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Asian American Studies as an Advocacy Tool to Combat Racism

An interview with Kent Ono

Director, Asian American Studies Program, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

In 1968, students at San Francisco State University staged protests and strikes to include ethnic studies as a discipline within the school curriculum. Today, the University of California, Berkeley Ethnic Studies Department defines Ethnic Studies as an area that “encourages the comparative [and interdisciplinary] study of racialization in the Americas, with a focus on the histories, literatures, and politics of Asian Americans, Chicanos/Latinos, Native American Indians, and African Americans. Ethnic Studies seeks to situate these core groups within national and transnational contexts, and to understand how racial and ethnic formation articulates with other axes of stratification such as class, gender, and sexuality.”¹

Beyond its original intent to empower minorities, Asian American Studies (AAS) has gradually evolved as a way to educate others about the culture, experiences and history of Asians in America. It has done much to illuminate Asian American concerns such as anti-Asian sentiment to larger non-Asian populations.

Brandon Mita, JACL's Program Fellow spoke

with Dr. Kent Ono about Asian American Studies and its effectiveness in advocating for tolerance and diversity. Dr. Ono is currently the director of the Asian American Studies program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign (UIUC). He is completing a book, *Forgetting to Remember: Representations of Japanese American Incarceration on Film and Video*.



UIUC's undergraduate population is thirteen percent Asian American. Its Asian American Studies program has fifteen Asian American faculty, nine affiliated faculty, three full-time instructors and one post-doctoral fellow, making the UIUC AAS program one of the largest programs in the Midwest and one of the fastest growing programs of its type in the country.

In your opinion, does Asian American Studies and Ethnic Studies give students a better understanding of different races and ethnicities?

For the introductory course, it depends on where it's being taught. Teaching the course at UC Davis where 90% of the students who take the course are Asian American is different from UIUC where only about one-half of the students

JACL Chapter and Staff Activities

Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter –

May 2007: In response to a case of racist vandalism at Scotts Valley Unified School District, Paul Kaneko and the Watsonville-Santa Cruz Chapter sent a letter to the District Superintendent stating, “The incident that occurred at Scotts Valley High School was disappointing, disturbing and reprehensible. We are concerned that it happened at all, and that it is not an indication of something more sinister. In light of recent tragic occurrences in schools throughout the nation and particularly at Virginia Tech, we believe that it is of the utmost importance for everyone concerned take quick and effective actions to deal with all acts that threaten the health and safety of any individual or group. The latest incident emphasizes this very critical issue in all of our schools; it needs to be addressed as soon as possible.”



Midwest Office & San Francisco Chapter

– April/May 2007: National JACL/Ford Fund Program Fellow Brandon Mita and the JACL San Francisco Chapter each expressed shock and urged CBS to fire two of its radio disc jockeys for racist remarks. WFNY-FM’s Jeff Vandergrift and Dan Lay made prank calls to a Chinese restaurant and ordered “shrimp fried lice.” Additionally, the show hosts mocked the restaurant employees. Mita stated, “This is not the first incident involving a CBS-owned radio station mocking the Asian American community. The JACL is disgusted at not only the conduct of your disc jockeys but the intolerance and racial prejudice that is continually condoned by your company.” The San Francisco Chapter of the JACL voted to condemn the actions of the radio station’s disc jockeys and wrote a letter to CBS Radio Chairman and CEO Joel Hollander condemning the acts of the radio hosts

and called for diversity training for upper level management.



Midwest Office – April 2007: The shootings at Virginia Tech prompted one high school administration to take action against an Asian American student for an incident involving a class assignment. Allen Lee, an 18-year-old straight-A student at Cary-Grove High School, was arrested near his home and charged with disorderly conduct for an essay police described as “violently disturbing,” but not directed toward any specific person or location. JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino wrote to the state’s attorney and to the school principal, Susan Popp. In both messages, Yoshino cautioned against the idea of racial profiling and drawing connections between Cary-Grove student Allen Lee and Virginia Tech shooter Seung-Hui Cho. The charges against Lee were later dropped.



Midwest Office – April 2007: JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino reacted to the beating of an Asian American student at Auburn University, where the student said he was targeted in the wake of the incident at Virginia Tech. In his letter, Yoshino stated, “We urge a thorough investigation into this attack, which resulted in physical injuries to the victim for the purpose of apprehending the perpetrators. We also urge that this assault be investigated as a possible hate crime. The Japanese American Citizens League (JACL) cautions against reprisals directed at Asian Americans in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy knowing that the potential for this existed. We further urge that Auburn University take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of its students from bias motivated attacks.”



