

## **EDS Statement on Anti-Asian Violence and Hate Crimes**

The Department of Education Studies (EDS) is deeply saddened by the longstanding history of tragic hate crimes and violence against individuals and communities based on their race/ethnicity, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender/ gender identity and other factors. Most recently, we have seen a marked increase in attacks on Asian Americans, particularly women and our elderly related to COVID-19, throughout California and the United States, including in San Diego. Such attacks, some of which we have experienced ourselves, are based on ignorance and xenophobia.

Racism against the Asian American community is not new and did not just re-emerge. It has always been with us, even if typically ignored. The United States has a longstanding history of racism and discrimination against Asian Americans that continues to feed the racism and prejudice today: from the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, Executive Order 9066 (Japanese Internment), and countless acts of violence toward Asian Americans throughout history to the persistence of the model minority myth and now the xenophobic scapegoating and racist violence we have seen over the past year.

We are horrified by these cowardly acts that divide, rather than unite, our nation. These acts, perpetuated by the last presidential administration and enabled by public and political figures, white supremacy, and colonialism around the globe, manifested in the January 6, 2021 insurrection in the U.S. Capitol, as well as continued attacks on individuals and groups.

We are at a crossroads in society. There is much to be done at the individual, institutional, societal, and global levels. While still evolving, we strive to continually engage in supporting, informing, and learning about how we can transform education in a diverse society. At EDS, we try to embody inclusion, diversity, and equity throughout our daily lives at work and in our research, coursework, and field experiences. We care deeply for and are committed to supporting our Asian American community at UCSD and beyond.

Crimes against one of us are crimes against all of us. We stand in solidarity with Asian American, Black, Latinx, Native, Pacific Islander, Muslim, Jewish, Immigrant communities and peoples of color, as well as LGBTQ communities and all communities affected by the divisive rhetoric and violence.

The Department of Education Studies recommits to our [EDS Statement on Racial Injustice](#) and pledges to continue to build as an inclusive and supportive community, learn from each other,

grow together, and appreciate the diversity of our values, perspectives, and life experiences, while transforming the society in which we live.

We also encourage the EDS Community to access and support campus resources including the [APIMEDA programs and services](#), [Women's Center](#), [campus community centers](#), and initiatives that seek to combat hate and racism, such as [#USvsHate](#).