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Xiao Qiang is an Adjunct Professor at the School of Information and the Founder and Editor-in-Chief of China Digital Times, a bilingual China news website. A theoretical physicist by training, Xiao Qiang studied at the University of Science and Technology of China and entered the PhD program (1986-1989) in Astrophysics at the University of Notre Dame. He became a full time human rights activist after the Tiananmen Massacre in 1989. Xiao was the Executive Director of the New York-based NGO Human Rights in China from 1991 to 2002 and vice-chairman of the steering committee of the World Movement for Democracy. Xiao is a recipient of the MacArthur Fellowship in 2001 and is profiled in the book *Soul Purpose: 40 People Who Are Changing the World for the Better* (Melcher Media, 2003). He was also a visiting fellow of the Santa Fe Institute in spring 2002.

In fall 2003, Xiao launched *China Digital Times* to explore how to apply cutting edge technologies to aggregate, contextualize, and translate online information from and about China. He taught classes on China reporting and human rights in the Graduate School of Journalism, UC Berkeley from 2003 to 2009. Xiao's current research focuses on the state censorship and control of the Internet, emerging political discourses, and public opinion on Chinese social media. He teaches class on Digital Activism and runs the Counter-Power Lab, an interdisciplinary faculty-student group researching innovative technologies to expand the free flow of information in cyberspace.

In January 2015, Xiao was named to Foreign Policy Magazine's Pacific Power Index, a list of "50 people shaping the future of the U.S.-China relationship." He was named on the list "for taking on China's Great Firewall of censorship."

Professor Xiao has testified before the Commission previously, most recently in 2014 at the Commission's hearing on Stability in China: Lessons from Tiananmen and Implications for the United States.