Condemning Anti-Asian Violence and Racism

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Through the last year there have been continuing reports of violence against Asian and Asian American individuals in the United States and beyond, as well as increased discrimination and harassment. The killing of eight people in Georgia on March 16, six of whom were Asian women, once again raises fears of violence and hatred.

We condemn this ongoing violence and harassment, which we recognize uniquely affects our students, faculty, and staff of Asian heritage. And we rightly respond as a university community. Many members of our faculty address anti-Asian racism, particularly amid the pandemic, both in their scholarship and through scholarly organizations. All of us—faculty, staff, and students—can learn and respond.

Places to begin include:

- Recent work by Michael Kraus and Eunice Eun;
- The statements by the Yale Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, and Transnational Migration, Department of Psychology, and other centers and departments;
- The Asian Network at Yale, which connects, inspires and empowers Yale’s community of Asian Heritage professionals; all those with an interest in learning more about Asian culture are invited to attend ANY events;
- The Asian American Cultural Center, which builds a dynamic Asian and Asian American presence at Yale, supporting student identity exploration and empowerment.

At Yale each person must be treated with dignity and proper respect. In emergency situations, always call 911. For
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non-emergencies call Yale Police Department at 203-432-4400. If you face harassment or discrimination, please reach out for support and resources. Individuals with concerns can contact deans’ designees [7] or the Office of Institutional Equity and Access (OIEA) [8].

A Message from OISS:
The news of violence committed against members of the Asian American community in Georgia yesterday is sadly yet another tragic act against those of Asian heritage, which compels us to reach out to our international students and scholars as well as Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders at Yale and in New Haven. OISS stands by and celebrates our diverse campus community. Incidents like this wound deeply and must be illuminated and confronted. OISS, along with the campus offices listed above, offers support, strength, and guidance. Please reach out to our team [9] to discuss any of your concerns or contact Yale Mental Health and Counseling [10]. Know that we will continue to advocate on your behalf at every opportunity. You are what makes Yale exceptional.

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