

# Quincy, from a distance *Premiere*

**Community**

**Identity**

**Adaptation**

Stories and Presence of Asian  
Immigrant Entrepreneurs across  
the Region

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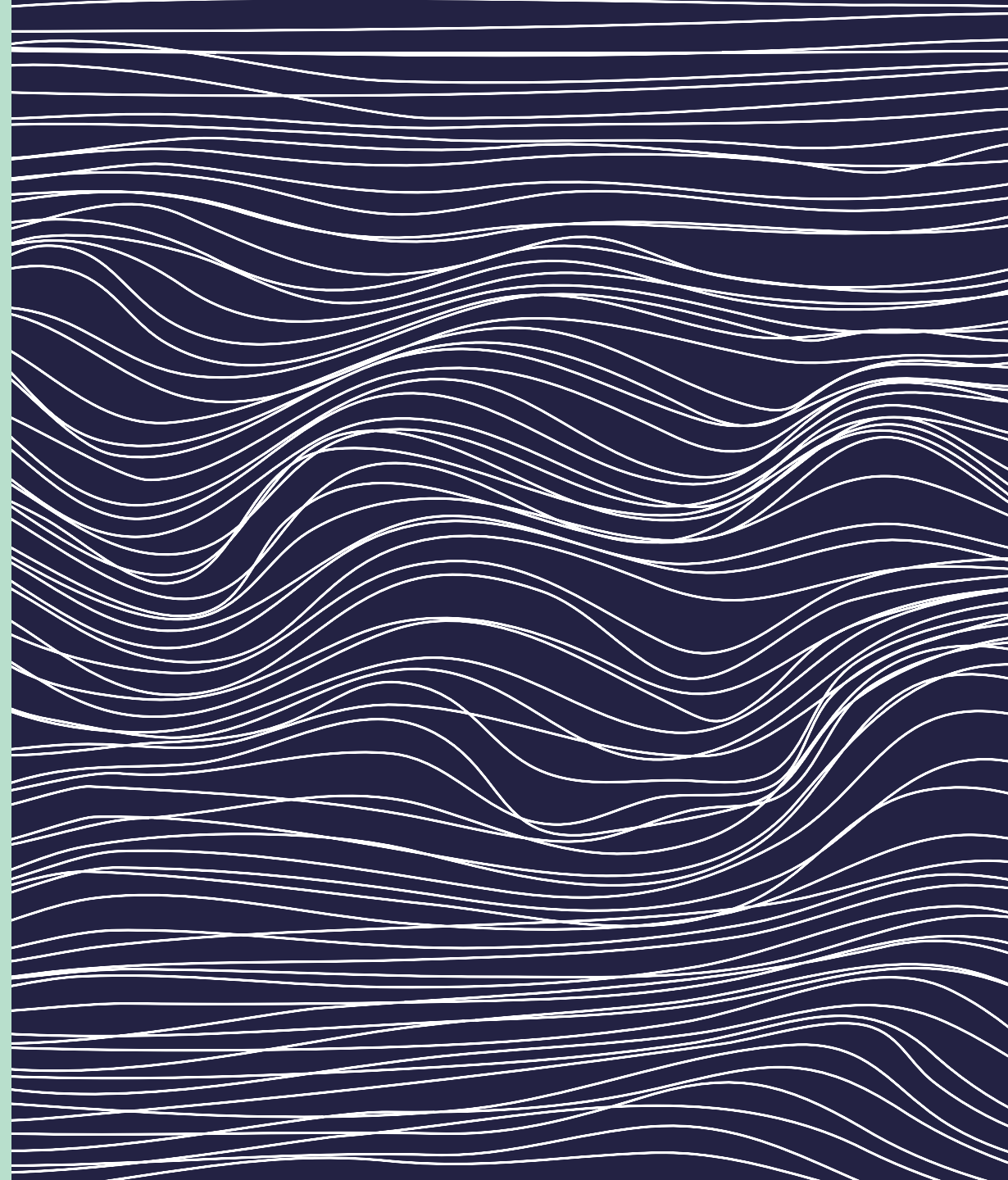
## Do not assume

- Avoid generalizing
- Have an open mind
- Allow everyone to have a voice
- Practice active listening and be present
- Give trigger warnings when needed

## Be comfortable with discomfort

- Type your questions in the Q&A function

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# The Rise of Anti-Asian attacks amidst COVID-19



Photo Credit: Jim Wilson/The New York Times



Artist: Lisa Wool-Rim Sjöblom

The last year has seen an increase in racist and xenophobic assumptions, behaviors and attacks against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders who are wrongfully perceived as responsible for the COVID-19 outbreak.

