

# "CHINESE VIRUS:" WHY ANTI-ASIAN RACISM IS SO CONTAGIOUS

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## Live tweeting?

**#ContagiousRacism** 

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"Any study of the politics of identity must, therefore, be informed by a careful examination of the context of racial hierarchy and its relationship to state policies (Junn, 2007)."

U.S. Labor Needs

**Asian American Racial Identity** Racial **Triangulatio** U.S. **Foreign Policy Interests** 







- THE ALIEN: The perpetual foreigner
   the enigmatic, inscrutable, unassimilable
  outsider in our midst. (The Invincible Iron Man
  #130, January 1980)
- 6 THE KAMIKAZE: Mindlessly selfsacrificing, zealously loyal, feverishly patriotic, and utterly dismissive of the value of human life. (Air War Stories #6, February 1966)
- THE BRUTE: The thug, the gangster, the henchman, the cannon-fodder minion, the martial arts master stoic in suffering, silent in rage. (Iron Man #10, February 1969)
- 8 THE LOTUS BLOSSOM: The long-suffering wife, the left-behind lover; the hostage, the victim, the betrayed and forgotten.

  (Unknown Soldier #221, November 1978)









#### WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION

Presidio of Son Francisco, California May 3, 1942

#### INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF **JAPANESE** ANCESTRY

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## COUNTER-STORYTELLING: An Alternative View of Asian American History

#### **The Big Picture:**

3 Waves + 3 Themes

**Wave 1:** 

1830's to 1924

Citizenship and Marriage Asian Exclusion Acts

New York Times article Pop Quiz: 1965?!

Wave 2: 1965 to present

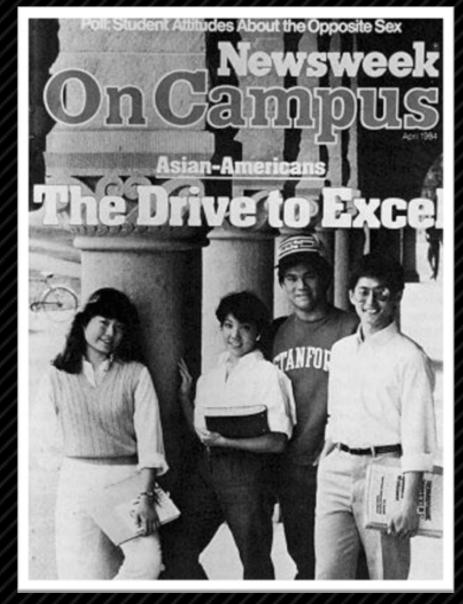
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Wave 3: 1975 to present

Refugee Relocation Family Re-Unification Laws Who are Chin, Lee, and Sodhi?

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April 1984



August 1987

### **MODEL MINORITY...?**



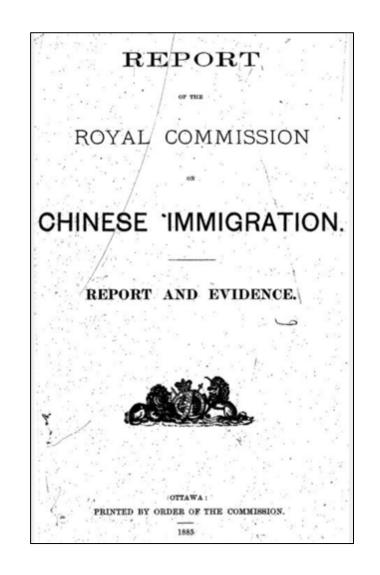
### My team fights to save the sickest patients. Give us head-to-toe protection

