



Grady College of Journalism and Mass Communication UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

We reaffirm our support for, and solidarity with, our Asian and Asian American students, staff and faculty following the fatal shootings in Atlanta. The murder of eight people, six of them women of Asian descent, reminds us of our country's historical and contemporary problems with anti-Asian hate speech, racist actions and violence, particularly against women.

The racist and xenophobic rhetoric directed at Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders, which has been especially apparent since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic in the targeting of Chinese Americans and others of Asian heritage, is wrong and goes against our values as a college.

We stand committed to equity, inclusiveness, respect and dignity for all members who comprise our college community. We recognize and value the vibrancy and many contributions of our Asian and Asian American colleagues on campus and around the world. We support scholarship, research and creative activity that gives voice to the experience of marginalized people in our society. We will continue to educate and lift up the voices of communities through our mission of storytelling and truth telling. Please join us in expressing support and solidarity as allies with our Asian and Asian American community members by speaking up against the discrimination, harassment and violence which they have faced and continue to face.

Resources for the campus community include the [Ombudsperson program](#) and the [Equal Opportunity Office](#). [Stop AAPI Hate](#), a coalition addressing anti-Asian hate, is also a recommended resource. Students are encouraged to also take advantage of support resources available to you including [Counseling and Psychiatric Services \(CAPS\)](#), [Multicultural Services and Programs](#), [International Student Life](#) and [Student Care and Outreach](#)