



# **BDS and Campus Anti-Semitism**

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**Student Efforts to Promote  
Anti-Israel  
Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions Campaigns**

# Student BDS Campaigns on More Than 150 U.S. Campuses

- Including campaigns to endorse international BDS efforts; boycotting Israeli products on campus; anti-Israel divestment resolutions
- Anti-Israel divestment resolutions voted on in 31 student senates to date, with 13 succeeding:

Arizona State University  
 Cornell University  
 CUNY  
 DePaul University  
**Earlham College**  
 Florida Atlantic University  
**Loyola University of Chicago**  
 Marquette University  
 Northeastern University  
**Northwestern University**  
**Oglethorpe University**  
 Princeton University  
 San Diego State University  
**Stanford University**  
**UC Berkeley**  
 UC Davis

**UC Irvine**  
**UCLA**  
 UC Merced  
**UC Riverside**  
**UC San Diego**  
 UC Santa Barbara  
 UC Santa Cruz  
 University of Michigan Ann Arbor  
**University of Michigan Dearborn**  
 University of New Mexico  
 University of Texas Austin  
**University of Toledo**  
 University of Washington  
**Wesleyan University**  
 Western Washington University

# Student BDS Campaigns Include the Demonization and Delegitimization of Israel and Holding Israel to a Double Standard

(Israel Apartheid Week at UC Irvine)



# BDS

Boycott      Divest      Sanction

## Apartheid ends HERE

**WHAT IS DIVESTMENT?** peaceful movement to pressure institutions to withdraw investments from companies which supply the apartheid state of Israel

## WHY SHOULD YOU CARE?

the plight of Palestinians is a humanitarian crisis which transcends racial ethnic or regional lines. our student fees are being used to invest in corporations that profit off of Israel's military occupation of Palestine. Students helped end apartheid in South Africa and students can help end today's apartheid in Israel.

Nelson Mandela  
anti-apartheid activist and 1st  
black president of South Africa.  
Look out at the Dome of the Rock



2003, 23 YRS-OLD  
ED TO DEATH  
CTING THE HOME

MISSION



# Student BDS Campaigns Deny Israel's Right to Exist as a Jewish State

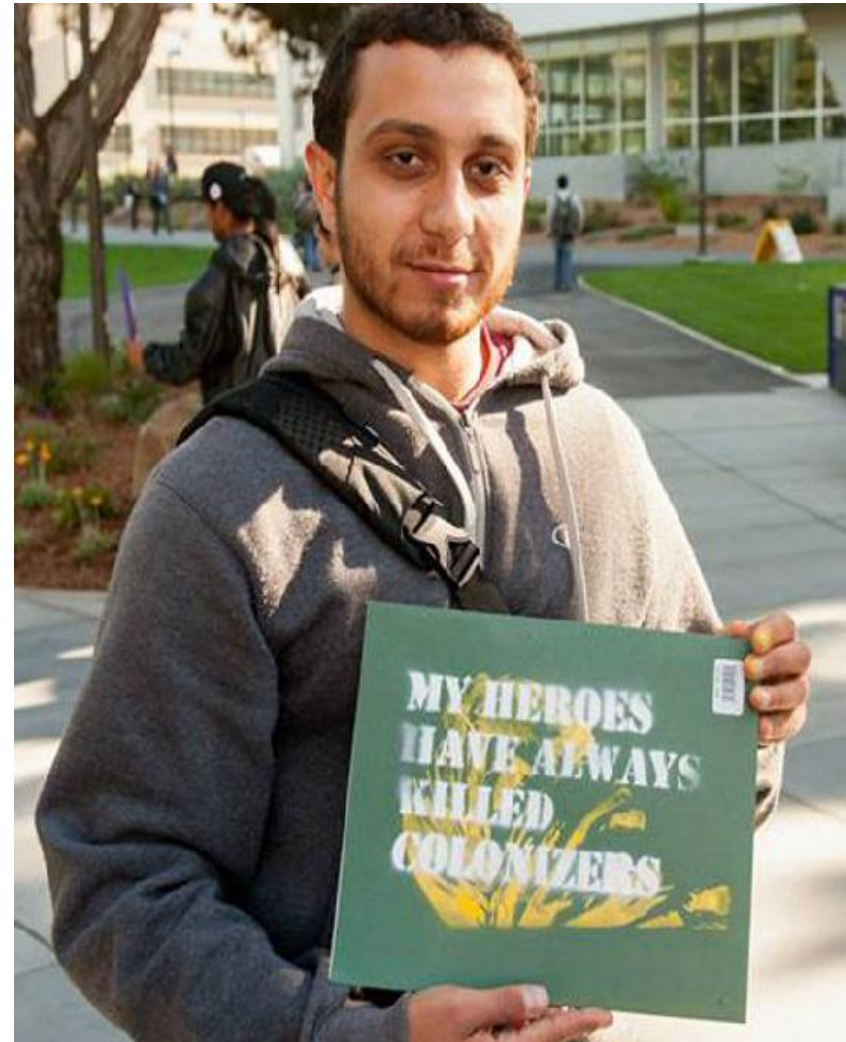
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(SJP Students "Occupy" Administration Building at UC Davis, Promote BDS)