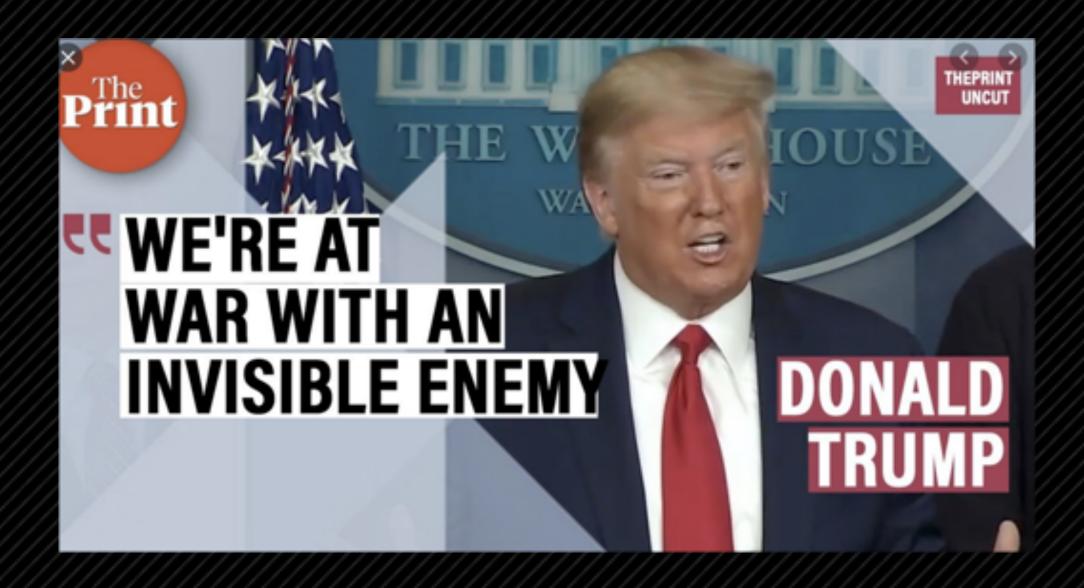
Opinion by Alicia Lu and Dan Wu

Updated 4:06 PM ET, Thu April 16, 2020

"Get your self-important, filthy, reeking, sloped eyed twats back to monkey land and eat a bowl of

"The Chinese quarters are the filthiest and most disgusting places in Victoria, overcrowded hotbeds of disease and vice, disseminating fever and polluting the air all around."





## Federal agencies are doing little about the rise in anti-Asian hate



The CDC and DOJ worked to stop bias incidents and hate crimes following the SARS outbreak and the 9/11 terrorist attacks. No such plans have been released amid the coronavirus pandemic.

April 16, 2020 By Alexia Fernández Campbell and Alex Ellerbeck

"If Chinese students want to come here and study Shakespeare & the Federalist Papers, that's what they need to learn from America. They don't need to learn quantum computing."

-Sen. Tom Cotton



## Kamala Harris introduces resolution condemning 'Chinese Virus' as racist



By <u>Victor Morton</u> -The Washington Times - Wednesday, May 20, 2020

Sen. Kamala
Harris wants this
on the record —
the term
"Chinese Virus"
is hate speech
fueling attacks
against Asians.

## How is your campus ready to combat Anti-Asian Racism?

#### UNDERSTANDING STUDENT NEEDS

- Stop AAPI Hate has documented over 1700 incidents of verbal harassment, shunning, and physical assaults, including on campuses:
  - Faculty actively using the term "Wuhan Virus", "Chinese Virus", and shunning students
  - Zoom-bombing incidents with racist and sexist language in class and in student organization meetings
  - Peers using harassing and racist language in class, group meetings, or in private messages

