

Final URA assignment

My experience as an URA was very informative and engaging. As a researcher we learned about the AAPI communities and the type of challenges they have faced. Topics involving Affirmative action and model minority myths were heavily touched upon, which brought up discussions on perspectives \ and its history. I found the articles that were provided in this research cohort to be very educational and easy to understand, especially since I was not aware about a lot of the terms like Model Minority myth and Affirmative action prior to this program. I realized I found the topic of model minority myth to be interesting and knew I wanted to include this topic in my Research Questions. However, I also wanted to implement factors relating to family, tradition, and mental health, that can impact how a person views themselves, as well as how society views them. During the time I was creating questions, I found myself feeling that some of them were coming as lengthy or wordy, my goal was to make them seem clear, and concise. In addition to this I didn't know if my questions were going to give the output of data I wanted to see. I soon began to solve my problems through guided readings and by asking questions of the guest speakers who came in talking about the process of researching and asking questions. This helped me be clear on the process of asking questions and creating them. I think the most exciting part was presenting my final research question to an Undergraduate college student and interviewing them. By doing so I realized how important it is to be educated on the importance of AAPI communities. Learning about current events, history, and personal experiences can shape how a person thinks. Through the articles, readings, and interactions I had with the other fellow researchers has helped me be more educated on issues being talked about in AAPI communities. I can say that being knowledgeable on your research topic is the first and a key step in deepening your research skills. It shows that you are confident, and informed on what you are talking about. Following up questions is another skill I will be using in my future research questions in interviews because it really helps to see if a person is understanding what is being asked, and if anything needs to be clarified before moving on. I feel like these two qualities really helped me be more prepared for future interviews but also have an idea on what to expect as an interviewee. Overall, I feel that my research has told the story and experience of one peer, while there are many more to hear from. We focused on information related to college students, that identified as Asian Americans, but I also want to focus on the stories and experiences of the elderly Asian American Community, because their times and circumstance were way different from ours, so it's important to learn, ask questions, be empathetic and build connections when doing so.