About Us

Studio ATAO is a nonprofit that creates educational tools, resources, and spaces for individuals and organizations to advance systems-based change through a social justice lens and the all-affected principle*.

Our theory of change is that change happens one conversation, one person, one relationship at a time. While this can make social change feel excruciatingly slow, it presents an important opportunity for every individual to make a meaningful impact on our collective future.

ATAO is pronounced ah-tao, and stands for all together at once.
We recognize that learning (and unlearning) is not a passive activity.

We create events that connect theoretical concepts with actionable changes that can be implemented in the workplace.
Our events cycle bridges the gap between education, capacity-building, and collective action towards change.

**EDUCATE**

Foundation-building learning events that introduce complex new topics to a wide range of audiences.

- Webinars / presentations
- Panel conversations
- Moderated Q&As

**ENGAGE**

Collaborative discussion spaces to unpack how social justice is interwoven into the workplace.

- Interactive workshops
- Moderated small-group discussions

**ACTIVATE**

Active coalition-building opportunities to develop new processes that center those most impacted.

- Facilitated team brainstorms
- Moderated Town Hall
Educate Events

TOPIC-THEMED PRESENTATIONS

30-90 minutes
Educational presentations from Studio ATAO focused on a specific topic.

Past Example: A hour-long webinar on cultivating inclusive workplaces through power mapping, proactive conflict mediation, and empowered employee resource groups.

PANELS, MODERATED Q&AS, AND OTHER CUSTOM EVENTS

30-90 minutes
External or internal events organized by Studio ATAO. Can also include book/film discussions.

Past Example: Moderated Q&A with Dr. Shinhee Han to discuss psychic repercussions of anti-Asian violence, building off of her book, Racial Melancholia, Racial Dissociation.
Engage Events

**INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS**

1-2 hours
Interactive presentation from Studio ATAO paired with a live discussion on a specific topic.

*Past Example:* A 90-minute cross-functional conversation about how **cultural appropriation** affects the CPG product development cycle.

**MODERATED SMALL-GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

1-2 hours
Deep-dives into a specific topic, moderated by Studio ATAO. Recommended to be scheduled after an Educate event.

*Past Example:* A 90-minute social media specific conversation on best practices to highlight BIPOC talent without tokenizing them.
Activate Events

FACILITATED TEAM BRAINSTORM

1-2 hours
Goal-oriented workshop led by Studio ATAO to develop new processes and commit to a long-tailed implementation plan.

Past Example: Multiple 90-minute brainstorming sessions reformulating the pitch guidelines for a media organization's Editorial department.

MODERATED TOWN HALL

2 hours
Internal or external Town Hall organized by Studio ATAO, to address industry-specific questions pertinent to the entire audience.

Past Example: A Town Hall for food & beverage media to discuss how publications can commit to public accountability and respond to crisis.
Sample Topic Areas

- Introduction to The Politics of Food
- Food & Microaggressions in the Workplace
- Preventing Tokenism in the Workplace
- Understanding Cultural Appropriation
- History & Impact of the Model Minority Myth
- Understanding & Unlearning the Scarcity Mentality
- Power 101: Mapping Power Dynamics
- Conflict Mediation & Accountability in the Workplace
- Creating Equitable & Impactful ERGs
We also offer long-term projects for creating change guided by the all-affected principle.

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<td>A mix of live and recorded seminars, internal events (e.g., panels, Q&amp;As), and small-group workshops paced along an overarching theme.</td>
<td>In-depth reports with detailed action steps, built from the learnings of internal &amp; external focus groups. Similar to our food media toolkits, but for internal use.</td>
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We gave a themed presentation on the topic of combating tokenization in food media and conducted a series of workshops, segmented by department, with facilitated brainstorming sessions to identify gaps in existing processes.

We moderated a company-wide panel conversation on understanding food insecurity through a cultural lens. After the panel, we created a custom, self-paced curriculum for employees looking to engage more deeply with the topic.

We hosted an in-person, sponsored dinner presentation of our Asian in America series as well as a virtual panel on equitable representation within the media landscape.

We organized an internal three-part series of Q&As, presentations, and workshops to address anti-Asian violence in the U.S., food and identity, and what power redistribution could look like within a food and tech company.
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