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Statement Against Racism and Violence Against Individuals of Asian Descent, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders

GAINESVILLE, FL – GAU is disgusted and deeply saddened by the ongoing escalation of violence against Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander people. Attacks targeting Asian people have been ongoing for months, culminating in eight people, six of whom were Asian, being brutally murdered by a white man on Tuesday in Atlanta.

Misogyny, fetishization, and racism go hand in hand, with the murderer claiming his reason to be that he needed to reduce “temptation” posed by these women.

Every day, Asian and Asian-American people face discrimination and now white people have created a situation where they fear for their lives.

GAU is committed to supporting the Gainesville/UF Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander community in this time of crisis, and working towards making our spaces as safe as possible for everyone. GAU strives to represent and protect all members of our graduate community and family. We must honor all of the lives stolen too soon and work collectively to ensure justice means justice for all.

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