

March 19, 2021: Friday Feature

Greetings, colleagues.

Today, I write to reflect on the moment we find ourselves in once again – with senseless acts of violence jarring us out of our hope for progress and change. Below, you will find three resources that Sara English, Assistant Professor of Social Work, sent to me today. The Asian American Psychological Association, Asian Mental Health Collective, and Hollaback! – a collective seeking to end identity-based harassment – provide guidance that many of you, your colleagues, your friends, and your families may find helpful as you process the shootings that took place this week in Atlanta. As investigators continue to explore the gendered and racial implications of these attacks, Asian American women’s support networks provide critical resources to the communities targeted by these acts of violence.

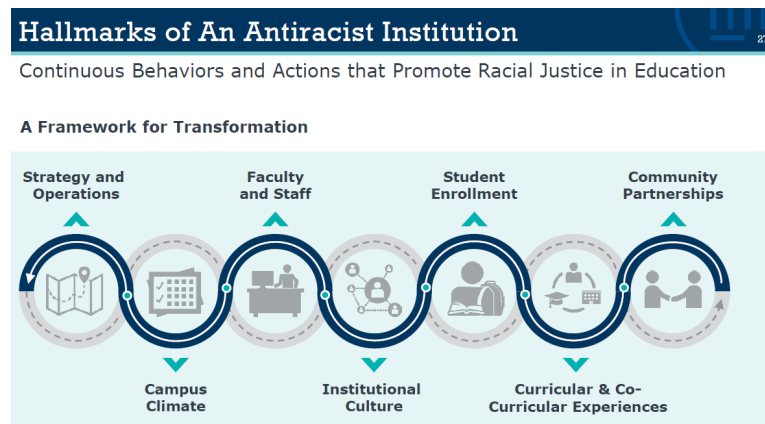
<https://aapaonline.org/>

<https://www.asianmhc.org/>

<https://www.ihollaback.org/bystanderintervention/>

I write to also share with you that Rock Hill has embarked upon a Community Healing Initiative that seeks to “provide the citizens of Rock Hill a common language to use regarding the challenges of racial inequalities, moving the community forward in a manner which promotes growth, improvement and strength.” I’ve mentioned my participation with this initiative in previous emails, and wanted to share with you all a link to their Facebook page so you can learn more and, I hope, get involved: <https://www.facebook.com/RHCommunityHealing/>.

Yesterday, I also attended an EAB webinar titled “Hallmarks of an Antiracist Institution.” EAB researchers led higher education leaders in a conversation about what it will take to move beyond uncoordinated, incremental change on our campuses to transformative, systemic change. This graphic tells the story of how many intersecting processes need to be deployed to enact “continuous behaviors and actions that promote racial justice in education.” I encourage you all to think about the areas where you impact each of these intersecting zones of activity



The webinar ended with a focus on the importance of coordinating efforts with our local communities. In Rock Hill and at Winthrop, we have a great opportunity to contribute to

meaningful, systemic change in this historic moment. We will continue to experience challenges that drain us emotionally and intellectually, but we can and must continue this important work.

I hope you have a restful weekend,

Adrienne