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A Message from Dean Cooley

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In this message: A message of support for our Asian and Asian American students

March 19, 2021

Dear graduate students,

I write in sadness and solidarity as we all struggle to absorb another horrific incident that took the lives of eight people including six women of Asian descent in Atlanta. We have been here before, and every time we hear of another atrocity born of ignorance and hate, we all hope it will be the last.

I know you are hurting. I want all of you to know that I stand with our Asian and Asian American students and colleagues during a time when we have seen increased violence, discrimination and misogyny directed toward Asians in the U.S.

We must circle around and support those who are victims of violence. At the Graduate School, we condemn any attempt to humiliate or terrorize anyone based on race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or any human trait. Here we celebrate our diverse community, and everyone is valued and welcome.

You are well aware by now of the psychological and pastoral resources available to you here at Yale if you find you

are overwhelmed, exhausted, or depressed – all of which would be understandable. In addition to the resources we have previously shared, I would like to offer others you may find to be helpful in fighting against racism and integrating antiracist topics into your classes:

AACC #StopAsianHate resources

Sheet: docs.google.com/document/d/19fBNkmLBshfe60BcSdVuYB7s_9UEI1eohfs4SbTpKWo/edit?usp=sharing,

Asian Graduate Network statement against anti-Asian racism:

racism: docs.google.com/document/d/1GzYZGyZlrP7MrlJoyE7TGraqo4OG0oJ3E4XF-M2ZthA/edit?usp=sharing.

The Poorvu Center's Antiracist Pedagogy webpage:

poorvucenter.yale.edu/Antiracist-Pedagogy

I encourage you to look after each other and to reach out to your colleagues, friends, and other students to both give and seek support. Always know you can contact my office and the deans. We continue to be here for you during what has been a difficult year for all of us.

Sincerely,

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