



## Social Justice & Advocacy for Asian Americans Amidst Anti-Asian Racism: **What Clinicians Need to Know**

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**Saturday, May 8, 2021  
10:00am – 12:00pm PDT**

**Live via Zoom**

**Please register by May 5, 2021**

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**Course Level: All levels**

This course is suitable for psychologists  
with new, limited experience, and  
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**CE Credits:**

**2 CE hours**

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## Workshop Description:

The current presentation will address the surge of anti-Asian racism since the COVID19 pandemic. The presenter will address the roots of anti-Asian sentiment and the ongoing manifestation of it in present-day anti-Asian racism. Emphasis will be placed on the mental health implications and needs of Asian Americans during this time. The presenter will draw from her own experience to provide examples of the ways in which health care providers can advocate for Asian Americans: through clinical work, teaching, research, outreach, and advocacy across the different ecological levels. The presenter will address the racial dynamics of the Black Lives Matter movement during COVID19 to highlight the importance of cross-racial solidarity and coalitions during a time of twin pandemics: COVID19 and racial injustice

## After completing this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. Explain the yellow peril and model minority stereotype as myths that have historically and continuously marginalized Asian Americans.
2. Describe the ways in which Asian American racial trauma is distinct from other racial groups.
3. Recognize how racism operates as a system to suppress Asian Americans and Black Americans; and in turn, recognize how solidarity combats White supremacy
4. Identify at least one way of combating anti-Asian violence in your personal or professional life.

## Instructor Bio:



Sherry C. Wang is an Associate Professor in the Counseling Psychology department at Santa Clara University. She is a licensed psychologist, a researcher, and an anti-racist educator. She identifies as a cisgender woman (she/her) and her worldview is influenced by her bilingual and bicultural background as a Taiwanese immigrant and Asian American. Her theoretical orientation is an integrated approach comprised of interpersonal process multicultural, and feminist theories and she sees psychotherapy patients one day a week. Her scholarship is rooted in advocating for the voices of underrepresented groups (e.g., BIPOC, immigrants, refugees, LGBTQ populations) and she focuses on the ways in which sociocultural determinants (e.g., access to healthcare services, social support, community attitudes) contribute to ethnic/racial health disparities. She teaches graduate courses in multicultural counseling, developmental psychology, microskills in counseling, counseling theories, and gender and counseling. At the national level, she is the current co-chair of the Asian American Psychological Association's (AAPA) Division on Women (DOW). She also chairs the American Psychological Association (APA) Committee on Ethnic Minority Affairs, which is a 6-member committee responsible for representing the issues of ethnic minority communities in APA. She was previously part of APA's Committee on Psychology and AIDS, which has since been expanded and renamed as a committee on health disparities. Since the start of COVID19, she has been featured, cited, and interviewed in the media on the topic of anti-Asian racism, cross-racial coalition-building and xenophobia.

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