

The 2020-2021 ABSA Leadership Board stands in solidarity with the Black community in light of the murders of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, as well as the countless other victims of police brutality and racism in American society at large. It has been an incredibly difficult past few weeks, and we want to express our deepest support.

We recognize that as Asians and Asian Americans, we benefit to no small extent from the myth of the model minority that pits us unnecessarily against our Black peers. We are committed to helping our members have conversations amongst themselves and their communities about race, the model minority myth, and the ways that Asians (knowingly or unknowingly) can contribute to a culture of anti-Blackness and racism.

We also want to emphasize that this is not simply a moment in time where we acknowledge how difficult it is to be Black in America (and in Asia), but the beginning of many ongoing conversations about our own privilege and how we can best help.

As a start, we've assembled a list of resources and thought starters we've personally found valuable, especially for the Asian and Asian American community, as well as a group of members interested in getting further involved in conversations. We by no means speak for the entire community but hope that these perspectives and discussions will be useful as we come together as GSBers to fight against systemic racism.

Signed,

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