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Academic Agitators: The Role of Anti-Zionist Faculty Activism in Escalating Antisemitism at the University of California After October 7, 2023

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Executive Summary

Since the October 7, 2023 massacre of Israeli civilians by Hamas and the ensuing war in Gaza, antisemitic activity has exploded on campuses across the country, including at the University of California,¹ with recent estimates of increases in antisemitic assault, harassment and vandalism ranging from 700% to 2000%.² While anti-Zionist students and groups such as Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) are responsible for much of the antisemitic activity, our previous research suggests that anti-Zionist faculty play a pivotal role in fomenting the anti-Israel sentiment fueling campus antisemitism.³

This study investigated the anti-Zionist activity of UC faculty - as individuals and members of departments and faculty organizations – and graduate students (who serve as undergraduate instructors), on the ten campuses of the University of California in order to explore their possible contribution to the post-October 7th surge in antisemitic activity.

Compared to the same 23-week period last year, we found a staggering increase of more than 1000% (from 8 to 94) in the number of incidents (e.g. lectures, statements, rallies, etc.) involving anti-Zionist advocacy and activism carried out or supported by UC faculty and graduate students. For example:

- At UC Irvine, an assistant professor in Comparative Literature emailed her students: “In observance of the week-long global strike (Jan 21-28) to support the Palestinian people's call to end the genocide, I am canceling our Week 3 classes... business as usual cannot continue under these conditions.”
- At UC Merced, the Department of History and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies posted to their website a wholly one-sided statement, "Genocide in Gaza," that rejected the characterization of the Hamas massacre as terrorism, called on the UC administration to “endorse the call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions,” and urged their colleagues to discuss the topic of “resistance and Israel settler colonialism” with their students.
- The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES) department at UC Santa Cruz shut down operations and cancelled classes to participate in SJP’s “Shut It Down for Palestine” protest rally, which blocked the main entrance to campus for 6 hours. That day, CRES posted a message to their website urging their students and colleagues, “Skip school and work. Do not look away from the genocide. No business as usual!”

¹ See Appendix 1 for an extensive sampling of antisemitic activity on UC campuses after the Hamas attack on October 7, 2023.

² Hillel International estimates a 700% increase in antisemitic activity on North American campuses after October 7, 2023 compared to the same time period last year: <https://www.hillel.org/antisemitism-on-college-campuses-incident-tracking-from-2019-2023/>. As reported in a recent letter to the University of California Regents, the Anti-Defamation League estimates a 2000% increase in antisemitic incidents on college campuses across California compared to the same period last year: https://www.wiesenthal.com/assets/pdf/20240315_uc-regentsletter.pdf

³ See “Faculty Academic Boycotters: Ground Zero for Campus Antisemitism,” which demonstrates that the presence of anti-Zionist faculty is strongly associated with both anti-Zionist student activism and incidents targeting Jewish campus members for harm: <https://amchainitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Faculty-Academic-Boycotters-Antisemitism-Report.pdf>

Of particular concern was the establishment on all 10 UC campuses after 10/7/23 of Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP) chapters, whose explicit goal is to provide support for their campus' SJP groups and to use their faculty positions to promote anti-Zionist advocacy and activism, particularly an academic boycott of Israel that seeks to rid college campuses of Zionism and its supporters. UC FJP chapters and other faculty groups organized or cooperated with other student groups or departments in 40% of the faculty-related incidents, including the following:

- UCLA's FJP group, whose core principles call for the protection of free speech and academic freedom, have, in the same principles, committed themselves to implementing an academic boycott of Israel, which calls for boycotting educational programs in or about Israel and canceling or shutting down pro-Israel events and activities – all activities that deprive their own students and colleagues of free speech and academic freedom.
- FJP groups at UC Riverside, UC San Diego, UCLA and UCSC co-authored and/or co-sponsored student BDS resolutions, in some cases with FJP's own support for BDS cited as justification for the resolution, which all passed in their student senates.
- FJP at UCSC, whose founding members include more than 60% of the school's Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department faculty, advertised an anti-Zionist student group's protest, "March Against Zionism," commenting, "UCSC: time for us to show up again! Let's make it clear – zionism is not welcome on our campus 🙄 PS"

