



#StopAAPIHate

Resisting Xenophobia and Showing Support for Asian Pacific Islander Desi Americans (APIDA)

Since the start of COVID-19, there have been over 3900 documented anti-Asian hate crimes—an increase of 1900%. As educators, it is our responsibility to resist false narratives that fuel xenophobic crimes and to decolonize thinking that props up model minority and orientalist stereotypes. As educators, it is our responsibility--collectively and individually--to reflect, read, learn, and act toward justice, and to understand the intersections of identities that shape our lived experiences.

Reflect

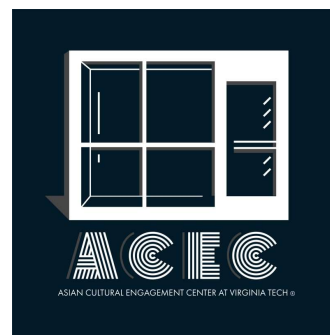
An Op-Ed in the 3/18/21 issue of *Insight into Diversity* calls institutions of higher education to [work in solidarity to address anti-Asian violence and xenophobia](#). We ask units to reflect on these questions:

- What level of effort have we put in to addressing anti-Asian rhetoric, both prior to and after the COVID-19 pandemic?
- How knowledgeable are we of Asian American history?
- Have our responses to condemn anti-Asian racism and violence been adequate? Have they been consistent with our responses to the marginalization and oppression of other groups?
- How are we supporting our AAPI students and colleagues? Are we having constructive conversations with them about their group's exclusion from some areas of our work and academic missions?
- How are we acknowledging the fears and validating the concerns that Asian folks are experiencing and expressing?
- Are we creating anti-racism and anti-hate coalitions that allow for greater intercultural engagement with, deeper levels of empathy for, and understanding of each community's history, challenges, successes, and values?

At Virginia Tech

[Asian Cultural Engagement Center](#)

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140 Squires Student Center



[APIDA Faculty-Staff Caucus](#) serving as a liaison to the university administration and supporting the needs of all APIDA people.

[Asian American Student Union](#) serving APIDA students as an umbrella organization for 15 undergraduate student organizations.

ACT

Asian Americans Advancing Justice

<https://advancingjustice-aajc.org/>

Hate is a Virus

<https://hateisavirus.org/>

Hollaback Bystander Training

<https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention>

Intercollegiate APIDA Coalition

<https://www.instagram.com/ic.apida.coalition>

Next Shark

<https://nextshark.com/about/>

No Hate VA

<https://www.oag.state.va.us/programs-initiatives/no-hate-va>

Red Canary Song

<https://www.redcanarysong.net/>

Stop AAPI Hate

<https://stopaahate.org>

Mental Health Support:

→ **Crisis Text Line:** Text "STEVE" to 741741 for free 24/7 crisis counseling, specifically for POC.

→ **National Suicide Hotline:** 1-800-273-8255

Read

Minor Feelings by Cathy Park Hong

No-No Boy by John Okada

Asian Settler Colonialism by Candace Fujikane

Know My Name by Chanel Miller

America Is In The Heart by Carlos Bulosan

Freedom Dreams by Robin D.G. Kelley

The Making of Asian America by Erika Lee

Learn

American's long history of scapegoating its Asian citizens, Nina Stochlic, September 2020

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/asian-american-racism-covid>

Combating AAPI Hate in Age of COVID-19- An Educational Curriculum for Our Students as Hate Crimes Increase During COVID-19, Russell Jeung with the Asian Pacific Islander Caucus and the Council for Racial & Social Justice at California Faculty Association

<https://www.calfac.org/pod/combating-aapi-hate-age-covid-19>

COVID-19 and advancing Asian-American recovery, Elaine Dang, Samuel Huang, Adrian Kwok, Harrison Lung, Michael Park, and Emily Yueh, 2020

https://asiasociety.org/sites/default/files/inline-files/McKinsey%20AAM_%20Covid-19%20and%20advancing%20Asian%20American%20recovery.pdf

Critical Race Theory is not Anti-Asian, Mari Matsuda, March 2021

<http://reappropriate.co/2021/03/mari-matsuda-critical-race-theory-is-not-anti-asian/>

See Something? Say Something!

Do you think you might have witnessed bias? Have you been impacted by bias?

[Express a concern or report an incident to the Dean of Students Office using the bias reporting portal.](#)

Learn how to prevent, interrupt, and respond to harassment and violence.

Attend Bringing in the Bystander training offered by [The Virginia Tech Women's Center](#).

Lessons on Ethnic Data Disaggregation from the “Count Me In” Campaign, Jude Paul Matias Dizon
<http://www.uvm.edu/~vtconn/v32/Dizon.pdf>

Model minority myth used as a racial wedge between Asians and Blacks, Kat Chow, April 2017
<https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2017/04/19/524571669/model-minority-myth-again-used-as-a-racial-wedge-between-asians-and-blacks>

On anti-Asian hate crimes: Who is our real enemy? Michelle Kim, February 2021
<https://medium.com/awaken-blog/on-anti-asian-hate-crimes-who-is-our-real-enemy-207ee7354926>

Understand the Intersections of Identities

Stereotypes of Asian and APIDA women have bound together notions of race, gender, and sexuality in a way that objectifies them as simultaneously docile, subservient, exotic, and hypersexualized. These stereotypes are rooted in histories of war and sanctioned sexual exploitation, and thus pose a danger to Asian and APIDA women. According to research from Stop AAPI Hate, 68% of the incidents of anti-Asian hate the news reported in 2020 had targeted women.

5 Ways ‘Asian woman fetishes’ put Asian women in serious danger, Rachel Kuo, April 2018
<https://thebodyisnotanapology.com/magazine/5-ways-asian-woman-fetishes-put-asian-women-in-serious-danger/>

Asian American Feminist Collective
<https://www.asianamfeminism.org/about>

Anti-Asian violence is consistently directed at women, Danielle Cohen, March 2021
<https://www.gq.com/story/anti-asian-violence-is-consistently-directed-at-women>

First Korean American congresswoman urges people to call racist anti-Asian violence what it is, Sarah Ruiz-Grossman, March 2021
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/strickland-first-korean-american-congresswoman-georgia-shooting-racism_n_60524dbdc5b6f2f91a2e5e51

‘It’s race, class, and gender together’: Why the Atlanta killings aren’t just about one thing, Monica Hesse, March 2021
https://www.washingtonpost.com/lifestyle/style/hesse-atlanta-asian-women/2021/03/18/183b3f00-8749-11eb-8a8b-5cf82c3dffe4_story.html

Massage spa attacks send terror through Asian-American community, Kate Brumback and Angie Wang, March 2021
https://www.huffpost.com/entry/massage-spa-attack-terror-asian-america_n_6052ce7bc5b672d70981817c

Red Canary Song Response to Shootings at Gold Massage Spa, Young’s Asian Massage, & Aroma Therapy Spa
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_Q0mFJnivTZL5fcCS7eUZn9EhOJ1XHtFBGOGqVaUY_8/edit

The Atlanta shooter claims his motive wasn’t racist. Here’s why that can’t be true, Sable Young, March 2021, <https://www.gq.com/story/atlanta-shootings-asian-racism>