



The School of Interdisciplinary Global Studies (SIGS) is outraged at the rise in violence and hate against Asian Americans since the outbreak of the Coronavirus pandemic. There has been a long history of official racial discrimination against Asian Americans in the United States, including but not limited to, exclusion acts and the internment of Japanese Americans during World War Two. Additionally, there have been countless violent attacks against people of Asian descent, many of which have gone unpunished, as in the case of Vincent Chin.

Since the outbreak of the Coronavirus, these attacks and other forms of hatred have been increasing at an alarming rate. Obviously, SIGS opposes these attacks. Moreover, we denounce rhetoric from political leaders and media outlets that have fomented these attacks. Abhorrent terms, such as “the China Virus,” “Wuhan Flu,” and “Kung Flu,” serve no purpose other than to incite hatred. SIGS strongly values freedom of expression, and we understand that government cannot ban these vile epithets. Nevertheless, we are exercising our freedom of expression to condemn in the strongest terms possible hateful language against Asian Americans.