



Arkansas
Association of
Asian Businesses
(AAAB)

AAAB WORKSHOP

NAVIGATING THE US-CHINA TRADE WAR FOR ARKANSAS ECONOMY

9:30 am to 1:30 pm, CST, Thursday, Nov. 7

State Library, 900 W. Capitol Avenue, Little Rock

9:30-9:40 am **Opening**

9:40-10:05 am **Overview of the US-China tariffs and the impact**

Speaker: [Anna Tucker Ashton](#), Senior Director of Government Affairs at [US-China Business Council](#)

10:05 am -11:30 am **Deep dives on the tariffs' impact on Arkansas economy**

- *10:05-10:35 am Deep dive 1: Agriculture and technology*

Speakers:

Agriculture (soybean) – [Derek Haigwood](#), President, [US Soybean Export Council \(USSEC\)](#)

Technology (solar) – [Matt Bell](#), Partner at [Entegrity](#)

- *10:35-11 am Deep dive 2: Consumer goods*

Speakers:

Xiaoxiao “Shelly” Jia, General Manager, Zhejiang Xieli Science and Technology Ltd. [Clint](#)

[Lazenby](#), Business Development, [Legacy Retail Solutions](#)

11-11:15 am **Networking break**

- *11:15 am-11:30 pm Deep dive 3: Investment and finance*

Speaker: [Sam Walls III](#), COO and President, [Arkansas Capital Corporation](#)

11:30-11:45 **Technical read: Tariffs' exclusions and exemptions**

Speaker: [Rudy Ortiz](#), Manager of Client Services, [Arkansas Economic Development Commission](#),

Arkansas Department of Commerce & Vice Chair, [The Arkansas District Export Council](#)

11:45 am-12:45 pm **Lunch and networking**

12:45-1:25 pm **Panel discussion: The opportunities for China and Arkansas**

Moderator: [Yang Luo-Branch](#), President, [Arkansas Association of Asian Businesses \(AAAB\)](#) & Sr.

Data Visualization Analyst, [Tyson Foods](#)

Panelists:

[Anna Tucker Ashton](#), Senior Director of Government Affairs, [US-China Business Council](#)

[Dr. John Kent](#), Director of Supply Chain China Initiatives, [Walton College of Business](#), University of Arkansas

[Chang Liu](#), Senior Credit Analyst, [Simmons Bank](#) & board member, [Arkansas Association of Asian Businesses \(AAAB\)](#)

[Clint Lazenby](#), Business Development, [Legacy Retail Solutions](#)

1:25 pm **Closing and adjourn**

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