

The Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies extends support to members of our student body and community who have been impacted by the recent wave of hate crimes against people of Asian descent in the United States. Over the past year we have seen how the country's long history of xenophobia against Asians and Asian Americans was given new guise under false perceptions and rhetoric regarding the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as how racism could easily become coupled with misogyny and classism. We stand in solidarity with the victims of such attacks and encourage every member of our community to take a strong stand against bigotry and senseless acts of violence.