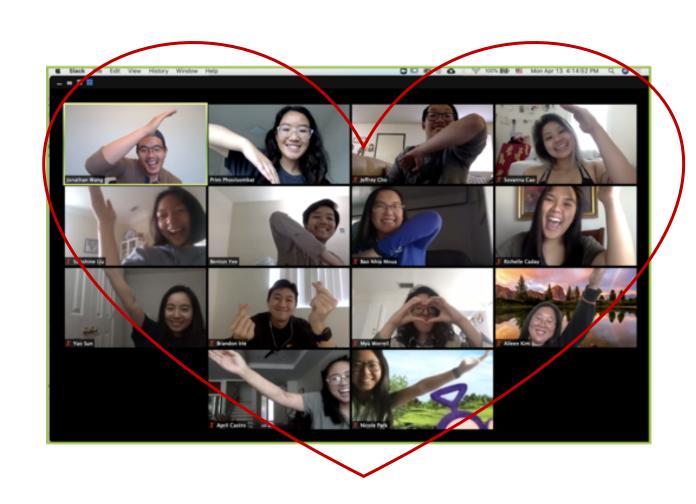


By @chung.woolrim

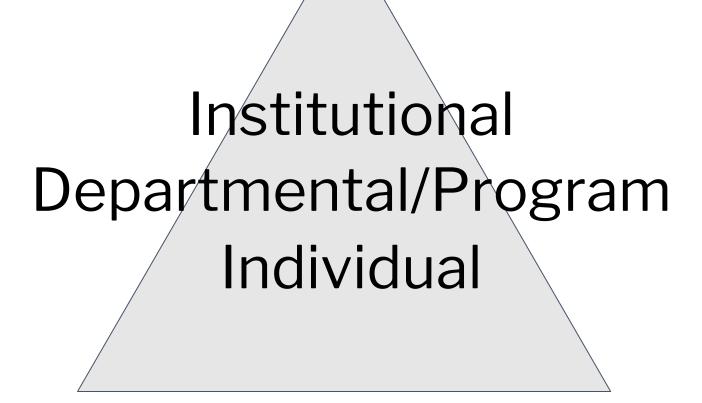
### UNDERSTANDING STUDENT NEEDS

Students across the US are advocating for:

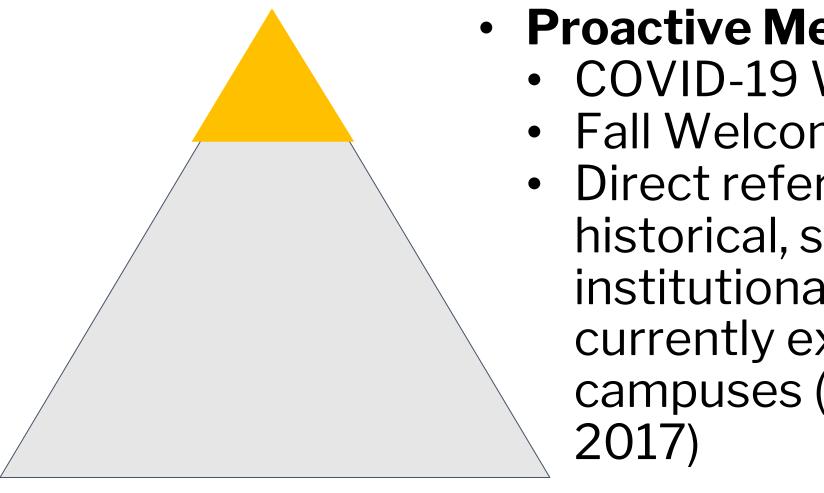
- more recognition/ communication;
- a centralized response;
- access to individual and community support; and
- culture change



#### **GET READY: ALL LEVELS**



### INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL



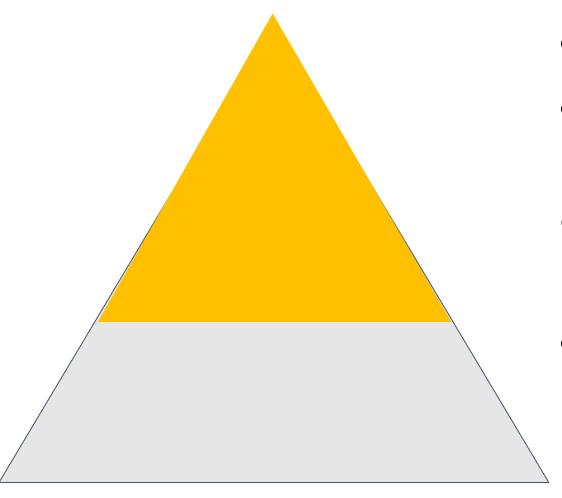
Proactive Messaging

- COVID-19 Website
- Fall Welcome Letter
- Direct reference to the historical, systemic, and institutional racism that currently exists on campuses (Cole & Harper,

