



Asia/America@Dartmouth Action Plan AY2021-22

We, the undersigned, welcome President Hanlon's call for using education in this struggle against anti-Asian violence. We present here our support for his call through a programmatic approach to **increasing the presence of Asian American Studies at Dartmouth College that will bring it in line with peer institutions.** We ask that the College address the urgency of anti-Asian violence across the U.S. that has only intensified during the pandemic by examining the paucity of Asian American offerings on our campus. The absence of Asian American Studies at Dartmouth should be rectified immediately. While we acknowledge that racial violence against Asians is the product and pedagogy of white supremacy that cannot be undone by instructive correction alone as educators we should exercise a moral and intellectual commitment to an anti-racist and equitable curriculum and pedagogy. A robust Asian American Studies is central to a liberal arts education. We ask that the College respond by taking the following *additive* actions in AY 2021/22:

1. Provide the Asia/American Studies Working Group with a one-year programming/slush fund of 15k to promote the field.
2. Appoint a tenured Professor in Asian American Studies who will serve as a Director for all the items listed here.
3. Support a senior search in Asian American Literature that the Department of English and Creative Writing will be requesting. (This is our only existing tenure-track line in the entire College.)
4. Appoint an interim, one-year visiting professor (open rank) who can teach 1-2 courses while giving workshops and advice on how to approach the field in a comparative, transnational and decolonial context.
5. Appoint a two-year postdoctoral fellow or three-year Visiting Assistant Professor of Asian American Studies in a comparative ethnic studies context. The fellow will teach two courses each year and help expand our offerings. The VAP will teach two or three courses a year and have a possible path to tenure-track appointment. This is in addition to the predoc-to-postdoc in Asian American Studies as we need a more advanced scholar who can help with teaching and advising immediately.
6. Appoint a faculty adviser to arrange for a course of study from existing offerings across the college in Asian American Studies in a comparative ethnic studies context. This will be a first step towards a minor or modified major in Asian American Studies.

7. Provide an intellectual home for these Asian American scholars through RMS in collaboration with ASCL, WGSS, LALACS or any supportive unit.
8. Create a national mentoring circuit for our newly recruited junior colleagues in the field in addition to local senior faculty mentors outside the field; and establish an Asian American undergraduate fellows society who will be mentored by the abovementioned Director of Asian American Studies.

If you agree with our action plan, please sign below with your name, affiliation, year of graduation or other identifications. There are two categories of signatories, the first section is for Dartmouth communities, and the second section, midway on is the other for our national and international colleagues, and friends.

Signed,

From our Dartmouth communities, including alums, staff, professors and fellows who previously worked at the College :

1. Eng-Beng Lim, Director of Consortium of Studies in Race, Migration, and Sexuality; and Associate Professor, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
2. Matt Garcia, Richard and Ralph Lazarus Professor of Latin American, Latino, and Caribbean Studies and History.
3. Mingwei Huang, Assistant Professor, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
4. Israel Reyes, Associate Professor of Spanish and Portuguese; Director of Fellowships, Office of the Provost
5. Anna Storti, Guarini Dean's Postdoctoral Fellow in Asian American Studies, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies.
6. Sunmin Kim, Assistant Professor, Sociology
7. Alexander Chee, Associate Professor of English and Creative Writing
8. Najwa Mayer, Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
9. Jorge Cuéllar, Mellon Faculty Fellow & Assistant Professor, Latin American, Latino & Caribbean Studies
10. Carolyn Choi, Pre-Doctoral Fellow in Asian American Studies at Dartmouth College