# Student BDS Campaigns Condone Terrorism Against Israelis and Jews

(BDS-Promoting Event at SFSU)



# Student BDS Campaigns Have Wide Support from Faculty, Administration and Student Groups

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(Poster for MSA's BDS-promoting "Israel Apartheid Week" at UCSD)



## Sponsored by 16 academic/administrative units:

African American Studies Minor  
AS External Office  
Black Staff Association  
Center for Global California Studies  
Chican@/Latin@ Arts & Humanities Minor  
CA Cultures in Comparative Studies  
Community Law Project  
Critical Gender Studies  
Cross-Cultural Center  
Ethnic Studies Dept  
Literature Dept  
Office of Academic Support & Instructional Services  
Office of Graduate Studies  
Thurgood Marshall College  
Visual Arts Department  
Women's Center

## Endorsed by 9 Student Organizations:

Afghan Students Association  
Amnesty International  
Arab Student Union  
Black Student Union  
FORWARD  
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan  
Pakistani Student Association  
Students for Justice in Palestine  
SPACES

**Faculty Efforts to Promote  
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## **Faculty Endorsing BDS**

- **More than 2,000 faculty on over 400 college and university campuses in the U.S. have endorsed an academic boycott of Israel, an anti-Israel divestment campaign, or sought to shut down study abroad programs in Israel.**
- **9 academic organizations have formally endorsed an academic boycott of Israel:**

**Association for Humanist Sociology  
American Studies Association  
Association for Asian American Studies  
Critical Ethnic Studies Association  
National Association of Chicana and Chicano Studies  
National Women's Studies Association  
Native American and Indigenous Studies Association  
University of Hawai'i at Manoa Department of Ethnic Studies  
Peace and Justice Studies Association**

# Faculty Promote BDS on University Website

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(CSU Northridge Mathematics Professor has Posted this Webpage on the CSUN Server)



## Boycott Israel Resource Page



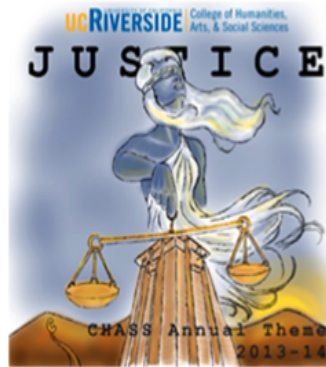
**“Israel is the most racist state in the world at this time.”**

**“Israel is an apartheid state.”**

**“The result of Israel state policies has been a 63 year program of ethnic cleansing.”**

# Faculty Promote BDS as Part of Course Curriculum

(UC Riverside College of Humanities and Social Sciences and Ethnic Studies Dept.  
Present a Lecture Promoting BDS for Course Credit to Students in 8 Classes)



CHASS FIRST and the Ethnic Studies Department

Present

A lecture by

Omar Barghouti

"Palestine's South Africa moment: relative justice, not relative humans".

Tuesday, January 14, 2014

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

In the University Theatre, HUM 400

Omar Barghouti is an independent Palestinian researcher, commentator and human rights activist committed to upholding international law and universal human rights. He is a founding member of the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) and the Palestinian Civil Society Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) campaign against Israel. He holds a bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering from Columbia University, NY, and a master's degree in philosophy (ethics) from Tel Aviv University.

