

Dear EMU community,



A few days ago several people in the Asian American community were killed in an act of violence in our country. Since the pandemic began, there has been a rise in anti-Asian racism and violence. As a community working to promote equity, we need to offer support and remind ourselves of the commitment to actions we must take.

One of our CORE values reminds us that it is our duty to create a socially just, equitable, and inclusive environment here at EMU: "We create an environment that supports, represents, embraces and engages members of diverse groups and identities." We must strive to empower our community members to be altruistic in their efforts to think and advocate for themselves and others.

And we must strengthen our commitment to center oppressed voices and experiences that have been, and continue to be marginalized, as an integral part of an anti-racist education.

Please know you can reach out to me for support during this time.

EMU welcomes,

ALL races

ALL religions

ALL countries of origin

ALL sexual orientations

ALL genders

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!

We continue to stand with you.

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RESOURCES

Anti-Asian bystander intervention training, mental health resources, reporting hate crimes, and more:

<https://anti-asianviolenceresources.carrd.co>

Speaking up against coronavirus racism:

<https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/speaking-up-against-racism-around-the-coronavirus>

How to Respond to Covid Racism:

<https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/how-to-respond-to-coronavirus-racism>

Anger and Fear among Asian Americans:

<https://www.npr.org/2021/02/12/966940217/anger-and-fear-as-asian-american-seniors-targeted-in-bay-area-attacks>

Coronavirus Racism and Xenophobia:

<https://www.npr.org/2020/03/09/813700167/as-coronavirus-spreads-racism-and-xenophobia-are-too>