

## **Statement in Support of the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander Communities**

The Department of Russian and East Asian Languages and Cultures condemns the increase in anti-Asian Pacific Islander violence in the COVID era. We grieve with the families of the victims of deadly violence in the Atlanta area on March 16, and we stand in steadfast solidarity with the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities at Emory, in Atlanta, and more broadly. Dedicated to the better understanding among peoples, REALC works through teaching and research to dismantle the prejudices and institutional practices that dehumanize people based on race, ethnicity, religion, language, class, gender/sexuality, or ability.

To our students, alumni, and colleagues around the world, you have our support, our understanding, and our commitment to oppose injustice.