

Ashley Yong is a graduate student in higher education and student affairs at Ohio State. She arrived here after completing her undergrad at the University of Missouri, eager to experience life as a Buckeye.

Yong currently works at the Multicultural Center as part of her graduate assistantship. An experience that occurred just two weeks into Yong's first semester at Ohio State motivated her to pursue a career in which she can advocate for victims and survivors of sexual violence.

On September 10th, 2019, Yong met a Tinder date for dinner in the German Village, followed by an evening of mini-golf.

After arriving back at her off-campus apartment, Yong was sexually assaulted, despite establishing boundaries and clearly indicating she did not want to have sex.

[Ashley Yong]: So yeah, I had like, invited him to stay the night, and it was a consistent from there, like, just pushing and testing of my boundaries, without any like, you know, explicitly asked for consent, and things like that.”

Visibly upset, Yong told her perpetrator to leave. That night, she cried herself to sleep.

The next day Yong ultimately decided she wanted someone from the university to hear her story. A coworker walked her to the Title IX office, and there she recounted the night before to a Civil Rights Intake Coordinator.

Three hundred and thirty-eight days later, after hundreds of back-and-forth emails with the Title IX office and a diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder, the hearing officer assigned to Yong's case did not find her perpetrator responsible for any of the charges.