**Base Readings/Videos:** Primary materials we’ll reference during the Study Group

* [Why do we call Asian Americans the Model Minority?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PrDbvSSbxk8) (10 minute video from AJ+/Al Jazeera)
* [Rooted in Japanese American Concentration Camps, “Model Minority became code for anti-black.](https://densho.org/model-minority-myth/) (Densho encyclopedia)
* [Of Course Dylann Roof Thinks Asians are Racists, the media has been perpetrating that myth for years](https://www.washingtonpost.com/posteverything/wp/2015/06/25/of-course-dylann-roof-thinks-asians-are-racist-the-media-has-been-perpetrating-that-myth-for-years/?utm_term=.2a720f4021a8) (Washington Post)
* [The Forgotten History of America’s Radical Asian Activists](https://splinternews.com/the-forgotten-history-of-america-s-radical-asian-activi-1821046399) (Splinter)
* [The Professional Burdens of Being a Model Minority](https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2016/06/professional-burdens-model-minority-asian-americans/485492/) (The Atlantic)
* [Poll: Asian-Americans See Individuals' Prejudice As Big Discrimination Problem](https://www.npr.org/2017/12/06/568593799/poll-asian-americans-see-individuals-prejudice-as-big-discrimination-problem) (NPR)

**Questions to consider?**

* In what ways do stereotypes (whether perceived as “positive” or “negative”) affect individuals?
* How has the model minority myth been used to justify or further white supremacist or anti-black policies?

**Optional Readings/ Videos/Activities:** If you have the time and/or interest, you can explore some or all of the materials below related to our monthly topic.

* [The Problem with Apu](http://www.trutv.com/shows/the-problem-with-apu/index.html) (TruTv) 49 minute tv show, you can watch the whole thing or just watch a few clips
* [Beyond the Model Minority Myth](https://www.jacobinmag.com/2015/07/chua-changelab-nakagawa-model-minority/) (Jacobin Magazine - great socialist commentary, a little bit academic)
* [Model Minority Myth Page](http://encyclopedia.densho.org/Model%20minority/) on the Densho Encyclopedia - Lots of historical information
* [Interview with Michiko Frances Chikahisa](http://encyclopedia.densho.org/sources/en-denshovh-cmichiko-01-0022-1/) - (2 min Video Interview on Densho Encyclopedia, a social worker in the Japanese American Community after WWII)
* [Model Minority Myth Again used as a racial wedge between asians and blacks](https://www.npr.org/sections/codeswitch/2017/04/19/524571669/model-minority-myth-again-used-as-a-racial-wedge-between-asians-and-blacks) (NPR Code Switch article )
* [Asian Americans used to be portrayed as the villains, how did they become the model minority](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/wonk/wp/2017/04/14/asian-americans-used-to-be-portrayed-as-the-villains-how-did-they-become-a-model-minority/?utm_term=.f236a0dbd6e) (5 min video from NPR)
* [Information page](https://www.minorityhealth.hhs.gov/omh/content.aspx?ID=11453&lvl=2&lvlid=12) about health disparities for Asian Americans and Pacific Islander communities, from the office of minority health