#### INSTITUTIONAL LEVEL



#### DEPARTMENTAL/PROGRAM LEVEL



- Admissions/Enrollment
- Academic/Career advising
- Counseling Center/ Psychological Services
- Diversity officers

## President Folt & VPSA Crisp "visit" APASS



#### INDIVIDUAL LEVEL



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American Gothic X By @FrankChi and @EricUhlir

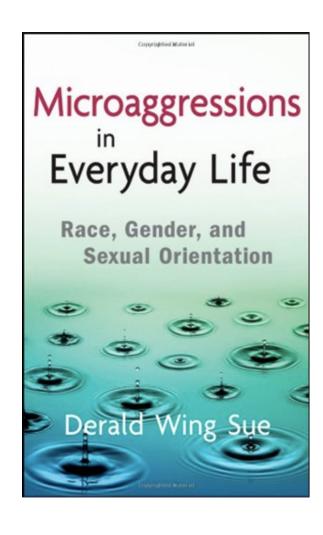
#### Race & Racism

- The centrality of race in the US cannot be ignored, nor are we in a post-racial society
- Racial Triangulation & Asian Americans
- Intercentricity of race and other multiple identities

#### Othering, Marginalization, and Silencing

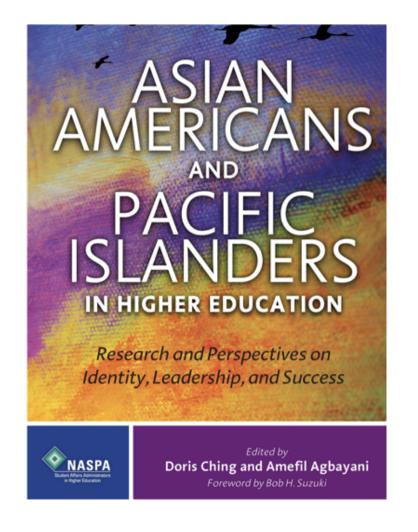
- Effects of Model Minority Myth
  - Anti-Blackness
- Effects of Perpetual Foreigner Myth
  - Orientalism
- Effects of Pan-ethnic grouping

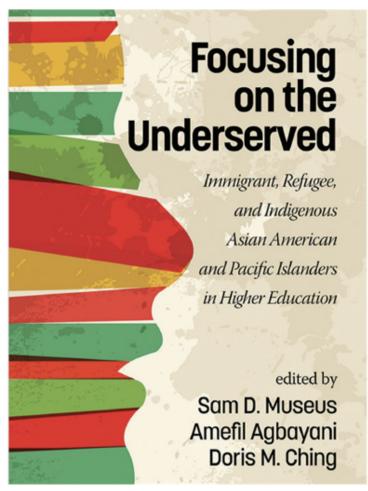
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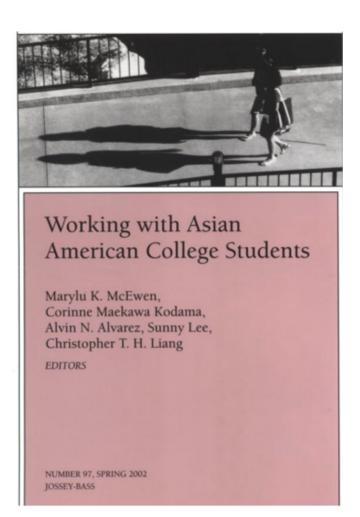


- Using Asian American voices and narratives in trainings
- Positively supporting students
  - Refrain from minimizing or dismissing the incident
  - How to check-in with them, while also checking-in with yourself
  - Building support networks, and being part of a student's support network
  - Recognizing the effects of discrimination, including microaggressions

#### Three titles to add to your collection!







## THANKYOU

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