Free and open to the Public. Fulfills the Annual Theme requirement for CHASS Connect, CHASS TRAC, HASS001 and can be used as an event for HASS 010.



Omar Barghouti, the founder of the academic boycott of Israel, was the featured speaker. In his talk:

- He accused Israeli soldiers of “hunting Palestinian children,” saying they “entice children like mice into a trap and murder them for sport.”
- He accused “Israel and its well-oiled lobby groups” of “buying and paying for allegiance in Congress” and controlling the media.”

# Faculty Promote BDS at Academic Conference

(Pro-BDS Conference at New York University)

**AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAM ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

## **CIRCUITS OF INFLUENCE :**

### **U.S., ISRAEL, AND PALESTINE**

**20 COOPER SQ., 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR | FEB 28<sup>TH</sup> — MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**



**Following an unprecedented wave of public dialogue in response to the American Studies Association's recent endorsement of a boycott of Israeli academic institutions, this conference addresses the convergence between international justice movements and emerging scholarly directions within the increasingly transnational field of American Studies. What is the history of the circuits of influence between the U.S., Israel and Palestine? How has recent American Studies scholarship on the political economy of racialization, empire, and settler colonialism led to the highlighting of this particular "triangle"? What can we learn from the record of using boycotts as a tactic and substantive challenge to systems of injustice?**

**In addition to a film-focused event** the evening before, the conference will host panels on the following topics: **geopolitics of the region, new directions in American Studies scholarship, and the history and practice of boycotts.**

**ADVANCED CONFERENCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED:**  
[ASPConference.eventbrite.com](http://ASPConference.eventbrite.com)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>**

5:30pm **Opening Reception**

6 - 9pm **Film Screening: *Arna's Children***  
 (Juliano Mer-Khamis & Danniell Danniell; 2004);  
**Introduced by Adam Shatz (NYU), and MTL (Amin Husain and Nitasha Dhillon)**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 1<sup>ST</sup>**

9:45am **Introduction**  
*Andrew Ross (NYU) and Emmaia Gelman (NYU)*

10am-12:15pm **History & Efficacy of Boycotts**  
**Panelists:** *Salah Hassan (MSU), Robin Kelley (UCLA), Riham Barghouti (Adalah-NY), Maria LaHood (Center for Constitutional Rights), Sean Jacobs (New School)*  
**Moderator:** *Lisa Duggan (NYU)*

12:15-1:30pm **Lunch Workshop Sessions**

1- **Movement-Building, facilitated by Maia Ramnath (Adalah-NY)**

2- **Student Organizing, facilitated by Shafeka Hashash (Students for Justice in Palestine)**

3- **Public Engagement, facilitated by Rebecca Vilkomerson (Jewish Voice for Peace)**

1:30- 3:15pm **New Directions in American Studies**  
**Panelists:** *Kéhaulani Kauanui (Wesleyan University), Manijeh Nasrabadi (NYU), Dean Saranillo (NYU), Neferti Tadiar (Columbia University)*  
**Moderator:** *Maria Josefina Saldaña-Portillo (NYU)*

3:45-5:30pm **Geopolitics of the Region**  
**Panelists:** *Alex Lubin (American University of Beirut), Lisa Hajjar (UC Santa Barbara), Samera Esmeir (UC Berkeley), Moustafa Bayoumi (Brooklyn College)*  
**Moderator:** *Noura Erakat (Georgetown University)*

5:30 - 6:30pm **Closing Reception**

Organized by SCA's American Studies Program. Co-sponsored by The Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies, The Native Studies Forum, The Department of Social & Cultural Analysis, and SCA's Gender & Sexuality Studies Program.

