



StFX Community,

We are shocked and saddened to learn of the recent shootings this week in the U.S., which left at least eight people dead, including seven women and of those, six were of Asian descent.

This event has brought renewed attention to gender-based violence and racism. Violence against women and racism toward Asian members of our communities in Canada has been exacerbated during the COVID-19 pandemic. StFX recognizes that gender-based violence and hatred and discrimination, including racism, exists within our communities and that all acts of racism, from microaggressions to acts of physical violence, are harmful and intolerable.

StFX stands with our students and colleagues of Asian descent. We are here to support you.

For confidential Health and Counselling Center appointments, please call 902-867-2263 or link to <https://www2.mystfx.ca/health-and-counselling/> for information on supports and resources available.

Reports of harassment and discrimination can be reported by contacting Megan Fogarty, Manager, Human Rights & Equity (Bloomfield Rm 306A) [mfogarty@stfx.ca](mailto:mfogarty@stfx.ca) – 902-867-5306 .

Sincerely,

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