Washington DC Office – April 2007: In the aftermath of the tragedy at Virginia Tech, JACL National Director Floyd Mori issued a statement that highlighted how “the potential for negative reactions or backlash toward individuals in the Asian American community exists inasmuch as an Asian was identified as the gunman. The JACL cautions against misguided reprisals directed at Asian Americans. We want to reinforce this at the local level by asking our chapters to maintain a heightened degree of vigilance in monitoring for hate incidents and hate crimes.”



Midwest Office – April 2007: The JACL responded to radio commentator, Don Imus, after his racist and sexist comments insulting the Rutgers women’s basketball team by calling them “nappy headed hos.” In contacting the station, JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino stated, “This weeklong controversy over the use of racism in the guise of entertainment on our public airwaves is a healthy and much-needed discussion. The discussion has rightly focused on slurs directed at African Americans and women because they were the victims of the vicious attack. There must come a time, however, when we condemn the language of hate that is directed at all groups, including Asian Americans.”



Midwest Office – April 2007: Mike Reynolds, owner of a Chinese take-out and delivery restaurant called Eggrolls Etc. in Tucson, Arizona, thought it would be clever to post advertisements stating, “Every order is delivered via rickshaw by first generation Chinese immigrants. We should really charge more for delivery, old Chinamen are getting expensive.” In response to the Asian American community’s complaints to the advertisements, Reynolds stated,

"I don't see why I would be required to stop doing what I spend my money on because a minority of people are upset." JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino reacted to Reynolds by stating, "Your logic for maintaining the ad is shameful. You indicate that you can spend your money in anyway you deem fit regardless of whether it offends a 'minority' of people. Your right to speech is clearly protected, but at what price? The minority of people you mention constitutes the Asian American community throughout this country who do not consider the use of this racial slur as a joke. You are playing a game of racial arrogance that only causes harm to an entire group of people."



Midwest Office – March 2007 [Update from October 2006]: In October 2006, JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino responded harshly to Verla Clevenger, a school board member for a high school in Midlothian, Illinois, who used racially offensive slurs in electronic messages over a controversy involving the dismissal of the school's superintendent. Since then, Rev. David Mensing, a member of the Bremen H.S. District 228 Board of Education, informed the JACL that the Board adopted a resolution expressing regret "that this incident reflected poorly upon our school district. Moreover, we want to assure the public that the Board in no way practices or condones racial and ethnic prejudice and intolerance, nor does it discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, age, religion or sexual orientation." In a separate communication with the JACL Midwest Office, Clevenger apologized for her use of racial slurs.



Midwest Office – January 2007 [Update from December 2006]: On January 10, JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino participated in a press conference stating that the Asian American community is adamantly opposed to dedicating a Chicago ball field in the name of Mike North, a local radio broadcaster who

used the slur "chinaman" in referring to Chicago Cubs Korean pitcher, Jae Kuk Ryu. Later that evening, Yoshino and members of the Asian American community testified before a packed school council meeting, whereupon the council rescinded its original support for naming the field after North. The matter was referred back to a city councilman, who determined that the field would not be named after Mike North.



Pacific Northwest Office – January 2007: Following articles marking the 70th anniversary of the Rape of Nanking, the JACL Pacific Northwest office received a voice message from an unidentified female who stated, "*I'm only calling after looking at an article regarding Japan. I think your low birth rate is terrific. I think that what you did to Korea and China was incomprehensible. After looking at Japanese soldiers sticking a rifle up the vagina of a Chinese woman especially. I'm terribly sorry, by joining Hitler I know that your country was denigrated in some ways for being Asian, but by joining Hitler, Hiroshima and Nagasaki were deserved, but I obviously wish Germany and Austria had been wiped off the map. But that's history, and nobody seems to know what history is, and abuse is. All I ask is that people look at their own history.*"



Midwest Office – January 2007 [Update from December 2006]: Since December, Midwest Director Bill Yoshino and Program Fellow Brandon Mita have sent letters of concern and video excerpts to the CEO and staff at Electronic Arts, a video game maker, drawing attention to sections where the racial slurs are used repeatedly to describe Japanese soldiers in the game "Medal of Honor: Pacific Assault." Electronic Arts replied with a general and generic consumer response from communications director, Jeff Brown.



