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A Statement on the accelerating violence against Asians and Asian Americans

As Dean of the College of Arts & Media I condemn expressions of hate, bias and discrimination in all forms. The recent shootings in Atlanta extend a history of xenophobia, systemic discrimination, and violent attacks on Asians and Asian-Americans in this country. Our College of Arts & Media continues to be strengthened by faculty and students of Asian heritage. This includes people from China, Kazakhstan, Philippines, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, Japan, India, and other nations. To further the education of our students, we have signed agreements with and continue to participate in collaborative work with leading institutions in China, Hong Kong, South Korea, Singapore, Malaysia, and other international locations.

One of the primary values of the College of Arts and Media is discovery. We believe in a culture of shared discovery, one where our students learn by doing, and as emerging peers, are important contributors to the global knowledge exchange and creative industries. We value rigorous investigation, critical thinking, diversity, collaboration, and invention. This value cannot be measured in terms of race, heritage nor ethnicity, and as citizens of the world we welcome everyone to our creative community—regardless of their origins.

Please know that the College of Arts & Media will continue a visible and tangible commitment to advancing a community that is welcoming and safe for all people. We will continue to partner with campus and civic organizations to bring more awareness that supports our Asian and Asian American students, faculty, and staff.

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