

AAPI Solidarity Statement

The Department of Psychology stands in solidarity with the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in our department, university, and country. Following the mass murder of 8 individuals in Atlanta—6 of whom were Asian—we must express unequivocally that we stand with and offer our unconditional support of the AAPI community.

The history of anti-Asian violence and oppression in this country is centuries-long and with recent racist narratives surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic has only grown in fervor. [Indeed, anti-Asian hate incidents climbed to over 3,800 in the past year.](#)

We condemn violence against the AAPI community, both in our department and in our nation broadly. As psychologists, we acknowledge the pervasiveness of prejudice, discrimination, bias, hate, xenophobia, and racism, and its intersection with other forms of marginalization and exclusion in society—as is highlighted in this vicious and misogynistic attack.

We must therefore strongly compel the members of our community—particularly White persons and those with power to end systemic racism—to examine their own efforts and actions in this fight to establishing a more equitable and fair society. We hope you are finding ways to speak up and take action. For guidance, please refer to the resources below.

To the AAPI community in the Department of Psychology and throughout our University, we support you during this time and all times. If you are in need of anything do not hesitate to reach out to members of the Department . Please also see the resources below for anything else you may need during this time.

Sincerely,

The Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility Task Force of the Department of Psychology

AAPI Resources for Mental Health:

Asian Mental Health Collective: <https://www.asianmhc.org/>

Asian Mental Health Project: <https://asianmentalhealthproject.com/>

National Asian American Pacific Islander Mental Health Association:
<https://www.naapimha.org/>

Resources for Allies to Learn

Take time to learn about U.S. Imperialism and anti-Asian racism and exclusion in the U.S., past and present (some places to start linked below).

[Teach and Transform on Instagram](#), Part 1

[Teach and Transform on Instagram](#), Part 2

Julie Chen, a 4th year doctoral student in the I/O program, shares her reactions in her [blog post](#).

Explore the resources at [Asian Americans Advancing Justice Bystander Intervention Trainings](#) You'll learn the historical roots of anti-Asian harassment and the 5Ds of Bystander Intervention to safely intervene in a public situation.

Donate

[Stop Asian Hate Go-Fund-Me](#) – A donation to this GoFundMe supports the AAPI Community Fund, that includes a growing list of organizations.

Support

Asian Services in Action, <http://www.asiaohio.org/>
The Exchange House, <https://northakroncdc.org/the-exchange-house/>