

The Chicano Studies Faculty and Staff at The University of Texas at El Paso stand beside you in what has been a horrific and unnecessary loss of life among the Asian community. Eight human lives taken from this world, six of them Asian Women...

We acknowledge that the treatment of Asian and Asian American women in the United States is historically rooted in the sexualization and fetishization of their bodies. Even further disturbing is the white washing of the crime, pointing away from it being racially motivated while minimizing the actions of a white man "having a bad day." We pledge to disrupt these ignorant and dangerous ideologies. We condemn all forms of gender-based violence and we vow to fight all forms of misogyny and xenophobia, which we know are basic tenets of white supremacy.

Our El Paso and UTEP communities know all too well that the rhetoric fueled by the previous administration has led to needless violence against communities of color, and recently, and in particular to over 3500 acts of violence against your communities. We unconditionally denounce these heinous acts. These unprovoked, racially motivated killings must stop!

We continue to stand strong in our commitment to dismantle the vile rhetoric of racism and white supremacy and will strive to guide our students and communities toward a just and compassionate existence.

We honor your lives. May you Rest in Power:

Delaina Ashley Yaun,

Paul Andre Michels,

Xiaojie Tan

Daoyou Feng

Julie Park

Hyeon Jeong Park

*two names have yet to be released

In Solidarity, Support, and Love,

The UTEP Chicano Studies Program Faculty