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Recent acts of violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Atlanta, New York, San Francisco, and elsewhere in the United States have shone a spotlight on the racism and hatred toward a community that has been discriminated and stereotyped in the past and is now again scapegoated, physically attacked, and verbally as well as emotionally abused.

As has become painfully clear from press reports and personal conversations, many in the Asian, Asian American, and Pacific Islander communities feel isolated during these difficult times. We, the faculty and staff of the Department of Geography at Texas State University, stand together with our colleagues, students, families, and community of Asian and Pacific Islanders descent. We are and will continue to be with you. Our pledge is to continue the effort to build a Texas State Geography community that strives for and celebrates our values of inclusiveness, diversity, and respect for each other.

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