Midwest Office – January 2007: Midwest Director Bill Yoshino wrote a letter to Marinette County District Attorney Brent DeBord following the murder of Cha Vang in the woods just north of Green Bay, Wisconsin. James Nichols was arrested and charged with murder. Yoshino urged DeBord to thoroughly investigate the possibility that the murder was a hate crime. This is the second incident where white hunters have clashed with Hmong hunters in the upper Midwest region. Additionally, in Yoshino's letter to DeBord, he stated, "It appears that the local community would benefit from a program that focuses on non-discrimination where the public is reminded that discrimination is illegal and the Hmong community is informed of their rights and encouraged to report discriminatory treatment."



Hoosier Chapter – January 2007: Throughout the month of December and into January, the northeast area of Indianapolis, Indiana, has been tagged with disturbing graffiti spray painted on several utility and traffic light boxes. In a photo that was sent to the JACL Midwest Office, the message reads "Don't Buy Jap Crap." The local Hoosier JACL chapter has contacted local officials to clean and remove the offending message.



Midwest Office – January 2007: In North Dakota, two Japanese American students were the target of harassment and racial insensitivity as two white students approached them on several occasions calling them "slant eyes." Midwest Director Bill Yoshino sent a letter to Merlin Dahl, principal of the school, stating that the offending students violated the school's non-discriminatory policy to prevent and handle situations that involve racial taunting.



Florin Chapter – January 2007: In response to Senator Barbara Boxer's (D-CA) withdrawal of an award

to Basim-El Karra, director of the Sacramento Valley chapter of the Coalition for American Islamic Relations (CAIR), the Florin Chapter of the JACL wrote a letter to Senator Boxer condemning her actions in renegeing on the award. The JACL NCWNP District Council also voted to support Mr. El-Karra.



Midwest Office – January 2007: An Asian American family on Chicago's southside has been harassed and their property vandalized by members of their community. In an email to the JACL Midwest office, a woman described the horrors of being called "chinks," and having rocks and pop cans thrown at them. Their home has been vandalized on several occasions. JACL has since referred the families to contact the Chicago Commission on Human Relations for follow-up. The JACL Midwest Office is closely monitoring this incident.



JACL National Office – December 2006: Floyd Mori, then JACL Interim National Director, contacted NBC's top executives about the inclusion of negative stereotypes of Asian Americans in the popular television series, "The Office." Throughout the show, actor Steve Carell has trouble distinguishing between two Asian women. In one scene, Carell takes a permanent marker and slyly draws a black line on one of the girl's arm to tell the two apart. Mori responded stating, "This action is abhorrent because it reduces these women to commodities and reinforces tasteless stereotypes of Asian women." The JACL has demanded that NBC apologize for its tasteless humor and never again use such negative stereotypes in their shows.



Midwest Office – December 2006: Mike North, a Chicago sports radio broadcaster, who was challenged by the JACL earlier in 2006 for his usage of the word "chinaman" when describing former Cubs pitcher Jae Kuk Ryu, was

close to having a Chicago high school field memorialized in his honor. JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino responded immediately and garnered support from the local Asian American community to halt the actions of the school board and the local city alderman. The decision to name the field after North will be revisited at the January school board meeting.



Midwest Office – December 2006: JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino contacted Electronic Arts concerning a video game titled "Medal of Honor: Pacific Assault," that was released in 2004. The video game, which takes place in the Pacific Theater during World War II takes gamers through the missions of an active Marine fighting against the Japanese Empire. What the JACL found most disconcerting is the repeated use of the word "jap" throughout the game. Yoshino stated, "Your usage of the term 'jap' perpetuates the use of this racial slur and may also send a message to youngsters that it is acceptable for them to use the slur depicted in Medal of Honor: Pacific Assault." The JACL has demanded that all remaining games be removed from the shelves and that content for the games is put under strict guidelines.



JACL NCWNP Office – October 2006: JACL NCWNP Director Patty Wada called East Bay radio station KNBR over the on-air statements made by deejay Brian Murphy towards Japanese hot dog eating champion, Takeru Kobayashi. While on-air, Murphy labeled Kobayashi as "the little monkey." No formal response or apology from the radio station was received.