Graduate student organizations, many affiliated with SJP, showed a similar surge, with little or no activity last year, but involvement in more than a quarter of the incidents this year, including:

- The UC Berkeley Black Studies Graduate Students (affiliated with Graduate SJP) released a statement calling for BDS, including a boycott of the school's study abroad programs in Israel, and read, "[We] state clearly that the Zionist Israeli state must end."
- Astronomy graduate students at UC Santa Cruz issued the statement "UCSC's Astronomy Graduate Students Promise to Divest Their Labor and Research from Militarism and U.S Imperialism," which committed themselves to "withholding academic labor" and "refusing research collaborations" that would benefit Israel. The statement also called on UC faculty "to divest their research from apartheid, genocide, and militarism... and to critically consider your collaborations with Israeli universities".

Our results strongly suggest that UC faculty and graduate students are major contributors to antisemitic activity on their campuses. As individuals and members of departments and campus organizations, they have engaged in anti-Zionist indoctrination and activism under the mantle of academic freedom, provided material support for anti-Zionist students and student organizations, and incited animus and harm towards the Jewish state and its on-campus supporters.

Although the University of California has policies prohibiting faculty and graduate students from using their academic positions and university resources to engage in political indoctrination and activism, campus administrators are simply not enforcing these regulations. Unless and until this changes, we believe University of California campuses are not safe for their Jewish members.

Methodology

Data Collection

This study compares incidents of anti-Zionist activism of faculty (as individuals and as members of departments and faculty organizations) on UC campuses during the 23-week period after October 7, 2023 (10/7/23 – 3/15/24) to the same time period in the previous year (10/7/22 – 3/15/23). All of these incidents are taken from AMCHA Initiative’s Antisemitism Tracker⁴, which contains incidents from 2015 to present, culled from submitted incident reports, campus police logs, media accounts, social media postings and on-line recordings, which have occurred on U.S. college or university campuses and been identified by AMCHA personnel as having antisemitic content.

In determining whether faculty behavior constituted anti-Zionist advocacy or activism, we used criteria which sought to ascertain whether the behavior is intended to undermine the existence of Israel as a Jewish state. Specifically, we asked if the behavior included one or more of these types of expression:

- **Condoning Terrorism against Israel** - Calling for, aiding or justifying the killing or harming of Israelis.
- **Denying Jews Self-Determination** - Denying Israel’s legitimacy or right to exist as a Jewish state, or promoting its elimination either directly or indirectly (e.g. by calling for the “right of return” of the original Palestinian refugees and their millions of descendants, which would result in the demographic annihilation of the Jewish state).
- **Demonization of Israel** - Using symbols, images and tropes associated with classic antisemitism to characterize Israel, Israelis, Zionism or Zionists, such as claiming that Israelis are evil or blood-thirsty and deliberately murder children or that Zionism is white supremacy, or delegitimizing Israel by insinuating that Israel is an illegitimate state and does not belong in the family of nations.
- **Calling for or Promoting an Economic, Academic or Cultural Boycott of Israel (BDS)**

We note that criticism of Israel, Israelis, Zionism or Zionists that did not include one or more of the above types of expression was not considered anti-Zionism and was therefore not included in this study.

Data Analysis

Faculty anti-Zionist activity was broken down and examined with respect to the following faculty groupings: 1) Individual faculty; 2) Academic departments (including academic programs, centers, and institutes); 3) Faculty organizations (such as Faculty for Justice in Palestine); and 4) Graduate student organizations (such as Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine). Each incident could include the participation of more than one of the above categories, for example a BDS-promoting statement organized by a faculty organization could have as signatories academic departments, graduate student organizations and individual faculty.

