



Understanding Anti-Asian Racism: Historical Context and Current Climate

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- **DATE:** Thursday, March 28, 2024
- **TIME:** 1:00pm-2:00pm
- **PLACE:** Zoom (Sign up at <https://bit.ly/LG-AAPI2024ua>)

Understanding Anti-Asian Racism is a panel discussion designed to tackle the grim realities of anti-Asian racism in America. This event will explore the deep-rooted historical context of anti-Asian sentiment, tracing its origins and evolution throughout American history. The panelists will present current trends and statistics, shedding light on the surge in anti-Asian hate crimes in the recent years. The panel will focus on the profound psychological impact such racism inflicts upon Asian American communities, including heightened levels of fear, anxiety, and trauma. With an emphasis on the influential role of media and technology, the presentations will scrutinize how these tools can perpetuate harmful stereotypes or, conversely, act as powerful platforms for positive change.

LaGuardia Community College has been celebrating the Asian American Pacific Islander (AAPI) Celebration in May every year. AAPI is an annual event of LaGuardia featuring various cultural, philosophical, and linguistic heritages from Asian countries. Along with the other cultural heritage celebrations, including African American Heritage week and Latino Heritage week, AAPI acknowledges and celebrates diversity and cultural richness of LaGuardia Community College. Visit <https://www.laguardia.edu/aapi/> for more information.