

# Resources for non-Black Asians on Anti-Blackness

(contains academic literature, videos, online blogs, opinion articles, some tumblr posts, etc...)

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Just a few notes from the host of this list:

- I've shifted the settings so that everything is suggestion based now, because of the recent additions of white supremacist and racist videos/articles to this page. Please continue to e-mail me or comment onto the page if other links show up.
- If you would like to add another heading onto the table of contents make sure to change the text of the heading you are adding to the actual document to count as Heading text (rather than normal text) so that it will be recognized by the Table of Contents
- Please continue to share and add videos, articles, workshops, etc... to the already growing list.
- Please remember that this list does not stay online, we must read and talk about these things together in order to better understand in what ways we can show up for the Black community.
- Please remember to also copy over the author of the article/participants of the video that you are posting. While it's easy to just copy the title, we need to also remember to give credit where credit is due.
- The list will update as I receive e-mails / have time to update it. I'm so sorry about the way that things turned out, the white supremacists have to ruin everything.

Some requests for things to look add to this growing list (please add to this and, when sharing this doc, ask others to share in the creation/search for resources) (please add topics in **purple**)

**Hello everyone, I'm going to link another google doc for us to have a discussion on next steps with regard to this document! I never foresaw it become this big and it has been suggested to me that we begin as a community to think of ways to both circulate this, add to it, make it more accessible to folx with learning disabilities or sensory disabilities...sort of similar to the "letter to our parents" doc. More on this in the link...**

## International Solidarity and Militant Asian Activism

- Robin D. G. Kelley and Betsy Esche, "Black Like Mao: Red China and Black Revolution"  
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/ccbh/souls/vol1no4/vol1num4art1.pdf>
- **History of I Kuen Wor**
- [I Wor Kuen 12 Point Platform and Program](#)
- [Tamara Nopper. The Illusion of Afro-Asian Solidarity?](#)

Robeson Taj Frazier. *The East is Black: Cold War China in the Black Radical Imagination*

- Yuichiro Onishi. *Transpacific Antiracism: Afro-Asian Solidarity in Twentieth-Century Black America, Japan, and Okinawa*
- Maeda, Daryl Joji. *Rethinking the Asian American Movement*. Routledge, 2012.

## #BlackLivesMatter hxstory / Hxstory of Solidarity

- [A Herstory of the #BlackLivesMatter Movement](#)
- [Travis Harris explanation of Black Lives Matter](#)
- [BlackLivesMatter Syllabus](#)  
<https://wmbgrblacklivesmatter.wordpress.com/2016/08/23/blacklivesmatter-syllabus/>
- [BlackLivesMatter Website](#)
- [#Asians4BlackLives](#) (SF Bay Area affinity group w/ national branches)
- [Yuri Kochiyama, an Asian American activist noted for her strong ties with Malcolm X](#)
- [Grace Lee Boggs, an Asian American activist who was very prominent in the civil rights movement, NYT article](#)
- [Black Desi Secret History](#) — the secret history of South Asian and African American solidarity
- [Black Panthers, Red Guards, and Chinamen: Constructing Asian American Identity through Performing Blackness. 1969-1972 by Daryl Maeda](#)
- [Diane C. Fujino, Heartbeat of Struggle: The Revolutionary Life of Yuri Kochiyama \(2005: Univ of Minnesota Press\)](#)

## Racial Triangulation

- [Claire Jean Kim, "The Racial Triangulation of Asian Americans"](#)