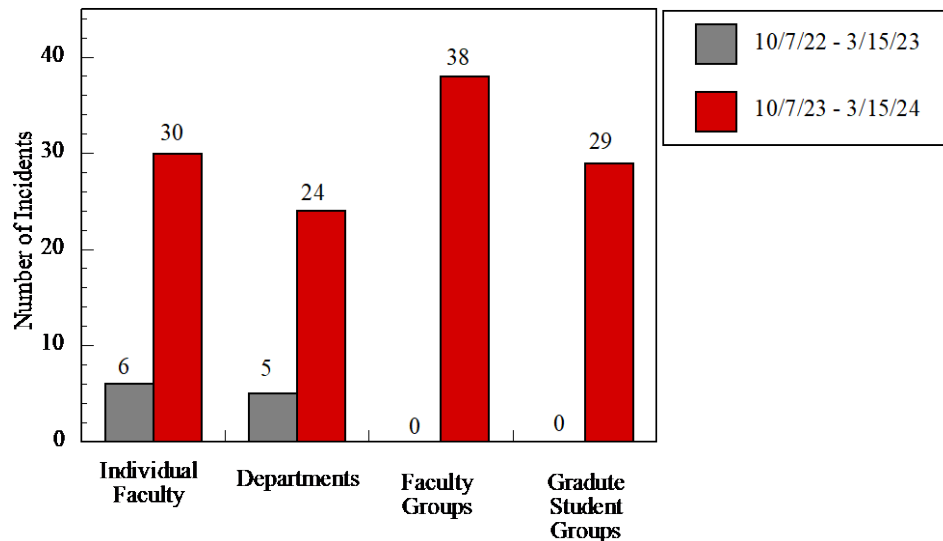
⁴ <https://amchainitiative.org/search-by-incident#incident/search/display-by-date/search/>

Findings

Our investigation revealed a dramatic increase (over ten-fold) in the anti-Zionist advocacy and activism that UC faculty and graduate students – participating as individuals or as members of departments, campus faculty associations or graduate student groups – exhibited in classrooms, campus events, statements, letters, op-eds, social media commentary, student government resolutions, protest rallies, etc.: 94 incidents involving the anti-Zionist activity of faculty after October 7, 2023, compared to 8 incidents during the corresponding 23-week period the prior year.

These include incidents involving both individual faculty members, which increased from 6 to 30 incidents, as well as incidents involving academic departments (25 different departments on 8 campuses), which increased from 5 to 24. In addition, while there was no involvement of any faculty organization or graduate student group in anti-Zionist activism from 10/7/22 to 3/15/23, after October 7, 2023 there were 38 incidents involving faculty groups (Faculty for Justice in Palestine, UC Faculty Associations and the UC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council) and 29 involving graduate student groups (17 different groups on 6 campuses and system-wide, most affiliated with Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine). These comparisons are summarized in Figure 1.

Figure 1
Comparison of the Involvement in Anti-Zionist Activity by Faculty Grouping
10/7/22 – 3/15/23 to 10/7/23 – 3/15/24



An extensive sampling of incidents involving the anti-Zionist advocacy and activism of individual faculty, departments, faculty organizations and graduate student organizations is provided in Appendix 3-6, respectively.

In order to better understand how anti-Zionist faculty might be contributing to the post-10/7/23 surge of antisemitic activity on their campuses, we further investigated the extent to which the anti-Zionist incidents involving each faculty grouping (academic departments, faculty organizations, and student groups) were linked to anti-Zionist student groups such as Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP) and their campus activism, especially BDS campaigns to promote economic and academic boycotts of Israel and Israel-supporting individuals and groups. These student groups and their activism have in turn been strongly associated with behavior targeting Jewish campus members for harm, including physical assault, harassment and vandalism.

Our study found that nearly half (11 incidents) of the 24 anti-Zionist incidents involving academic departments also involved the participation of student groups - primarily SJP - or the expression of support for or defense of the anti-Zionist activism of these student groups. In addition, 5 incidents involved departments advocating for some kind of boycott or sanction of Israel, with 3 incidents containing departmental support for an academic boycott of Israel.

Given that 31 of the 38 faculty organizations involved in anti-Zionist activism post-10/7 were recently established chapters of the national Faculty for Justice in Palestine network, whose explicit goal is to provide support for their campus' SJP group and amplify their activism, it's not surprising that a large majority (28 incidents) of the incidents involving faculty groups also involved the participation of student groups or the expression of support or defense of their activism. In addition, a majority (21 incidents) of the incidents involving faculty groups like FJP also included the promotion of BDS, with almost a quarter of them (9 incidents) involving the promotion of academic BDS.