Midwest Office – October 2006: Verla Clevenger, a school board member for a high school in Midlothian, Illinois, used racially offensive slurs in electronic messages over a controversy involving the dismissal of the school's superinten-

dent. According to reports from the Daily Southtown, one of her emails stated, "DAM JAPS CAN'T TELL ONE COLOR FROM ANOTHER MAYBE IT WS [sic] CHINA." JACL Midwest Director Bill Yoshino responded to Clevenger with a letter stating that the JACL is "particularly incensed that in your position as a school board member, you do not recognize that the J-word is offensive and that you have not accepted responsibility for your intolerant behavior." Country Club Hills Mayor Dwight Welch also publicly stated, "I'm extremely offended. I'm offended for my community, for the district...What she put in writing was just way out of line."



JACL NCWNP Office – September 2006: At an American Civil Liberties Union – Northern California (ACLU-NC) Townhall Meeting, one of the panelists, former White House Counsel John Dean, used the phrase "not a china man's chance" when referring to the possibility of President Bush being impeached. JACL NCWNP Director Patty Wada contacted the ACLU-NC concerning Dean's use of the slur and wrote, "'Chinaman' is a racial epithet, and whether used hatefully with intent or uttered out of ignorance, it is derogatory and offensive. It is unbelievable that with his vast experience, Mr. Dean does not realize that 'chinaman' is a disrespectful and insulting slur. The JACL cannot overstate our dismay that a man of his stature would invoke such language in any context." □

Hate Crimes and Hate Incidents

Queens, NY – May 2007 [Updated from August 2006]: Paul A. Heavey, 21, apologized for his role in attacking two Asian American teenagers in the Douglaston section of Queens in August 2006. The apology was part of Heavey's sentence. Kevin Brown, 19, of the Auburndale section of Queens pleaded guilty to a hate crime assault in the beating of two Asian American teens in Queens, New York in August of 2006. Brown is scheduled to be sentenced in March 2007. Heavey had been charged with a hate crime assault, reckless endangerment as a hate crime and other offenses. In the wake of the plea, Kevin Brown also admitted to assaulting a 64-year-old man and his 30-year-old son in Queens, New York.



New York City, NY – March 2007: A Filipino American teenager was the target of a racially- motivated attack on March 16, 2007 when a group of teenagers assaulted Marie Stefanie Martinez, 17, while riding a New York MTA bus. A group of nine or ten teenagers surrounded Martinez and taunted her for looking “Chinese.” Subsequent to the attack, two teenagers, a 14-year-old girl and a 17-year-old boy were arrested for the attack on Martinez. Asian American organizations are upset with New York City Police and MTA for their inaction and for mishandling the situation, especially the MTA bus driver who told Martinez to consult her priest because she was wearing a Catholic school uniform.



San Francisco, CA – March 2007: Joseph Melcher, 25, who is accused of a triple homicide involving the death of three Asian Americans on October 21, 2006 in San Francisco's Japantown, had hate crime allegations added to the list of charges. Witnesses of the crime claim that Melcher yelled out to his victims

not to mess with “Johnny Boy, whitey San Francisco Coke dealer.” Melcher faces life in prison if he is convicted of the multiple murders and the hate crime charges. The victims were Robert Stanford, Song Sun Lee and Kam Yan Li.



Princeton, NJ – January 2007: Jian Li, a Chinese student at Yale University, who made headlines in late 2006 over his civil lawsuit against Princeton University challenging its admissions policy, was recently targeted in a stereotypic manner by the Daily Princetonian. Under a byline of Jian Li, the paper used racial stereotypes, which included, “Hi Princeton! Remember me? I so good at math and science. Perfect 2400 SAT score. Ring Bells? Just in case, let me refresh your memories. I the super smart Asian. Princeton the super dumb college, not accept me.”



New York City, NY – December 2006: Rosie O'Donnell, then co-host for ABC's “The View,” was discussing Danny DeVito's new movie and his seemingly drunken appearance on Chinese media when O'Donnell states, “The fact is that it's news all over the world. You know, you can imagine in China it's like, ‘Ching chong, ching chong, Danny DeVito, ching chong chong chong chong, drunk, The View, ching chong.’” Asian American media groups and organizations have responded to O'Donnell's actions calling her words an insult to Chinese and all Asian Pacific Americans. Since then, O'Donnell has insincerely apologized stating, “...and I'm sorry for those people who felt hurt or were teased on the playground.”



St. Peters, MO – October 2006: On Halloween morning, the letters “KKK” and the words “Kill Muslim” were

sprayed in silver paint across the garage door at the home of Maqbool Ali Kahn, a Pakistani American.. As of now, the Federal Bureau of Investigation is looking into taking the case over as a hate crime.