## Black Voices

- [Jared Sexton, "Proprieties of Coalition: Blacks, Asians, and the Politics of Policing"](#)
- [Jared Sexton, "People-of-Color-Blindness: Notes on the Afterlife of Slavery"](#)
  - [http://socialtext.dukejournals.org/content/28/2\\_103/31.full.pdf+html](http://socialtext.dukejournals.org/content/28/2_103/31.full.pdf+html) (alternate link)
- [I'Nasah Crockett \(so\\_treu\), "Black/Asian 'solidarity' on MLK Day"](#)
- [I'Nasah Crockett \(so\\_treu\), "Anti-Blackness is a Theory - Tumblr"](#)
- [Kenyon Farrow, "We Real Cool?: On Hip-Hop, Asian-Americans, Black Folks, and Appropriation"](#)
- [Jeff Chang, Kenyon Farrow, Walidah Imarisha, "Rap, Race & Black-Asian Relations" \(Video\)](#)
- [Robert Reece, "Black/Non-Black Divide and The Anti-Blackness of Non-Black Minorities"](#)
- [John Murillo III, "Three Notes on Solidarity: or, In Want of a Requiem"](#)
- [John Murillo III and Nicholas Brady, "Black Imperative: A Forum on Solidarity in the Age of Coalition"](#)
- [Ben, "The Coalition Moment and a Black History"](#)
- [Toni Morrison, "On the Backs of Blacks"](#)
- [Irreconcilable Anti-Blackness and Police Violence w Dr. Frank Wilderson](#)

- [A Primer on "Libidinal Economy" in Relation to Black Folks](#)
- [Saidiya Hartman, Frank Wilderson, "The Position of the Unthought"](#)

## Responses to Peter Liang's conviction / Justice for Akai Gurley

- On Peter Liang and Akai Gurley:
  - Kat Yang Stevens w/ Alex-Quan Pham
    - ["Complicating our Complicity: Interrogating Anti-Blackness & Settler Colonial Power in the Murder of Akai Gurley"](#)
    - ["Reframing the Conversation: 5 Claims from Liang's Supporters that are Misinformed & Anti-Black"](#)
- [Mutual Accountability, Mutual Liberation: A Conversation on #AsiansForBlackLives](#) (video)
- [Peter Liang was Justly Convicted-He's Not A Victim, Says this Niece of Vincent Chin](#) by Annie Tan
- [Statement on #Justice4AkaiGurley](#) by Qing Lan Huang, Sister of Yong Xin Huang (available in **Chinese**)
- [Peter Liang Highlights the Asian American Identity Crisis](#), by Jess Guh
- [Between a Rock and a Hard Place: What the Asian American Protests Over the Peter Liang Conviction May be Missing](#), by Scot Nakagawa
- [Why Asian-Americans who defend Peter Liang are enabling police brutality](#), by Steph Yin
- [On the Peter Liang Protests and the "Model Minority" Myth](#), by Kevin Wong
- [When Being Chinese is Not Enough: Peter Liang and the Future of Ethnic Solidarity](#), by Ellen Wu
- [Why the Chinese Community Shouldn't Rally Around Indicted Cop Peter Liang](#), by Esther Wang
- [What are we fighting for? White Privilege or Racial Justice in the death of Akai Gurley](#), by Oiyen Poon
- [You Don't Support Peter Liang? Then Join the 'Enemies List,'](#) by Philip
- [I'm Chinese American and I Think This Weekend's Peter Liang Protests Were a Problem, and an Opportunity](#), by Steph Yin
- [A system that doesn't value black lives can never truly value Asian American](#) lives, by Jenn Fang
- [When We Talk About Peter Liang](#), by Alton
- [On the Indictment of Peter Liang](#), by Liz Lin
- [How Should Asian-Americans Feel About the Peter Liang Protests?](#), by Jay Caspian Kang (available in **Chinese + Korean**)
- [The Messy House That Race Made](#), by Soya Jung
- [There is No "Chinese" Side of Justice](#), by Timmy Lu
- [The Problematic Political Balkanization of Asian America](#), by Jenn Fang
- [CAAAY Statement on the murder of Akai Gurley by NYPD officer Peter Liang](#)
- [Towards a "Selfish Solidarity": Building Deep Investment in the Movement for Black Lives](#)
- [How We Talk about Asian American Aggrievement](#) - Felix Huang
- [The Protests For Ex-Officer Peter Liang Are Anti-Black Racism](#), by Jenn M. Jackson
- [On Chinese Liang Supporters, Opponents of Affirmative Action and the Mississippi Chinese](#) by Patrick Chen (baritonepats)
- [A Letter to My Chinese Immigrant Father About American Racism](#), by Lucy Lee
- [Why Our Think Pieces About Peter Liang Failed to Reach Our Parents](#), by Lucy Lee
- [Two Mothers \(comic\)](#) by Ka Yan Cheung - in English and **Chinese**
- [Dear Brother \(comic\)](#) by Ka Yan Cheung - in English and **Chinese**
- [As Officer Who Killed Akai Gurley Gets No Jail Time, Asian Americans Debate Role of White Supremacy](#) (video) - by Democracy Now, featuring Gurley's aunt, Hertencia Petersen; Cathy