Similarly, after October 7, 2023, graduate student organizations, most affiliated with Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine (GSJP), were either established or became much more active on several UC campuses, and like FJP, worked to amplify the anti-Zionist efforts of SJP or similar student groups. More than a third (12 incidents) of the 29 incidents involving graduate student groups included the participation of undergraduate student groups, and a large majority (21 incidents) were involved with the promotion of BDS in general, with several (9 incidents) involving the promotion of academic BDS.

The involvement of each faculty grouping with incidents including or supporting anti-Zionist student groups or expressing support for economic and academic boycotts of Israel are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1
Number of Faculty Anti-Zionist Incidents Involving or Expressing Support for Student Groups and Promoting BDS by Faculty Grouping

Faculty Group Type	Total Number of Incidents	Incidents Involving or Supporting Student Groups	Incidents Expressing support for BDS generally	Expressing support for academic BDS
Academic Departments	24	11	5	3
Faculty Organizations	38	28	21	9
Graduate Student Groups	29	12	21	9

Discussion and Conclusions

Our findings reveal that the anti-Zionist advocacy and activism of faculty and graduate students at the University of California has increased ten-fold since October 7, 2023 and suggest that such faculty behavior has played a pivotal role in fomenting antisemitism on UC campuses. Under the guise of academic freedom, individual faculty, as well as the departments and campus organizations they are associated with, not only engage in anti-Zionist indoctrination and activism, they also provide material support to anti-Zionist students and student groups and foster hostility and harm towards the state of Israel and its on-campus supporters.

Anti-Zionist faculty on UC campuses have long been using their academic positions and departmental affiliations to demonize and delegitimize the Jewish state and engage in activist efforts to dismantle it.⁵ However, we believe the post-10/7/23 establishment on UC campuses of faculty and graduate student organizations devoted in large part to supporting and amplifying the anti-Zionist activism of undergraduate student organizations such as Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), whose strong links to campus antisemitism have been repeatedly documented⁶, has significantly contributed to the recent explosion of antisemitic activity throughout the UC system.

Of particular concern in this regard is the Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP), a national network⁷ with dozens of chapters, including on all ten UC campuses. Established in response to a call⁸ from the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USACBI), FJP chapters are intended to provide support for SJP groups and to engage them and their fellow faculty in advancing the implementation of an academic boycott of Israel (the academic arm of BDS), whose explicit goal is to halt “the normalization of Israel in the global academy.” USACBI’s guidelines⁹ call for boycotting educational programs in or about Israel and canceling or shutting down pro-Israel events and activities, as well as encourage the denigration, protest and exclusion of pro-Israel individuals — all activities that can have a devastating impact on students and faculty who want to study in or about Israel, or who identify with the Jewish state. Alarming, several UC FJP chapters include in their founding documents explicit support for academic BDS, as well as commitments to bringing anti-Zionist activism into their teaching and scholarship.

The explosion of anti-Zionist faculty activism since October 7, 2023, with a significant part of it linked to a nationally-coordinated campaign to rid U.S. campuses of Zionism and Zionists, is key to understanding why UC campuses are rapidly devolving into places where Jewish students are not

⁵ See, for example, “Anti-Zionism and the Abuse of Academic Freedom: A Case Study at the University of California, Santa Cruz” by Tammi Rossman-Benjamin: <https://jcpa.org/article/anti-zionism-and-the-abuse-of-academic-freedom-a-case-study-at-the-university-of-california-santa-cruz/>

⁶ A 2019 study carried out by AMCHA Initiative found that campuses with one or more active anti-Zionist student groups such as SJP were 15 times more likely to have incidents involving the targeting of Jewish students for harm: <https://amchainitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Faculty-Academic-Boycotters-Antisemitism-Report.pdf> See...

