

Past and Present: Addressing Racism and Intolerance Against Asian Americans

Saturday, May 8, 2021 (2:00 – 3:30pm ET / 11:00am – 12:30pm PT)

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Summary: In observance of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, this virtual panel discussion will highlight current federal efforts addressing racism and health inequities, including the [COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force](#) and the [Presidential Memorandum Condemning and Combating Racism, Xenophobia, and Intolerance Against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S.](#) Panelists will contextualize the historic anti-Asian policies and climate, dating back to the 1800s, which have contributed to the persistent anti-Asian sentiment and violence we see today. We will also hear from contemporary Asian Americans who are leading grass-roots efforts to protect and empower diverse AAPI communities nationwide.

Sponsors:

- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health
- National Park Service
- White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Agenda (90 minutes)

- 5 min: Welcome and Stage Setting, Erin Aoyama (*Community Research & Outreach Fellow, Minidoka National Historic Site; Providence, RI*)
- 3 min: Welcome and Message from the White House, **Erika L. Moritsugu** (*Deputy Assistant to the President and Asian American and Pacific Islander Senior Liaison; Washington, DC*)
- 5 min: Federal Anti-Racism and Health Equity Initiatives, **Haeyoung Yoon** (*Senior Director of Policy, National Domestic Workers Alliance; Member, COVID-19 Health Equity Task Force; and Chair, Structural Drivers and Xenophobia Subcommittee; New York City, NY*)
- 10 min: A Brief History of Asian Exclusion Laws and Angel Island, **Ed Tepporn** (*Executive Director, Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation; San Francisco, CA*)
- 10 min: Surviving Japanese American Incarceration During World War II, **Sam Mihara** (*Former WWII Incarceree, Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation; Huntington Beach, CA*)
- 10 min: [“How to Report a Hate Crime” Booklets in Multiple Languages](#), **Esther Lim** (*Creator; Los Angeles, CA*)
- 10 min: [Chefs Stopping AAPI Hate](#), **Kevin Tien** (*Chef and Co-Founder; Washington, DC*)
- 20 min: Facilitated Panel Discussion (*All, plus additional panelist **Juliet Bui**, Public Health Analyst, HHS Office of Minority Health; Rockville, MD*)
- 15 min: Open Q&A
- 2 min: Closing

Note: Program will also be archived on the [HHS Office of Minority Health's YouTube Channel](#)