



The Society of Ohio Archivists condemns violence against Asian American and Pacific Island people.

April 8, 2021— We stand with AAPI communities as they face rising discrimination, violence, and hate crimes. Just last week, another racist attack was recorded for the world to see, as 65-year-old Vilma Kari was knocked to the ground and beaten, while bystanders did nothing. This happened two weeks after the horrific attack and murder of Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Yong Ae Yue, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Paul Andre Michels, Xiaojie Tan, and Daoyou Feng in Georgia, fueled by anti-Asian racism and misogyny. We are angry and we will not be silent bystanders.

The AAPI community is enduring increased acts of hatred and violence largely because of the racist rhetoric that has been so prevalent since the beginning of the pandemic. However, we know that racism towards Asian Americans and Pacific Island people is not new. As archivists, we understand and have a responsibility to not only shed light on these truths, but to also foster safe spaces for discussions about these painful and traumatic histories. We also commit to celebrating AAPI stories of joy, not just those of pain and violence. AAPI people are Americans, they belong, and their stories are part of the fabric that tells our shared past.

We endorse the statement made by the [Midwest Archives Conference](#) and encourage other institutions to take a stand as well. Unity cannot be achieved with neutrality or silence.

#StopAsianHate #StopAAPIHate

For more information on the Society of Ohio Archivists Social Justice and Black Lives Matter Task Force please see <https://ohioarchivists.org/committees/social-justice-and-black-lives-matter-task-force/>.

Below are a variety of resources for donating, speaking up, and examining how others are already combating racism.

Stop AAPI National Report

<https://secureservercdn.net/104.238.69.231/a1w.90d.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/210312-Stop-AAPI-Hate-National-Report-.pdf>

Anti-Asian Violence Resources <https://anti-asianviolenceresources.carrd.co/>

Webinar: Let's Talk! Supporting Asian and Asian American Students Through COVID-19

<https://www.mghihp.edu/Asian-American-Webinar-Series>

Asian American/Pacific Islander Communities And Mental Health

<https://www.mhanational.org/issues/asian-american-pacific-islander-communities-and-mental-health>

Donate to Red Canary Song, grassroots collective of Asian and Migrant sex workers here

<https://www.redcanarysong.net/>

61 Ways to Donate in Support of Asian Communities

<https://nymag.com/strategist/article/where-to-donate-to-help-asian-communities-2021.html> from New York Magazine

PSA from the Museum of Chinese in America <https://www.mocanyc.org/get-involved/racism-response/>

Resources on Asian American Archives <https://libguides.lib.miamioh.edu/asian-american/archives>

AAPI History on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/aapihistory/>

Asian American Archive on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/asianamericanarchive/>

Densho Japanese American Archive <https://densho.org/>

South Asian American Digital Archive <https://www.saada.org/>

up//root: Letter to Asian Diasporic Library Workers

<https://www.uproot.space/features/letter-to-asian-diasporic-library-workers>

Hollaback! <https://www.ihollaback.org/> has partnered with Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC <https://www.advancingjustice-aaajc.org/> to provide free bystander intervention training as well as offering de-escalation training

Documenting the Now <https://www.docnow.io/>

Documenting in Times of Crisis: A Resource Kit

<https://www2.archivists.org/advocacy/documenting-in-times-of-crisis-a-resource-kit> produced by the Society of American Archivists Tragedy Response Initiative Task Force