⁷ <https://www.fjp-network.org/>

⁸ <https://usacbi.org/faculty-for-justice-in-palestine/>

⁹ <https://usacbi.org/guidelines-for-applying-the-international-academic-boycott-of-israel/>

only unwelcome, they are threatened, verbally and physically abused, and actively excluded from campus life.¹⁰

Although the University of California has policies¹¹ prohibiting faculty and graduate students from using their academic positions and university resources to engage in political indoctrination and activism, campus administrators are simply not enforcing these regulations. Moreover, after years of not enforcing these policies, anti-Zionist faculty are emboldened to continue peddling their hatred of the Jewish state and efforts to destroy it in their classrooms, conference halls, departmental websites and other educational spaces, knowing they can do so with impunity.

Given the dire consequences of allowing faculty to substitute anti-Zionist activism for education, we recommend that the UC Regents establish robust enforcement procedures for ensuring that faculty are prohibited from using their University positions and resources to engage in political indoctrination and activism. These procedures must include administrative accountability, for example, obligating each chancellor to provide an annual report with comprehensive documentation of faculty and graduate instructors who violate relevant policies and how these infractions are handled by campus administrators. Unless and until such robust enforcement procedures are put in place, University of California campuses will not be safe for their Jewish members.

¹⁰ See Appendix 6 for first-person testimonies of UC students and faculty who have been negatively affected by the unprecedented surge in antisemitic activity on their campuses.

¹¹ University of California policies which prohibit faculty from using their official positions and university resources for political advocacy and activism include: 1) The Regents Policy on Course Content, which states, “Misuse of the classroom by, for example, allowing it to be used for political indoctrination...constitutes misuse of the University as an institution”; 2) Restrictions of the Use of University Resources and Facilities for Political Activities, which states that “The name, insignia, seal, or address of the University or any of its offices or units shall not be used for or in connection with political purposes or activity.”; and 3) The Faculty Code of Conduct, which includes in its list of unacceptable conduct the failure of a faculty member to “meet the responsibilities of instruction,” “intentional disruption of functions or activities sponsored or authorized by the University,” the “incitement of others to disobey University rules,” and the unauthorized use of University resources or facilities for personal or political purposes. In addition, California Education Code Section 92000 prohibits the use of the name of any UC campus for the support, endorsement, or advancement of “any political...movement, activity or program,” with “boycott” specifically named.

About the Researchers

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Appendix 1

Sampling of Antisemitic Assault, Vandalism and Harassment on UC Campuses Since 10/7/23

- **UC San Diego (3/6/24):** On a campus road leading to a protest rally with approximately 2,500 attendees, which was organized by SJP, the UCSD Faculty for Justice in Palestine and many other campus and community-based organizations to promote an SJP-authored (and FJP supported) BDS resolution, protesters heckled a Jewish UCSD faculty member, a local rabbi and other members of the Jewish community. One protester in particular yelled and tried to disrupt an interview about the protest that was taking place between the faculty member and a local news reporter. At the rally, a protester dumped a bottle of water on the head of a community member and forcefully pushed a Jewish faculty member, hitting and fracturing the faculty member's ankle. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (3/5/24):** A BDS resolution passed in the Student Union Assembly (SUA) in a 25-0 with one abstention vote. According to a Jewish student, 30 Jewish students came to speak in opposition of the vote, but were told the room was at capacity. They moved onto the Zoom link but were not allowed to speak at the meeting. The two female Jewish students who were permitted into the room were both harassed with antisemitic comments, including being told to "go back home," and left the room distraught and crying. After the vote's passage, Jewish students who were outside the room were booed. [Link](#)
- **UC San Diego (3/1/24):** A UCSD anthropologist who does field research in Israel noted the harassment he has experienced, stating, "Last week, my laboratory was desecrated. They put all kinds of Palestinian propaganda on the doors, covering my name. They put up false statements about archaeology ... They are trying to make it uncomfortable for Jewish faculty and students here at UCSD." [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (2/26/24):** A Students Supporting Israel event with IDF member Ran Bar-Yoshafat was shut down by 100-250 Bears for Palestine and other protestors who physically assaulted numerous Jewish students, including choking a female student leaving marks, spraining the thumb of another Jewish student when she wrestled to keep a door shut as protestors muscled it open, screaming "Jew, you Jew, you Jew" to a male Jewish student's face and spitting on the student as well as spitting at a female Jewish student. Protestors broke two windows and breached and broke a back door. A Jewish student was called "a dirty Jew." For safety reasons, the event had to be shut down, and campus police had to escort the event participants out of the event hall through an underground tunnel. Protestors chanted "Long live the intifada" and "Justice is our demand and if we don't get it we will shut it down." Signs at the protest included, "No Apology for Armed Resistance." Bears for Palestine had promoted the protest with inflammatory language on Instagram, stating, "Shut it down: Genocidal murderers out of Berkeley." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#), [Link 5](#), [Link 6](#), [Link 7](#)

