



CAMT Position Statement on Anti-Asian Racism in Canada

After the attacks in Georgia on March 16th, 2021 that killed eight people, in addition to the prevalence of anti-Asian attacks in Canada that have been on the rise since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (more information can be found through [CTV News](#)), CAMT would like to unequivocally denounce this hate. Although the Georgia attacks did not occur in Canada, we are cognizant of the vicarious trauma that witnessing such an event can have (read more [here](#)), and we share our support for our Asian-Canadian communities during this difficult time. We also stand in solidarity and allyship with Canadian music therapists and communities we serve who may be experiencing threats and/or hatred because of their race or other vulnerable status.

Many of our music therapists in Canada, as well as the clients we work with, come from a diverse range of Asian-Canadian communities. We greatly value these communities as pillars for our country's cultural richness, and our profession would be sorely lacking without their existence.

Such demonstrations of targeted racism are the most extreme examples of hatred stoked by prejudice. CAMT acknowledges that racism is a systemic issue present in many different forms, and that each of us as individuals play a role in challenging and eliminating ideologies that alienate marginalized groups.

We resolve to make anti-racism an ongoing conversation among CAMT members, and to work together actively on solutions to make our organization more anti-racist and equitable. Some tangible measures will include collaborating with our Equity Advisory Council (eamusictherapy@gmail.com), our Equity and Diversity Chair (equity@musictherapy.ca), and our members to better integrate social justice into our structure.

To learn more about this issue, you may visit the following links for information, resources, and action plans:

www.covidracism.ca

<https://act2endracism.ca/community-resources/>

<https://www.project1907.org/resources>

<https://stopracism.ca/>

Thank you to the Equity Advisory Council for their contributions to this statement.

Signed,

The CAMT Board of Directors