

May 19, 2016

Sherry Chen

Dear Ms. Chen:

On behalf of OCA-Asian Pacific American Advocates, a national non-profit organization of community advocates dedicated to advancing the political, social, and economic well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs), it is our honor to extend this personal invitation to our annual National Convention – “*Forging Ahead: Legacy, Advocacy, Activism*,” which will be held at the Westin Jersey City Newport in Jersey City, New Jersey July 21-24, 2016.

This seminal OCA National Convention is a premier event in the civil rights community that brings together hundreds of APAs from across the country for workshops, plenaries, seminars, and events that address the most pressing political, social, and cultural topics of our time.

We would be pleased to have you participate as one of the esteemed speakers for a workshop entitled “**Lifting the Veil on National Security: Profiling in Justice**” scheduled for **Saturday, July 23, 1:45 pm to 3:00 pm**. The workshop description is as follows:

On October 2014, Sherry Chen was accused of espionage in her role as a hydrologist at the National Weather Service in Wilmington, Ohio. Similarly, Temple University’s Professor Xi Xiaoxing was charged in May 2015 with wire fraud for allegedly scheming to defraud a US company by sharing its superconductor technology with China. The charges have been dropped for both Chen and Xi, but concerns that innocent Chinese-Americans are becoming targets for prosecution remain. This workshop aims to update the audience on these two cases, learn about outreach and response strategies for future cases, and gains skills in organizing to support victims of false espionage accusations.

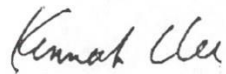
The format of the workshop will be a traditional panel with two to three speakers and a moderator. Each speaker will have 15 minutes to present on their respective topic followed by a question and answer session by members of the audience.

OCA will offer accommodations for out-of-town speakers if needed. Once we have confirmed your participation, we will send you further details in a follow-up message.

We hope that you will consider our invitation to join us for this year’s Convention and speak to our community. To confirm your participation and discuss logistics, please contact Kham Moua at (202) 223-5500, ext. 115 or kmoua@ocanational.org no later than Friday, May 27. We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you in Jersey City!

Sincerely,


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