- UC Los Angeles (2/26/24):** In response to threats made by SJP to protest and disrupt a talk by former Israeli foreign minister Tzipi Livni, hosted by the Nazarian Center for Israel Studies and co-sponsored by the Political Science department, the talk was moved to Zoom. An SJP social media post prior to the talk stated: "War criminals are NOT welcome on our campus!... disrupt... [and] Join us in committing to the academic boycott, putting an end to normalization, and showing that war criminals are not welcome here!" After the talk, SJP wrote: "Tzipi Livni was shown she is not physically welcome on our campus, but this is not over. The political science department, which sponsored this event, will not get away with this. Our eyes are on every department and corner of campus. We will not rest until the UC cuts all ties with the Zionist state." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- UC Santa Barbara (2/26/24):** "Zionists Not Welcome!!" was scrawled on the door of a Jewish student, with an arrow pointing at the student's mezuzah. [Link](#)
- UC Santa Barbara (2/26/24):** The MultiCultural Center (MCC) posted on their door antisemitic signs that stated, "Zionists Not Welcome" and "Zionists Are Not Welcomed! Stay Away From Our Kitchen Too!" An additional sign, "MCC Mission Statement: 'Commitment to Collective Social Justice Work.' So why not support PALESTINE?" was posted on the wall. Further signs posted inside the center included denigrating the Associated Students President, who is Jewish, and the Dean of Student Life, stating, "F**k a 'neutral' A.S. president," "Dean of Student Life, stop letting people die. [Dean of Life's] emergency exit," and "You cannot hide, you can run but you can't hide, [A.S. President] supports genocide." In addition, social media messages authored or promoted by MCC included, "FREE PALESTINE!!!!!!... shame on you for being complacent shame of you for being scared, and shame on our own AS BOARD for being Zionist that they are. WHAT ARE YOUR MORALS WHERE DO THEY LYE, why are you at a university and your silent?" [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#)
- UC Davis (Various dates and 2/26/24):** A Jewish student was pushed while wearing a "tiny pin of an Israeli flag" on her backpack, another "had her shirt torn" for confronting someone destroying a poster of Israeli hostages, another was "gagged at" while wearing a kippah as he walked through campus on a Jewish holiday. The 30 or so students who came to oppose a student government BDS resolution "were all laughed at, booed and jeered at every time they came up to speak." [Link](#)
- UC Berkeley (12/7/23):** A Jewish student was robbed in his apartment and a note was left in the Jewish student's home that said "F**k Jews. Free Palestine. From the River to the Sea." [Link](#)
- UC Berkeley (12/1/23):** A Jewish professor at Berkeley was targeted with slanderous vandalism that said, "Ron Hassner gets horny to genocide" and "Prof Hassner lowkey a terrorist." [Link](#)
- UC Santa Barbara (11/15/23):** During a student government meeting to discuss a resolution condemning Hamas, a student was assaulted after a representative from BWHC [AS Black Women's Health Collaborative] had stood up and incited a violent protest, and chants of 'from the river to the sea' were chanted in front of hundreds of Jewish students." [Link](#)
- UC Santa Cruz (11/10/23):** During the SJP protest "Shut it Down for Palestine - Do not look away from the genocide, No business as usual!", protestors shut down the entrance to the

University for approximately six hours, causing students trying to attend classes and midterm exams to be unable to access the campus. The Hillel director stated, "[T]he rhetoric at the protest justified and celebrated the torture and slaughter of Jews and Israelis, and openly called for the destruction of Israel and the annihilation of the seven million Jews who live there." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#), [Link 5](#)

