



The Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion celebrates the rich tapestry of human experiences at Emory University. This month, May 2021, we recognize Jewish American Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, National Asian American and Pacific Islander Month, and Better Hearing and Speech Month. In collaboration with campus partners, we have curated resources that highlight, educate, and encourage a sense of community.

Jewish American Heritage Month



A Reflection - Jewish Heritage American Month

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What does Jewish American Heritage Month, 2021, mean for our community? As an Emory Community member, I am hoping that our reflections this month will focus on "Connectedness" as a collective commitment to our affinity to one another. As a mother, it is always my hope that a reflection upon the struggles, resiliency, and contributions of Jewish Americans can highlight the promise of meaningful inclusion. Any promise requires action, however.

Since 2006, America has celebrated the month of May as a time to recall and show respect for the contributions and achievements of Jewish Americans and also educate our communities about the opportunities that spring from diversity. I am hoping that we take this opportunity to engage in essential conversations about not only opportunities, but also the ever present barriers to opportunities inherent in the struggles of the Jewish Community.

We are fortunate to be a part of a community at Emory that continually strives to acknowledge these barriers to inclusion and recognize opportunities to combat these barriers in active, meaningful ways. The promise of inclusion requires us to collectively pay attention to not only the world around us, but also to our own inherent inclinations and views. This month's recognition of the contributions of Jewish Americans to history and culture (and the struggles Jewish Americans have faced in doing so) can also encourage important conversations about how we move forward as an inclusive community.

The spirit of the American Jewish Community, often in the face of adversity, has long embodied the goal of meaningful connectedness, within and beyond our communities. "Community" requires connectedness, which empowers engagement and inclusion. It is my hope, as a member of the Emory community, as a human being, and as a mother of Jewish children, that our reflection this month on the contributions of the Jewish Americans will open doors to conversations that inspire awareness, engagement and connections.

RESOURCES

Emory
[Celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month - Emory Libraries](#)
[Emory University Office of Spiritual and Religious Life](#)

- Emory University OSRL Affiliates: [Chabad at Emory](#), [Hillel at Emory](#), [MEOR at Emory](#)

[Tam Institute for Jewish Studies](#)

External
[Contemporary Jewish Books in honor of Jewish American Heritage Month - Maltz Museum of Jewish Heritage Jewish Heritage Month](#)
[National Museum of American Jewish History](#)
[There's a Book for That: Jewish American Heritage Month - Penguin Random House](#)
[William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum](#)

Mental Health Awareness Month



A Reflection - Mental Health Awareness Month

Statement from the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI)

Each year millions of Americans face the reality of living with a mental illness. During May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Each year we fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support people with mental illness and their families.

You Are Not Alone

For 2021's Mental Health Awareness Month NAMI will continue to amplify the message of "You Are Not Alone." We will use this time to focus on the healing value of connecting in safe ways, prioritizing mental health and acknowledging that it's okay to not be okay through NAMI's blog, personal stories, videos, digital toolkits, social media engagements and national events.

READ MORE

RESOURCES

Emory
[Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\) at Emory University](#)
[Emory Faculty Staff Assistance Program \(FSAP\)](#)

- [Mental Health Awareness Month Resources and Events](#)

External
[American Counseling Association](#)
[Mental Health America](#)
[National Alliance on Mental Health \(NAMI\) Georgia](#)
[National Council for Mental Well Being](#)
[Youth.Gov](#)

National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



A Reflection - National Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Statement from the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center

As we mark another commemoration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, we have to acknowledge how this time feels different. A global pandemic has shaken our communities to the core, revealing long-standing and often unacknowledged inequalities. Our families in Atlanta, Indianapolis, and throughout the nation continue to shoulder the pain of losing loved ones to violence and harassment. Please remember to take time to support each other as we try to make sense of these times. Usually, these month-long events in May have been wonderful ways to gather up our voices to celebrate achievements. We would share songs, food, ritual, and stories. And while this year we grieve, let us also strive to find the humanity in each other. We wish to see the fullness of who we have been, who we are, and who we can still be. We are more than what has been done to us. We bear witness to and participate in calls for racial equality, justice, and much-needed kindness and healing. Our Asian American and Pacific Islander traditions demonstrate unity and care for each other. On behalf of everyone at the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center, I invite you to live out these ideals with us not only in May, but throughout the year.

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HERITAGE IRL x Yellow Pearl

CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN MOVEMENT



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Yellow Pearl logo by Alex Chin

Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center

Hear a song from the "Grain of Sand" album and join a conversation about The Basement Workshop, Asian Women United, our dear friend Corky Lee, The Yellow Pearl Project, and the early days of the Asian American Movement. Featuring Nobuko Miyamoto, Elizabeth (Liz) Young, and Arian Huang. Moderated by Phil Tajitsu Nash.

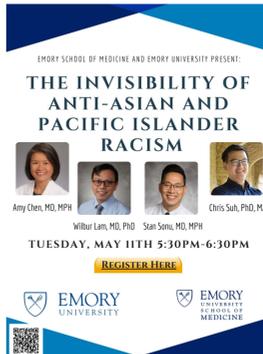
The Invisibility of Anti-Asian and Pacific Islander Racism

May 11, 2021 | 5:30 pm

Emory School of Medicine and Emory University

Emory School of Medicine and Emory University will host The Invisibility of Anti-Asian and Pacific Islander Racism and speakers include:
Chris Suh, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of History, Emory University
Wilbur Lam, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Emory School of Medicine
Stan Sonu, MD, Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Emory School of Medicine
Amy Chen, MD, MPH, FACS, Professor, Otolaryngology, Emory School of Medicine

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RESOURCES

Emory
[The social and political activism of the Asian American movement - Emory University Libraries](#)

External
[Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month](#)
[Monthly Observance: Asian American and Pacific Islander \(AAPI\) Heritage - INSIGHT into Diversity](#)
[Must-Read Books for Asian Pacific American Heritage Month - Penguin Random House](#)
[PBS](#)

Better Hearing and Speech Month



Building Connections

Each May, Better Hearing & Speech Month (BHSM) provides an opportunity to raise awareness about communication disorders and the role of ASHA members in providing life-altering treatment.

[American Speech-Language-Hearing Associations](#)

RESOURCES

External
[A.G. Bell Association for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing](#)
[American Academy of Audiology](#)
[American Cochlear Implant Alliance](#)
[Center for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
[ENT Health - Powered by American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery](#)

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