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Statement From the Board in Response to the March 16, 2021 Atlanta Spa Shootings

The Association for Women in Slavic Studies (AWSS), in tandem with our peer institutions and organizations, condemns the recent incidences of anti-Asian violence and especially the recent attacks targeting women. For Asian American and Pacific Islander women, Asian women, and women of Asian descent in settler colonial settings and elsewhere, misogyny and racism are inextricably linked. The mission of AWSS is to promote research and teaching on women and gender in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia, and Eurasia. This includes supporting and highlighting research and teaching, which exposes what Georgia State Rep. Bee Nguyen described as the brutality experienced “at the intersection of gender-based violence, misogyny and xenophobia.” This type of violence has no national or state boundaries. AWSS deplors such acts and stands in solidarity with victims of this gendered and racialized violence as well as those who research it.

The Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES) has signed the [American Council of Learned Societies Statement Condemning Anti-Asian Violence](#). AWSS, as an affiliate organization of ASEEES, supports this decision.

We also extend our support to the [Association for Asian Studies Statement on Anti-Racism and Violence](#) and encourage our members to review the materials provided by AAS about racist violence.