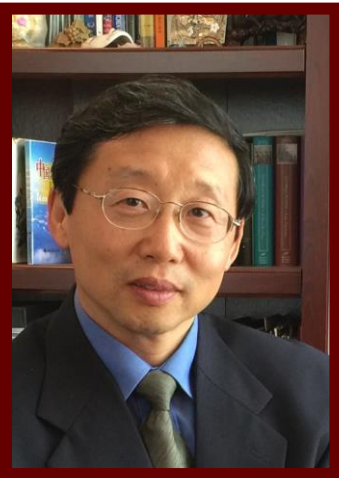
He has received his MPA (Master of Public Administration) from Harvard Kennedy School, PhD of Electronic Engineer from Northeastern University, and BS of Electronic Engineer from Tsinghua University. He is a frequent speaker on technology, innovation, leadership and cross-cultural communication. He travels extensively between the US and Asia.



Qingyuan Han

Qingyuan Han received his Ph.D. Degree in M.E. from UMN-Twin Cities, and did Postdoctoral Research work in US NRL for two years. He worked in Axcelis Technologies, Inc. as a Principal Scientist and awarded as an Axcelis Distinguished Scientist. In the past 20+ years, Dr. Han has been actively involved in promoting Chinese language education and Chinese cultural exchanges. He was a co-founder and the principal of two Chinese language schools; served as a VP and an ED for CSAUS, as a president for CAC-HC, and as an SG of NCCA.

Currently Dr. Han serves as the Executive Director and Education Committee Chair of NCCA/UCA, Vice President of CAUCC, Co-Director of CEST, and Standing Board Member of Helongjiang COE.



Ji Su

Ji Su is the President of National Council of Chinese Americans and a Co-President of Inaugural Convention of Chinese American 2016. As one of the founding members, he served NCCA as the Secretary General before he was elected as the president in 2014. He is also the President of the Peninsula Chinese American Association, Virginia and the Co-President of Eastern Virginia Chinese School Association. In addition to serving Chinese American Community, Dr. Su is a founding member and the Secretary General of International Desert Green Foundation.

For his professional career, Dr. Su is a research scientist working at NASA Langley Research Center. He received his B.S. in Composites Science and Engineering from Harbin Institute of Technology and his Ph. D. in Materials Science and Engineering from Rutgers-the State University of New Jersey, in 1982 and 1995, respectively.

He worked as a Postdoctoral Scholar at Material Research Laboratory of Pennsylvania State University, worked at Research and Development Division of Allied Signal Corporation, and ICASE at NASA Langley, respectively before he joined NASA. Dr. Su is the inventor of more than 20 US and international patents and the author of more than 100 technical publications.

Chief Editors



Joy Guo, Convention Program Committee Co-Chair

Joy Guo is an entrepreneur and cofounder of HGInnovation Ventures, an angel fund focused on healthcare technologies and services. Prior to the investor role, Joy was an executive at a med-tech startup, which was later acquired by a Nasdaq company in 2004. Before starting her own business, Joy worked as a sales and marketing professional for a Midwest company overseeing its greater China operation.

Joy has served on the board of Beijing University Alumni Association in Minnesota for over 10 years. During her tenure as the president, she was instrumental in the establishment of the "Twin City Forum", a seminar series already in its fourth season, featuring talks from career development, youth education to local art scene and urban planning. Joy received her Bachelor's degree in Economics from Beijing University, and the master's degree in Economics and International Business from New York University. She enjoys travel, photography and art.



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