Brooklyn, NY – October 2006: Five Brooklyn teenagers were arrested and accused of committing a hate crime against a Pakistani man on Sunday, October 29, 2006. While eating ice cream outside a local Dunkin Donuts in Brooklyn, New York, a group of 10 to 15 teens taunted Shahid Amber with racial slurs before three from the group went up to Amber and knocked the ice cream out of his hands and spit on his face. This was followed by a series of punches and kicks to the head, breaking Amber's nose and jaw. Amber reported that “They were saying, you Muslim scumbag, you have f—ed up this country. You don't have the right to live here. Go back to your country.” Those arrested were charged with assault, assault as a hate crime, menacing, aggravated harassment and criminal possession of a weapon for the brass knuckles used by Amber's attackers.



Fremont, CA – October 2006: Alia Ansari, a Muslim mother of six who lived in Fremont, was murdered in broad daylight with a gunshot wound to the head as she walked down the street with her 3-year-old daughter. Local Muslim leaders fear it is a hate crime, stating she carried no purse or money, but was wearing her hijab, or head scarf, which may have distinguished her to the killer. “Whoever did this did not see Alia Ansari...He saw a symbol of something that people are taught to hate,” said one leader. A press conference and public memorial services have been held. □

are Asian American. For these Asian Americans that take the course, the light bulb starts to click that the course is their story and relates directly to them.

How is it for non-Asian students?*

Students that are not Asian American begin to understand and form the ability to empathize with Asian American concerns. Another factor is how exactly the course is taught with respect to ethnic vs. global.

That's very interesting. I'm curious to know if there have been any incidents of hate crimes that have occurred since you've been director of the Asian American Studies program.

We have not had very many hate crimes happen here at UIUC. I can only recall one that happened around the Fall of 2002, where an Asian American woman was attacked on-campus by someone who was from the outside community. UIUC has a Hate Crimes Office where they handle hate crimes and hate incidents. They work with Asian Americans, African Americans, Latinos and the Gay Lesbian Bisexual Transgender communities.

I'm glad to hear UIUC has a Hate Crimes Office. I hear that UIUC also has something to be proud of this year — the 10-year anniversary of the Asian American Studies program. What are the next steps for UIUC's Asian American Studies program?

It's hard to predict with a new administration at Urbana-Champaign. In the past, we've been very good at forming strong, supportive relationships with administrators. We are currently in the process of having an undergraduate major approved. We submitted it last year. We're looking forward to seeing the proposal go through.

Asian American Studies is still a developing field of academic study. Far too many campuses across the country still do not have an Asian American Studies or Ethnic Studies program. To find out more about the Japanese American Citizens League and its role in assisting students that are pushing for Asian American Studies, contact JACL Midwest Director William Yoshino at midwest@jacl.org. For more information about the Asian American Studies program at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, check out the UIUC's Asian American Studies website: <http://www.aasp.uiuc.edu/>. □

ⁱ Regents of the University of California at Berkeley, "About the Department." UC Berkeley Department of Ethnic Studies. 2007. 15 Feb 2007 <<http://ethnicstudies.berkeley.edu/>>.

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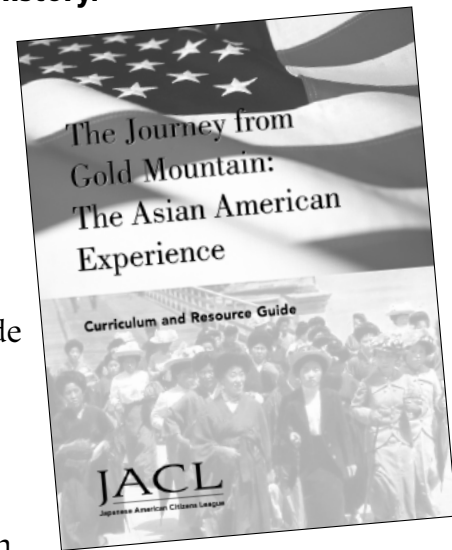
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JACL Hate Crime Workshops on College Campuses

In an effort to encourage younger people to become active in responding to defamation and anti-Asian sentiment, the JACL staff has held a number of workshops on college campuses during the past six months. The workshops were held at Seattle University, the University of Illinois and at the National Asian American Student Conference at Northwestern University and at the Midwest Asian American Student Conference at the University of Illinois.