Dang, executive director of CAAAV & John Liu, former New York City comptroller (who is anti-Black)

- [A4BL Statement on the Peter Liang Verdict](#), by Asians4BlackLives Bay Area

## Asian Americans<sup>1</sup> / Folx of Asian Descent in a North American Context<sup>2</sup> and anti-Blackness

- [When You Become the Oppressive “Ally”: Asians, Anti-Blackness and Accountability](#)
- [Asian Americans Benefit from Black Struggle and We Need to Start Shouldering the Burden](#)
- [6 Reasons We Need to Dismantle the Model Minority Myth of those ‘Hard-Working’ Asians](#)
- [Ending Anti-Blackness Needs to be a top Priority for Asian Americans - Here’s Why](#)
- [We are NOT All Trayvon: Challenging Anti-Black Racism in POC Communities](#)
- Matsuda, Mari. [We Will Not Be Used: Are Asian Americans The Racial Bourgeoisie?](#)
- [“I am Nikki Haley”: When White Supremacy Looks Like Us](#)
- [“Fresh Off the Boat” and the dangers of perpetuating anti-blackness](#)
- [6 Ways Asian Americans Can Tackle Anti-Black Racism in Their Families](#)
- [On Solidarity, “Centering Anti-Blackness,” and Asian Americans](#)
- [Why I Refuse to Acknowledge #AsianPrivilege](#)
- [What Role do Asian Americans Have in the Campus Protests?](#)
- [Yes, There is Anti-Black Racism Among Asians - Sonali Kolhatkar](#)
- [Kil Ja Kim, “Does Asian American + POC = Anti-Black?”](#)
- [University of Michigan coalition, “An Open Letter to non-Black POC”](#)
- [Sora Han, The Politics of Race in Asian American Jurisprudence](#)
- [Dylan Rodriguez, Asian-American Studies in the Age of the Prison Industrial Complex: Departures and Re-narrations](#)
- [Jennifer Pan, Beyond the Model Minority Myth](#)
- [Tamara Nopper, The Wages of Non-Blackness](#)
- [Tamara Nopper, On Terror, Captivity, and Black-Korean Conflict](#)
- [An Apology to Black Folks, Kai-Ming Ko](#)
- [Blackness is the Fulcrum, Scot Nakagawa](#)
- [US Presidential Candidate Bobby Jindal and Model Minorities](#)
- [Bitter Fruit: The Politics of Black-Korean Conflict in New York City by Claire Jean Kim](#)
- Alternative link: <http://www.jstor.org/stable/pdf/2700029.pdf>
- [“Why we need to take responsibility for anti-black racism in k-pop” by Chris Lee](#)
- [resisting anti-Blackness in ourselves and our communities \(zine\) by moonroot](#)
- [Why Asian Adoptees Need to Give A Shit About #BlackLivesMatter](#)
- [Asian American Studies in the Age of the Prison Industrial Complex: Departures and re-Narrations - Dylan Rodriguez](#)
- <http://www.taiwaneseamerican.org/2016/07/taiwan-blacklivesmatter/>
- [I'm Not Here for Asian Americans Who Won't Get Behind #BlackLivesMatter](#)
- ["Asians and Black Lives", spoken word by jason chu \(Video\)](#)
- [In the narrative of race, why only black ink on white paper?](#) By Kao Kalia Yang, special to the Star Tribune

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<sup>1</sup> Asian American might be homogenised in these articles (homogenised meaning leaving out the nuances of Asian American identity - leaving out South and West Asian Communities and taking Southeast Asian to be East Asian).

