

Dear A&S Faculty and Staff colleagues,

All of us, as citizens and as part of the Columbia community, have been processing the dismaying rise of anti-Asian violence since the emergence of COVID. In these last two weeks, this work has become particularly acute, since the murders of Soon Chung Park, Hyun Jung Grant, Suncha Kim, Yong Ae Yue, Delaina Ashley Yaun, Xiaojie Tan and Daoyou Feng in Georgia, persons of Asian descent living at the intersection of multiple forms of social inequality, gender discrimination, and racially delineated victimization.

This past week a member of the A&S faculty community was targeted on the street, and, indeed, this is not the only such incident to be suffered by one of our own. Faculty of color actively and publicly working towards an inclusive society have been singled out in particular. We cannot fulfill the mission of the university without standing together against all forms of racism and discrimination.

With the leadership of the Committee on Equity and Diversity, particularly Prof. Ellie Hisama, there will be a panel discussion on anti-Asian racism and violence on Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 2pm; please save the date and see below for advance information on the event and registration. I look forward to seeing you there as we seek to build inclusive community, and to stand with colleagues who are at risk.

In solidarity,  
Amy

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**Event Details:**

**“We have to reimagine”: A Conversation about Anti-Asian Racism and Violence**

This event is designed to promote a critical conversation about anti-Asian racism and violence and its historical roots.

*Panelists:*

**Ellie Hisama** (Moderator), Professor of Music, Faculty of Arts & Sciences  
**David Henry Hwang**, Associate Professor of Theatre Arts, School of the Arts  
**Akemi Kochiyama**, Director of Advancement, Manhattan Country School and Co-Director, Yuri Kochiyama Archives Project  
**Marie Myung-Ok Lee**, Lecturer in Writing, School of the Arts  
**Lydia Liu**, Wun Tsun Tam Professor in the Humanities, East Asian Languages & Cultures, Faculty of Arts & Sciences  
**Mae Ngai**, Lung Family Professor of Asian American Studies and Professor of History, Faculty of Arts & Sciences

**SAVE THE DATE:**

Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

2:00pm - 3:30pm (EDT), Virtual via Zoom

Register here: [tinyurl.com/WeHaveToReimagine](https://tinyurl.com/WeHaveToReimagine)

Event page: <https://events.columbia.edu/go/AddressingAntiAsianRacism>