- Event organized by NYU's American Studies Dept. and co-sponsored by 3 other depts
- All of conference participants are anti-Israel pro-boycott activists
- Conference included activist workshops on how to boycott Israel run by anti-Zionist community groups

# Faculty Promote BDS as Advisor to Student Groups

(Faculty Advisor to Pro-Palestinian Group at SFSU Promotes BDS on Group's Facebook Page)

General Union for Palestine Students (SFSU)

Share · November 29, 2012 at 2:07pm

4 people like this. Seen by 94

**Rabab Abdulhadi**  
<http://www.change.org/petitions/members-of-the-asa-support-resolution-to-boycott-israeli-academic-institutions>

**Members of the ASA: Support Resolution to boycott Israeli academic institutions**  
[www.change.org](http://www.change.org)  
 IMPORTANT: When you sign this petition, please make sure to put your institution in the "street address field."

Share · November 26, 2012 at 12:41pm

Seen by 93

**Rabab Abdulhadi**  
 Please sign petition to renounce and rescind California House Resolution 35 that equates criticism of Israel with anti-Semitism. Everyone can sign  
<http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/renounce-rescind-ca-house-resolution-35/>

**Faculty advisor posts message on GUPS Facebook page promoting the ASA's academic boycott of Israel.**



**University Administrators Treat  
BDS-Related Activity  
with Discriminatory Double Standard**



# “Compton Cookout”, UCSD

UC President: “We will not tolerate racism in any form, and we will not hesitate to eradicate it wherever and whenever it occurs.”

UC President: “Free Speech”

# “Check Point”, UC Irvine



# **Anti-Semitic Effects of Campus BDS Activity**



# 29 Incidents of Swastikas on 21 Campuses since April 2014

## Most Correlated with BDS Activity

Stanford University  
 Northwestern University  
 University of Missouri  
 Framingham State University  
 Farleigh Dickinson University  
 Northeastern University  
 Tufts University  
 SUNY Purchase College  
 UC Berkeley  
 George Washington University  
 Vanderbilt University



CUNY John Jay College  
 Cleveland State University  
 UC Davis  
 Emerson College  
 Kean University  
 Yale University  
 Emory University  
 East Carolina University  
 University of Oregon  
 University of Central Florida

**“I don’t think that it’s a coincidence that this happened right after divestment...I feel like there were a lot of anti-Semitic feelings after divestment.” – Member of Jewish fraternity at UC Davis after swastikas found on the fraternity house**

**“When incidents like this happen, it’s scary. This person [responsible for the graffiti] doesn’t know me but they hate me just because of the single aspect that I’m Jewish – President of Jewish Student Organization at University of Missouri following two incidents of swastikas and on-going BDS activity**

# Anti-Semitic Expression During Divestment Votes in Student Senates

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(Anti-Israel Divestment Vote at UC Santa Barbara April 2015)



**"I am disgusted by the normalization of anti-Semitic language so casually thrown around at the [divestment] meeting. In those eight hours, I was told that Jews control the government, that all Jews are rich, that Zionism is racism, that the marginalization of Jewish students is justified because it prevents the marginalization of other minority groups...I saw students smile and cheer enthusiastically as a woman stood up and said the words, 'I am ashamed to be a Jew.' "** -- Margaux, UCSB Student

# Anti-Jewish Discrimination Against Candidates for Student Government



April 2015: Molly Horwitz, a Stanford junior running for the student senate, was asked in an interview with the Students of Color Coalition by a pro-BDS member: “Given your strong Jewish identity, how would you vote on divestment?”



February 2015: Rachel Beyda, a UCLA sophomore and candidate for the student judicial board, was asked by a student council member who had sponsored the anti-Israel divestment resolution: “Given that you are a Jewish student and very active in the Jewish community, how do you see yourself being able to maintain an unbiased view?”

# Jewish Student Voices

- “About two months ago when SJP (Students for Justice in Palestine) started the ‘DePaul Divest’ campaign, I no longer felt safe on this campus and I no longer felt I could be a proud Jewish student.” – **DePaul University**
- “I don’t want to wear my Jewish star on campus...I don’t want to wear anything that has Israel on it or any connection to Judaism at all. I don’t want to have a target on my back” – **Kean University**
- “I am terrified knowing I may not be able to discuss my Judaism without taunts, or worse, violence.” – **Northwestern University**
- “As a Jewish student on this campus, and the grandson of Holocaust survivors, I was disgusted and horrified by the anti-Semitic comments on Yik Yak.” – **SDSU**
- “I’m tired of antisemitism being a completely normal occurrence, and people standing idly by because as long as they are only going after the Jews nobody cares.” – **Temple University**
- “These attacks on my identity and rights to self-determination have not only affected me emotionally, but have had devastating effects on my academics and have hindered my purpose on this campus – to be a student.” – **UCLA**
- “For the first time in my life, I felt that my identity, an unchangeable part of who I am, was under attack and my entire existence as a Jew was being questioned.” – **UCSB**

**Stripping Jewish Students  
of Federal Protection under  
Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act**

**Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964** provides that “no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or nation of origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial Assistance” .