<sup>2</sup> "Folx of Asian Descent in a North American context" meaning those that are either in the United States or Canada.

- NQAPIA's [QAPIs4BlackLives video](#)
- Yellow Jackets Collective's packet on East Asian privilege: "[Community Accountability: Recognizing histories of Yellow American privilege, assimilation and complicity in the U.S.](#)"

## The Racial Violence of Multiculturalism in North America

- Chapter 4 "Multiculturalism and the Liberalizing Nation" in "Exalted Subjects: Studies in the Making of Race and Nation in Canada," by Sunera Thobani

## non-Black people of colour appropriation of Black culture

- [AAVE AND WHY IT IS MORE THAN LIKELY CULTURAL APPROPRIATION TO SPEAK IT IF IT ISN'T YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE - tumblr thread](#)
- [What the backlash against 'bae' reveals about society's attitude toward Black Culture - Derrick Clifton](#)
- [On how 'woke' went from black activist watchword to teen internet slang](#) - Charles Pulliam-Moore

## Southeast Asian specific

- [Southeast Asian Activists Urge 'Solidarity With Black People' Post Garner Non-Indictment](#)
- [Black History and the Filipin@ Community](#)
- [4 Reasons Why Filipinas/os Should Support Black Lives Matter](#) - Dr. Valerie Francisco

## South Asian<sup>3</sup> specific

- [How Anti-Blackness Affects my South Asian-American identity](#)
- [What Solidarity, 'Selfishness' and Anti-Blackness Look like from a Queer Desi perspective](#)
- [Baltimore Riots Reveal Blatant Anti-Blackness in the South Asian Community](#)
- [On Confronting and Resisting Anti-Blackness in Ourselves & In Our Communities](#)
- [The Revolution Starts with my Thathi: Strategies for South Asians to Bring #BlackLivesMatter home](#)
- [Bringing it Home: South Asians Talking to Our Parents About Sureshbhai Patel. Police Brutality, and Black Lives Matter](#)
- [The Need for Black-South Asian Solidarity by Lavanya Nott](#) (1/14/2016)
- [Freedom to Dissent from Delhi to Ferguson by Meghna Chandra](#) (2/16/2016)
- Vijay Prashad's chapter on South Asians & anti-Blackness in *The Karma of Brown Folk*
- *Everybody was Kung-Fu Fighting* by Vijay Prashad
- [Hip Hop Desis: South Asian Americans, Blackness and Global Race Consciousness](#) by Nitasha Sharma
- [Desi Hoop Dreams: Pickup Basketball and the Making of Asian American Masculinity](#) by Stanley I. Thangaraj
- [The Secret History of South Asian and African American Solidarity](#) by Anirvan Chatterjee
- [Why Black Lives Matter in Pakistan](#) by Junaid S. Ahmad & Darakshan Raja
- [South Asians for Black Power: On Anti-Blackness, Islamophobia, and Complicity](#)
- [We Too Sing America: South Asian, Arab, Muslim, and Sikh Immigrants Shape Our Multiracial Future](#) by Deepa Iyer
- [Afro-Dalits of the Earth, Unite!](#) by Vijay Prashad (JSTOR)

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<sup>3</sup> We need to be cautious about reifying "South Asian" as a *racial* category—it runs the risk of neglecting the structural similarities between race and caste. For more on this, see Ania Loomba's article: [Race and the Possibilities of Comparative Critique](#)

- [It Starts at Home: Confronting Anti-Blackness in South Asian Communities --- A Facilitation Guide](#) by the Queer South Asian National Network
- [Towards a "Selfish Solidarity": Building Deep Investment in the Movement for Black Lives](#)
- [What M.I.A.'s Comments About BLM Say About South Asian Solidarity](#) by Nadya Agrawal of Kajal Magazine
- [Especially in the Wake of Ferguson, It's time to destroy anti-blackness in the Sikh community](#)
- [Indians' Debt To Black America by Neil Padukone, The Huffington Post](#)
- [Violence Against South Asians is Linked to Bias Against African Americans, The Root. By Zeba Khan \(4/2/2015\)](#)
- ["Bring in Brown to Keep Black Down", spoken word poem](#) by Alok Vaid-Menon of DarkMatter [\(Video\)](#)