- **UC Los Angeles (11/8/23):** At a UCLA Divest and SJP-organized "UC Divest" rally, a pinata with a picture of Netanyahu was hit in Bruin Plaza to chants of "Free, Free Palestine" as well as someone who allegedly screamed "Beat the f**king Jew!". Protesters marched through Bunche Hall with chants of "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#), [Link 5](#)
- **UC San Diego (11/1/23):** SJP protested an Associated Students meeting assembling outside the entrance to the building to prohibit egress, with protestors accusing Israel of "genocide" and chanting "resistance is justified," "Intifada, Intifada," and "From the river to the sea, Palestine will be free." Hillel noted that some of the protestors held Al Qaeda flags. Jewish students were escorted out of the building for their protection by UCSD police. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (10/30/23):** In a central area on campus, an individual tore down posters of Israeli civilians kidnapped by Hamas and wrote in their place in chalk, "Jewish Kids Go Home [Jewish Star image]." [Link](#)
- **UC Davis (10/27/24):** A Jewish student was physically assaulted on campus "for expressing support for Israel," according to the California Legislative Jewish Caucus after discussions with UC students. [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/25/23):** A Jewish student holding an Israeli flag was assaulted and hit in the head with a metal water bottle at a Bears for Palestine "Walkout" rally. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#)
- **UC Santa Barbara (10/25/23):** A "Walkout" organized by SJP, JVP and MSA included the chant, "Say it Loud, Say it Clear, We Don't Want Zionists Here" and "Intifada, intifada." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/17/23):** A Jewish student carrying an Israeli flag on campus was assaulted by two people who aggressively tried to take the Jewish student's flag during the Bears for Palestine rally "All out for Palestine." The rally itself included chants of "Resistance is Justified When People are Occupied" and "Long Live the Intifada." [1-5]. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#), [Link 5](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/10/23):** Israeli Yael Nativ was invited to teach a course on contemporary dance in Israel, but was disinvited after Oct. 7th, with the head of the department claiming she was under pressure from faculty and master's degree students not to bring anybody from Israel or hold courses dealing with Israel. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/11/23):** A Berkeley faculty member told a Jewish student in response to their expressing concerns about antisemitism and anti-Jewish discrimination, "You [the student] do not have any standing. You [the student] were not invited to these spaces... [you are] [sending] too many emails... Jewish students [at Berkeley] are far too privileged. " [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)

- **UC Davis (10/10/23):** UC Davis Assistant Professor of American Studies Jemma DeCristo posted the following to social media: "one group of ppl we have easy access to in the US is all these zionist journalists who spread propaganda & misinformation. they have houses w addresses, kids in school. they can fear their bosses, but they should fear us more [Image of knife, ax, and three blood drops]." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#), [Link 4](#), [Link 5](#)
- **UC System (10/7/23):** On the same day that Hamas massacred, raped, kidnapped and mutilated thousands of Israeli civilians, the UC Berkeley Bears for Palestine issued a statement signed by 25 organizations, including National Students for Justice in Palestine and SJP chapters on seven other UC campuses (Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz). The statement expressed support for the attack, calling it “resistance,” honored its perpetrators and called for further attacks: "We honor Palestinians who ‘are working on the ground on several axes of the so-called 'Gaza envelope' alongside our comrades in blood and arms, and what is coming is greater - Victory or martyrdom';" "We echo the call to action for all Arabs and Palestinians in the diaspora to rise up to support the liberation of our occupied peoples;" "From the River to the Sea, we will continue to support resistance...;" "Glory to Palestine, glory to the resistance, and glory to our martyrs." [Link](#)

