



ARO Statement in Support of Asian and Asian-American Communities

Dear ARO Community,

ARO wishes to express our grief and outrage at the recent killings, violence, and racism directed against Asians and Asian-Americans. The recent shooting in Atlanta, in which the majority of the victims were Asian women in their workplaces, is a tragic reminder that xenophobia and systemic racism are ongoing threats to individuals and to our society. This violence also highlights the intersectionality of gender, sexuality, and racial oppression that women of Asian descent experience. The ARO condemns these senseless acts and we voice our strongest support for our Asian and Asian-American colleagues and trainees.

We reaffirm our commitment to human rights, equality, and social justice. As a global community of researchers, clinicians, educators, students, and people with lived experiences, we have a shared and individual responsibility to educate ourselves and to actively work towards eradicating inequality, discrimination, and injustice. ARO is working to become a more just and inclusive society. We invite all members to join us in this important work by viewing our recent [Diversity and Minority Affairs Roundtable session](#) that was hosted during the 2021 MidWinter Meeting with Dr. Deborah Willis. We also encourage members to participate in future coffee hour discussions around race, social justice, and representation hosted by the ARO Diversity and Minority Affairs Committee and supported by other ARO committees. We must work to dismantle systemic sources of discrimination and inequality in science, education, clinical practice, our scientific society, and our larger society. We honor the work, expertise, and leadership of our many Asian and Asian-American colleagues and trainees. We grieve with you, and we stand with you.

