

**MSP MEMBERSHIP MEETING
TITLE IX & ACADEMIC FREEDOM**

September 18th, 2024

AGENDA

- (12:00) Welcome, introductions, ground rules
- (12:02) Plug for Upcoming Event 11/12
- (12:03) Title IX
- (12:25) Title IX Q+A
- (12:35) Academic Freedom
- (12:50) Academic Freedom Q+A

GROUND RULES

- Welcome! This members-only meeting is being facilitated by MSP to
 - (a) help us all understand the state of Title IX on this campus, and
 - (b) understand the right of academic freedom we have, especially under our collective bargaining agreement!
- Please mute your microphone.
- Zoom's transcript feature will be enabled.
- We are monitoring chat and will aim to respond in real time, but please try to hold questions of broad interest for the Q+A period.
- Raise your Zoom hand to be recognized during that time, and aim to keep your questions, answers and comments brief so others may also speak.
- Recordings of this meeting are not permitted. Slides will be posted on umassmsp.org.

THREATS TO ACADEMIC FREEDOM AND INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT: CHINA AND BEYOND

- Who: Dr. Yangyang Cheng, Physicist and Research Scholar at Yale Law School's Paul Tsai China Center
- When: Tuesday, November 12th at 4pm
- Where: UMass Amherst (LGRC A112)
- Why:

Across the country, faculty are facing impediments to international engagement, and sometimes significant personal risk, arising from increasingly strict federal regulations. International faculty are especially vulnerable, as are Chinese American faculty and others with ties to countries experiencing strained US relations.

The good news is that here at UMass Amherst we have a strong union with the power to negotiate robust contract and policy language, ensuring that we can continue our international engagement activities and retain the support of our university if we are wrongly suspected or charged.

This event and the conversations it generates will help us mobilize our members to win the strongest possible protections for our research and our professional lives.