The UNM Division for Equity and Inclusion joins our Asian and Pacific Islander (API) student, staff, faculty and community in denouncing the display of a derogatory, anti-Asian image on the Facebook page of UNM Physics Professor Doug Fields.

Over the weekend, students discovered that Fields’ Facebook page featured a profile picture of a medallion depicting a Winnie the Pooh figure eating a bat with chopsticks, with the language vilifying Wuhan on it. Winnie the Pooh is often referred to as a symbol of Chinese censorship.

DEI is working with campus partners to streamline processes to investigate the impact of the displays of the xenophobic images such as these on our students, faculty and staff, and to determine appropriate and timely university responses. DEI has led discussions to address xenophobia and stigma during the era of COVID-19 (and before) since March including webinars focusing on the impact to API groups as well publishing the Equity and Inclusion at UNM During COVID-19 guidelines.

If you experience discrimination, visit http://oeo.unm.edu or if you would like to report an incident visit Ethicspoint. For support during this time visit http://mentalhealth.unm.edu.