The workshops featured a comprehensive overview of hate crimes, including sections on the history of anti-Asian sentiment, personal accounts of defamation and other incidents and ways to respond to bigotry and violence.

The workshop at Seattle University also featured a segment on student empowerment to encourage students to work together to find ways to become more involved on campus and to transplant that activism and participation to organizing off-campus. Following is a summary of the events where the JACL presented its workshops.

2nd National Asian American Student Conference (NAASCon), Northwestern University, November 2006

NAASCon hopes to provide participants with a greater understanding of the salient issues facing the APA community today and to build the skills necessary to translate passion, energy and knowledge into action. A goal of the conference is to foster a sense of unity and solidarity among APA students across the country. The theme, *Building Bridges, Connecting Movements*, stems from the need to identify the connections between seemingly disconnected issues that face our community.

Midwest Asian American Student Conference (MAASU), University of Illinois, March 2007

The theme of the 2007 MAASU spring conference was *Embrace, Empower and Envision*. The three-day conference had an attendance of over 700 participants from over 30 Midwest schools. The conference program covered many facets of Asian American life, including culture, education and activism. The conference also drew very prominent members of the Asian American community as well as staff from some of the largest Asian American non-profits.

Asian Pacific American Coalition, Seen and Heard Speaker Series, University of Illinois, March 2007

The JACL workshop was sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Coalition (APAC), a student organization established in 1993. It was founded as a voice for the Asian Pacific American (APA) community on campus. From its inception, APAC has sought to reflect the diversity of the APA campus population, both on an organizational level

and on an individual level. APAC championed the building of the Asian American Cultural Center, relief for the Asian Tsunami of 2004, APA voter registration and immigration issues. Through education and empowerment, APAC continues to pursue the building of trust and collaboration within the APA community on campus to bring needed institutional and social change.

Seattle University, Chinese American Students Association, May 2007

The Chinese American Students Association (CASA) at Seattle University sponsored the most recent JACL workshop; CASA maintains the Jesuit traditions through ties that strengthen the idea of diversity on campus. Membership is not solely restricted to Chinese American students, but encourages anyone who is interested and wants to get involved in this rich culture. The Office of Multicultural Affairs encourages students to be agents of change by empowering moral and ethical leaders to be active, engaged citizens who serve their communities. □

2005 FBI Statistics on Hate Crimes

The most recent report on hate crimes released by the FBI shows that there were 7,163 hate crime incidents in 2005. The report, released on October 16, 2006, was based on reports received from law enforcement agencies covering 82.7 percent of the population in the United States. The report includes data submitted and categorized by city, county and state. It also includes reports submitted by colleges and universities.

Of the 7,163 hate crime incidents reported, 54.7 percent were racially motivated, 17.1 percent were motivated by religion and 14.2 by sexual orientation. Over 60 percent of these crimes were committed against persons and the rest were property crimes. The most frequent type of crime committed against a person was intimidation, followed by simple assault. The breakdown of racial incidents showed that 4.9 percent were anti-Asian, with anti-Black constituting the largest percentage at 68.2. Crimes motivated by religion showed that 68.5 percent were anti-Jewish and 11.1 percent were anti-Islamic.

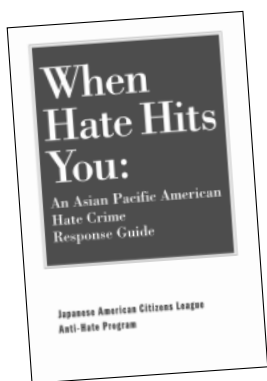
Even though the reporting by colleges and universities does not appear to be comprehensive, nevertheless, 13.5 percent of the incidents motivated by race took place at schools and colleges. In the religious bias category, 17 percent took place at schools and colleges. □

JACL Anti-Hate Materials Available to Chapters

Words Can Kill the Spirit – a brochure to combat the use of racial slurs directed against Asian Americans. This brochure is intended to inform the public that the use of slurs and other forms of defamation must not be tolerated.



Anti-Asian Sentiment on Campus – a brochure that highlights the increase in anti-Asian sentiment on our college and university campuses. The brochure provides examples of actual incidents and steps to take if similar incidents occur.



When Hate Hits You – a comprehensive handbook that provides a historical look at anti-Asian sentiment in our country, along with recent examples of anti-Asian violence and a section on how you and your community can respond to hate incidents.

These materials can be ordered free of charge to JACL chapters. Contact the nearest JACL office and please give at least two weeks notice. □

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