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“The abuse of civil rights laws to silence political views tramples on the First Amendment, and is already causing a tangible, detrimental impact on Arab, Muslim, and other students who espouse particular views of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. That contravenes the spirit of Title VI and of our Constitution. And it wrongly conflates Jewish identity with uncritical support for Israel.” - **Liz Jackson, Center for Constitutional Rights**

### **Anti-Israel student, legal and civil rights groups claimed that the use of Title VI for the protection of Jewish students violates the free speech rights of Arab and Muslim students:**

- November 2012 - MSA and SJP groups from CA universities sent a letter to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.
- December 2012 - the Asian Law Caucus, American Muslims for Palestine, CAIR, National Lawyers Guild and the Center for Constitutional Rights sent a statement to the United Nations Human Rights Committee.
- May 2013 - 7 anti-Israel legal and civil rights groups sent a letter to DOE’s Office of Civil Rights in San Francisco.

**AUGUST 17, 2013 - SF-OCR DISMISSED ALL 3 TITLE VI COMPLAINTS**

**Positive Steps:  
Student and State Resolutions  
Condemning Anti-Semitism and  
the U.S. State Department Definition**



# Student Senate Resolutions Condemning Anti-Semitism: UC Berkeley, UC Los Angeles, UC Santa Barbara

## All three Resolutions:

- Use the U.S. State Department's definition of anti-Semitism to identify and condemn anti-Semitism, and UCLA and UCSB cite the full definition in the body of the resolution, including the part relative to Israel.
- Resolve that their student senates will adopt the U.S. State Department's definition of anti-Semitism, and UCSB adds: "as well as the State Department's understanding relative to Israel."
- Resolve that their student senates will respect the right of the Jewish campus community "to define, within the guidelines of the national definition [UCB: put forth by the United States State Department], what is and is not anti-Semitic, in the same manner in which other communities are granted that right."

## State Resolutions Condemning BDS and Anti-Semitism

- August 2012 – California State Assembly Resolution HR-35 condemns anti-Semitism on California campuses, and includes BDS campaigns among those activities identified as anti-Semitic.
- April 2015 – Tennessee Senate Joint Resolution 170 condemns the BDS movement and increasing incidents of anti-Semitism, acknowledging that BDS contributes to anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism propaganda on college campuses.
- April 2015 – Indiana House Resolution 59 condemns BDS, calling it “anti-Jewish” and denouncing it for promoting a climate of hatred, intimidation, intolerance, and violence against Jews, including on college campuses.

# **US State Department's Definition of Anti-Semitism**

## **Contemporary Examples of Anti-Semitism**

- **Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews (often in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion).**
- **Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective—especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.**
- **Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, the state of Israel, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.**
- **Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust.**
- **Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interest of their own nations.**

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## **What is Anti-Semitism Relative to Israel?**

**EXAMPLES** of the ways in which anti-Semitism manifests itself with regard to the state of Israel, taking into account the overall context could include:

### **DEMONIZE ISRAEL:**

- **Using the symbols and images associated with classic anti-Semitism to characterize Israel or Israelis**
- **Drawing comparisons of contemporary Israeli policy to that of the Nazis**
- **Blaming Israel for all inter-religious or political tensions**

### **DOUBLE STANDARD FOR ISRAEL:**

- **Applying double standards by requiring of it a behavior not expected or demanded of any other democratic nation**
- **Multilateral organizations focusing on Israel only for peace or human rights investigations**

### **DELEGITIMIZE ISRAEL:**

- **Denying the Jewish people their right to self-determination, and denying Israel the right to exist**

***However, criticism of Israel similar to that leveled against any other country cannot be regarded as anti-Semitic.***