

Center for Multicultural Education  
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# Teaching for Diversity Series

Thursday, May 3  
12:00-1:15pm  
Lower-Level Library  
Conference Room



## “Dispelling the Model Minority Myth: Asian American Integration and Exclusion”

Moderator: Dr. Huining Ouyang

Panelists: Drs. Jinxing Chen, Binbin Fu, Sayeeda Mamoon, Phillip Yang, Maria Yelle

Asian Americans and Asian immigrants in the United States have been stereotyped, on the one hand, as the “Model Minority,” or law-abiding, hard-working, socioeconomically mobile citizens who submit to the dominant political and social systems. Yet, on the other hand, because of our racial, cultural, and sometimes linguistic differences, persons of Asian descent, regardless of our American nativity or citizenship, have been perceived as the “perpetual alien,” or the “foreigner within,” unable to be assimilated into the dominant cultural norm.

In this roundtable session, Edgewood College Asian American faculty members from diverse ethnic backgrounds will share their insights into the contradictory discourses of the model minority and the unassimilable alien in the U.S. political and cultural imaginary. From both professional and personal perspectives, our stories interrogate the model minority myth and reveal the dissonances within the American national narrative of immigrant integration and belonging.



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