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Statement from the Sonja Haynes Stone Center on March 16 shootings in Atlanta

The staff and board of the Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History at UNC-Chapel Hill extends its support and solidarity with our Asian American friends and colleagues here on our campus and elsewhere around the country. We too are saddened and outraged by recent acts of violence that took place in and around Atlanta, by those that have taken place in other areas across this country over the past 4 to 5 years, and also over the decades when anti-Asian bias became a part of popular culture.

We are heartened and inspired by the leadership of Professor Heidi Kim and the students associated with UNC's Asian American Center. We consider ourselves fortunate to be on a campus where other the faculty, staff, and students of other Centers, Institutes, and Departments are united against the expressions of hate that have been directed against Asian American members of our community.

We look forward to joining with others to take positive and affirmative steps to fight the occurrence a future attacks and injustice regardless of whether they occur through acts of intimidation or violence, or through implicit or explicit acts of bias. We offer our support as an ally fighting against a common enemy. And, fighting together, we will win.

In Solidarity

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