

To the Department of Anthropology- Faculty, Staff, and Students:

The Purdue anthropology BIPOC students join in mourning the victims of horrific killings in Atlanta, GA on March 16. Eight people, including six Asian women, lost their lives tragically: Delaina Ashley Yaun Gonzalez, Xiaojie Tan, Daoyou Feng, Paul Andre Michels, and the victims yet to be named. These attacks come amid rising nationwide violence, discrimination, bigotry, and xenophobia directed against the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities. Advocacy group [Stop AAPI Hate](#) has compiled 3,795 hate incidents targeting Asian peoples across the country from March 19, 2020, to February 28, 2020. The [Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism](#) reported that hate crimes towards these groups increased by 150%. Additionally, the rise in violence against elders like [Vicha Ratanpakdee](#) and countless others reminds us that words and actions matter.

Anti-Asian violence did not start with Covid-19. We must condemn the most recent and visible manifestations of white terrorism against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islander communities and explicitly call-out to the more pervasive discrimination and stereotyping (e.g., model minority myth) that are harmful, silencing, and dehumanizing. The recent transition in leadership in the United States has not changed the underlying structural violence that permeates the everyday experience of minoritized communities. This is the time to reaffirm our commitment to fighting systemic racism, white supremacy, colonialism, and anti-Blackness.

We ask that you take a moment and think about how you are supporting your Asians, Asian American, and Pacific Islander students at Purdue University, where we have seen a significant rise in xenophobia, hate, violence, and discrimination towards them [#stopasianhate](#), [#stopasianhatecrimes](#).

As we saw last year with the Black Lives Matter protest globally, we all have an obligation to stand up against racism, whenever and wherever we find it. The BIPOC students stand in solidarity with the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities.

“White terrorism is not due to a bad day, but hundreds of years of history legitimatizing white men’s inalienable right to violence.” - Dr. Corey J. Miles

Again, we have witnessed the deafening silence around the country towards these acts of terrorism and violence towards marginalized communities. We must not remain silent anymore. We must be demanding of each other to do better and be better in allyship. We, as a BIPOC community, are not safe until all of us are safe.

The Anthropology BIPOC Graduate Students

The AAARCC is offering support through varied programming, including:

- March 30, Co-Founder of StopAAPI Hate, Dr. Russell Jeung will present: “Christian Nationalism, Anti-Asian Racism, & Asian American Resistance”
- April 9, “Bystander Intervention To Stop Anti-Asian/American and Xenophobic Harassment” hosted by universities represented within the Great Lakes Asian American Student Services

Support at Purdue:

- [Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center - Purdue University](#)
- [Report Hate and Bias - Asian American and Asian Resource Cultural Center](#)

Readings, Toolkits, & Trainings

- [AAJC's Bystander Intervention Virtual Trainings](#)
- [AAJC Tool for Reporting Incidences of Hate](#)
- [Asian American Attacks: What's Behind the Rise in Violence?](#)
- [Challenging Racism Project: Bystander Anti-Racism Project](#)
- [Confronting Racism and Supporting Asian American Communities in the Wake of COVID-19](#)
- [Hate Crimes Against Asian-Americans Are on the Rise](#)
- [Hate Is a Virus](#)
- [Hate Magnified, Communities in Crisis Report](#)
- [Hollaback Bystander Intervention](#)
- [How to Respond to Coronavirus Racism](#)
- [Racism Is a Virus Toolkit](#)
- [Teach-In Resources to Help Address Anti-Asian Racism, Bias, and Violence during COVID-19](#)

Organizations:

- [Act To Change](#)
- [AAPI Progressive Action](#)
- [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#)
- [Asian Mental Health Collective](#)
- [Bulosan Center for Filipino Studies](#)
- [Communities Against Hate](#)
- [Empowering Pacific Islander Communities \(EPIC\)](#)
- [Filipino Community Center](#)
- [National Asian American Asian Pacific Islander Mental Health Association](#)
- [National Council of Asian Pacific Americans](#)
- [National Council of Asian Pacific Americans Member Organizations](#)
- [National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance \(NQAPIA\)](#)
- [South Asian Americans Leading Together](#)
- [Stop AAPI Hate](#)
- [South East Asian Community Alliance](#)
- [Womankind](#)