While it is easy (and accurate) to blame a portion of this increase on falsehoods spread by the former President and his Administration, it is important to recognize that **this misinformation is also deeply rooted in the historical legacy of racializing infectious diseases as an instrument of hatred against People of Color.**



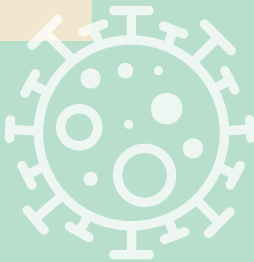
Viruses do not originate from, nor are they spread by, specific racial or ethnic groups, and any such misconceptions should be strongly rebutted.

We have seen the impact of this prejudice in our region through both reported and unreported hate crimes against individuals and the toll on the Asian American business community.

We also recognize that the AAPI community was in fact, instrumental in limiting the spread of the virus by choosing to close businesses and adopt and promote social distancing and the use of personal protective equipment before such measures were required by the Commonwealth.

**STOP  
~~DISCRIMINATING~~**

*Credit: Common Space Studio, New York*



# MAPC's Commitment

MAPC is committed to combatting this fear and racism through education, advocacy, and ongoing collaborations with organizations that do important work in this field. MAPC does not tolerate any harassment nor xenophobic behavior from staff, community partners, or any member of the community participating in events managed by or affiliated with the agency.

*Following the events, we will be sharing this statement through our online channels with educational resources to support the AAPI community.*

# Resources

## **Stop AAPI Hate**

<https://stopaapihate.org/>

## **The National Coalition for Asian Pacific Americans Community Development**

<https://www.nationalcapacd.org/>

## **Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit**

<https://www.asianamtoolkit.org/the-toolkit>

## **When Hate Hits You: An AAPI Hate Crime Response Guide**

<https://jacl.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/When-Hate-Hits-You.pdf>

## **Asian American Historical Perspective**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R3oBtfUZKBV8PqjID8IEg33lyfls8f2W/edit>

## **How to Respond to Coronavirus Racism**

<https://www.learningforjustice.org/magazine/how-to-respond-to-coronavirus-racism>

## **MA AA Commission**

<https://www.aacommission.org/resources/anti-asian-hate-resources/>

# Organizations

**Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC)**

[Asiancdc.org](http://Asiancdc.org) | [info@asiancdc.org](mailto:info@asiancdc.org)

**Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC)**

[Bcnc.net](http://Bcnc.net) | [info@bcnc.net](mailto:info@bcnc.net)

**Chinatown Main Street (CMS)**

[Chinatownmainstreet.org](http://Chinatownmainstreet.org)

**Quincy Asian Resources, Inc. (QARI)**

[Quincyasianresources.org](http://Quincyasianresources.org) |

[Info@quincyasianresources.org](mailto:Info@quincyasianresources.org)

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Asian  
American Commission (AAC)**

[Aacommission.org](http://Aacommission.org) | [aac@aacommission.org](mailto:aac@aacommission.org)



## **Panel Discussion**

**Join us on March 17 at 3:30PM**  
RSVP here: [mapc.ma/AAPIPanel](https://mapc.ma/AAPIPanel)

Learn more about the results of our regional survey, the analysis, and policy recommendations.

We will be joined by Daphne Xu and our community partners, Asian Community Development Corporation (ACDC), Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC), Chinatown Main Street, and Quincy Asian Resources, Inc (QARI) to discuss how we can increase support for Asian immigrant entrepreneurs amidst the ongoing crisis.

# **Adaptation Community Identity**

Regional Immigrant Entrepreneur  
Storytelling Project