## The Dangers of Allyship Over Liberatory Solidarity

- See most of the essays in [Taking Sides: Revolutionary Solidarity and the Poverty of Liberalism](#) (AK Press 2015, ed. Cindy Milstein) (*gives historical and contemporary insights into concerns with some forms of allyship that seem to be popping up in this movement moment*). This piece, in particular, offers critical insight for Asian Am "allies" to think about how not to essentialize Black voices by proclaiming to take their lead from "Black leadership" and how to think about solidarity that comes from building within your own communities. [A Critique of Ally Politics. by M.](#)

## Actions and Toolkits

- [On police abuse and Black Lives Matter: Talking Asian to Asian in North Minneapolis](#)
- Anti-racist Resource: Understanding Racial Profiling and Violence (briefly explains white supremacy and settler colonial police state violence in Canada)  
English - [PDF](#)  
Simplified Chinese - [PDF](#)
- [A Crowd-sourced letter for Asian Americans/Canadians to use to help explain BLM to their parents](#)
- [It Starts At Home, a workshop on unpacking anti-Blackness by the South Asian Solidarity Network](#)
- [An Allyship Toolkit started by Larissa Pham](#)
- ["The Talk" video by HOBAC \(Hella Organized Bay Area Koreans\) on talking to your parents](#)

## Talking to our children about police brutality and anti-Blackness

- I haven't seen specifically non-Black Asian resources on talking to children (but I'm really hoping to learn of some!), but I'm putting a few anti-Black racist/anti-police brutality parenting resources that came highly recommended:
- [Talking About Ferguson with Our Little Boys](#) *Here at ParentsTogether, we have been moved by the killing of Michael Brown and the ensuing police violence in Ferguson to consider how we talk about race and injustice with our children. Two of us have boys almost the same age (5 and 4), but Ailen Arreaza's family is Latino, and Bethany Robertson's is white. We were interested to learn how our conversations about Michael Brown differed, and perhaps to learn from each other's approaches. We asked our colleague, Darrell Scott, to interview us—raising up the issues that matter to him as a young, African American man. In the post below, we share our experiences.*
- [Talking to Kids About Dallas, Baton Rouge and Minnesota](#) by Nani Arreaza  
This article also has links to a few blog posts by Sachi Feris ([Raising Race-Conscious Children](#)) and others

- [How I would talk to my future 4 year old about Michael Brown and Eric Garner](#) (Sachi Feris)
- [Telling my white 4 year old about Alton Sterling and Philando Castile](#) (Sachi Feris)
- [In Response to Charleston: White Anti-Racist Parenting](#) (Rev. Emily Joye Reynolds)
- [Black Moms Tell White Moms about the Race Talk](#) by Aisha Sultan
- [HuffPo Resources for Talking to Kids About Race/Racism](#)
- [A Coloring Book page from Mq. & Mrs.](#)
- a more radical analysis about the history of american racism and white supremacy in an interesting and age/developmentally appropriate way:  
<http://muthamagazine.com/2015/07/aya-de-leon-on-how-to-talk-to-small-children-about-racism-celebrating-bree-newsome/>
- A resource guide by the [Oakland Public Library on Talking to Kids About Racism and Justice](#)
- Organization for parents (white & POC) on teaching about racism  
<http://www.raceconscious.org/>
- Another organization for parents (white & POC) on teaching about racism  
<http://www.bordercrossers.org/>
- Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance  
<https://www.splcenter.org/teaching-tolerance>



