

ACPSS Statement

The Association of Chinese Professors of Social Sciences in the United States (ACPSS)

The ACPSS firmly condemns the vicious violence against Asian American Women and joins the protests against the racialization of Asian Americans across the nation.

The killing of 6 Asian women by a white man with a self-described sex addiction on 3/16/ 2021 in Atlanta, U.S. presents a culmination of years of racism and the deeply rooted stereotypes of Asian American women. The Atlanta killing is not just one issue, but the combination of race, class and gender together. The stories and experiences of Asian American women have been obscured and distorted by historical inaccuracies. Cultural biases attributed greatly to the misconception of Asian American women and they are still affective in our daily life. “We’re not really Americans, we’re perpetually foreigners, and that idea plays out with women as being oversexualized,” said Ho, a Korean American and a founder of the advocacy group Asian Americans Advancing Justice in Atlanta. In addition, they have been seen as easy targets.

Nationwide demonstrations unfolded across the country immediately after the killing calling for actions and protections for Asian Americans. We see the linkage of the massacre in Atlanta to a surge in violence against Asian Americans amid the covid-19 pandemic. We denounce any fraudulent accusation of “China virus.” We support the voice to demonstrate our unity and stand for justice.