## Resources on anti-Blackness in languages other than English.

### Chinese

- 美国种族歧视问题的背后 <http://world.people.com.cn/n/2014/1130/c157278-26121125.html>
- 陳果仁外甥女: 舅舅與梁大不同
- 弗格森骚乱 <http://www.guancha.cn/FuGeSenSaoLuan>
- chinese-language pieces/quotes that aren't pro-liang + support akai gurley (via [this tumblr post](#))
  - the world journal talked a little about annie tan's article about how liang is not like vincent chin (here's a description of it in english)
  - here's a pretty [long weixin/wechat](#) compilation of various statements/translations that are not pro-liang (some of it is not that great imo like the beginning, but the info in the middle ish is good + the way some of the statements deal with 'debunking' protesters' claims)
  - here's a single [article](#) that imo it's pretty good judging from a quick skim that's short-ish and comprehensive (and i love the second paragraph under blacklives matter or alllivesmatter)
  - (^ the above resources i got from alexttom on twitter + aaacolumbia's twitter)
  - @celeryjiaozi found this article with quotes from non-supporters :)
- [梁警員與「華裔族群團結」背後的種族爭鬥: 少數族群典範與反黑情結](#), New Bloom Mag
- [我的美籍亞裔夢 #還柯里一個公道](#) (I dream of Asian America #JusticeForAkaiGurley)
  - Chinese translation of Soya Jung's piece by Zhou Shuxuan, via PARISOL (Traditional Characters; English and Chinese side-by-side)
- 為什麼梁彼得被裁定所有罪名成立? (Why the Liang verdict holds water)
  - Posted at [NTDTV](#) and [Vision Times](#)
- [何天夏·彼得森對於紐約亞裔警官梁彼得槍殺一案的公開信 OPEN LETTER FROM HERTENCIA PETERSEN REGARDING PETER LIANG](#) (Chinese version of Hertencia Petersen's -- Akai Gurley's aunt -- letter)

Consider adding:

If anyone is interested, Carven just watched all two hours of Washington Chinese Media:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WamYoot3\\_ik](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WamYoot3_ik)

Summary:

- only one speaker out of ten Chinese speakers mentioned that Akai is a son and father
- one min of silence for Akai Gurley
- Tom Fong of The Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association is intense/loud in bringing up historical white violence against Chinese people (34:10)
- about half of the Chinese speakers mentioned Akai once only and only referred to his death as tragic
- one Chinese man: "We also call upon our society to deal with poverty in this country. we still have so many places like this green project building when the shooting took place 50 years after MLK Jr's civil right movement. And the poverty kills every single day. and it's the real root cause of this tragedy. 'Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.' Everybody, together, we hand in hand cross the Selma Bridge declaring a war against deeply rooted bias, prejudice, poverty. " (41:40)
- one Chinese man talked about the "reckless[ness] and careless[ness] of the NYPD... Shame on NYPD" (49:00)
- many men are saying "I speak for ALL Chinese Americans in this country"; one said "thank you all for coming, because you are representing Chinese and the larger Asian American community," homogenizing everyone
- no speaker self-identified as being Mixed Race and no one identified as a person of Chinese and African and/or Black ancestry
- a white military was allowed to speak when he spontaneously asked to speak
- a woman professor who identifies as 'Hispanic American' spoke at the rally
- several men spoke about Chinese people's historical contribution to the American colonial project



- one person talked about the financial struggle of Peter Liang's family and talked about immigrant aspirations
- one speaker started his speech with "I Have a Dream" and then mentioned "walking across the Selma Bridge" out of context
- the voice clip by this Black woman's video has been played twice (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yO--BI8jFvU>)
- American anthems were sung in Chinese and people chanted "God Bless America"

## Mixed Race Asians

- [Confronting Antiracism with Seattle APIs, and My 5-Year-Old](#), by Sharon H. Chang (Multiracial Asian Families)
- [BOOK] [Mixed Race Amnesia](#) by Minelle Mahtani
- [BOOK] [Raising Mixed Race](#) Chapter 6: "Centering Blackness," by Sharon H. Chang
- [Mixed Rice Zines](#)

## Videos

- [The Talk](#) - HOBAC (Hella Organized Bay Area Koreans)  
Tips on talking about anti Blackness to non Black Korean Family members.
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## Podcasts

## REFERENCED

I've started a loose index of shared docs like these [here](#) so that people can easily reference resource lists. Just wanted to keep ya'll in the loop!-CB

<https://www.amazon.com/Raising-Mixed-Race-Multiracial-Post-Racial/dp/1138999466>