Appendix 2

Sampling of Individual UC Faculty Members' Anti-Zionist Activism Since 10/7/23

- **UC Irvine (1/20/24):** Assistant Professor Alicia M. Carroll emailed students in her Comparative Literature 9: Colonial Schools class to state: "In observance of the week-long global strike (Jan 21-28) to support the Palestinian people's call to end the genocide, I am canceling our Week 3 classes... Thank you for your flexibility and for understanding that business as usual cannot continue under these conditions. Civil disobedience, boycotts, divestments, sanctions, and protests are some of the most powerful (and sometimes the only) tools of the People against oppression in capitalist society. I encourage y'all to be conscious and aware of how, when, and where you spend your money". [Link](#)
- **UC San Diego (12/9/23):** Individuals describing themselves as “[c]oncerned members of the UCSD Literature Department... as academic workers and researchers, as international students, as people of varying settler and Indigenous backgrounds,” published an open letter in *The Triton* entitled "Letter for Palestine from Members of the Literature Department." The letter demonized Israel, condoned terrorism, and called for BDS, including an academic boycott of Israel that includes a boycott of “conferences, guest lectures, readings, performances, and any other form of labor the institution asks for.” This letter was mentioned in the ASUSCD boycott resolution, which passed on 3/6/24. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (11/10/23):** Camilo Gómez-Rivas, an associate professor of Mediterranean studies in UCSC’s department of literature, told Lookout that he cancelled his course to allow students to attend the large protest organized by SJP titled, "SJP "Shut it Down for Palestine - Do not look away from the genocide, No business as usual!" which ultimately resulted in protestors shutting down the entrance to campus for about 6 hours. Professor Gómez-Rivas claimed it was important to do so and told Lookout he felt that members of the campus community have “an obligation to express being against [Israel], or [to] call for, peace.” [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (11/8/23):** Professor Kathleen Greaney sent an email to students entitled "Class Cancelled Tomorrow 11/9," which stated, "I am cancelling class tomorrow in solidarity with the 'Shut it Down for Palestine' all day sit-in [[link to protest](#)]." Greaney gave her students the option to receive class participation/attendance credit in her course by attending SJP's protest, or to research about the conflict from "a reputable source on the Israel-Palestine conflict," and included only anti-Israel sources. She encouraged students to “[r]eflect on how the event deepened your understanding”. [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/25/23):** Professor Ussama Makdisi cancelled a mandatory course for first-year Ph.D. students, urging the class to instead attend his “teach-in” that was organized with Bears for Palestine. [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/24/23):** Graduate student teacher Victoria Huynh offered "a field trip and/or extra credit opportunity" for students in her Asian American Communities and Race

Relations class to "attend the national student walkout tomorrow against the settler-colonial occupation of Gaza (info attached below) [or] watch a short documentary on Palestine and call/email your local California representative [in support of Palestine]," stating, "Doing so will either count as a field trip or an extra 5 points on the field trip category of your grade." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)

- **UC Berkeley (10/24/23):** Alan Moore, a Graduate Student Instructor, cancelled class and in an email to students claimed the class was cancelled "in support of the UCB National Walkout for Gaza and solidarity with Palestinians facing bombardment, genocide and settler-colonialism." He added, "Now more than ever it is urgent that we take a principled stance by acting in support of Palestinian Liberation and decrying the horror we are all witnessing...As someone who takes teaching and learning seriously, I do not make this request lightly, we believe the October 25th walkout represents an important learning opportunity for ourselves and our students as to what it means to act in solidarity with the Palestinians facing bombardment, genocide, and apartheid." [Link](#)
- **UC System (10/22/23):** Hundreds of "academic workers, students, faculty, alumni, and affiliates in Ethnic and Gender Studies programs across the UC system" signed the "UC Statement of Solidarity" letter, which blamed Israel for Hamas' massacre of Jews on October 7th, demonized Israel throughout, including by claiming that "globally label[ing] Palestinian rebels as rapists marginalizes a real, ongoing pattern of gendered violence against Palestinian women by Israeli Defense Forces," and called for BDS. The statement also argued, "As academic workers and educators, it is our duty to speak up about the injustices that we teach our students, despite the concerted, hostile climate of repression and doxxing being cultivated by Zionists, which is happening with the license of our university leadership. We ask, how can a community of scholars and university workers, in good moral conscience, teach our students to recognize patterns of propaganda and genocide but remain silent while these very patterns are being repeated by mainstream media and campus communications?" [Link](#)

Appendix 3

Sampling of UC Departments' Anti-Zionist Activism Since 10/7/23

- **UC Santa Barbara (3/2/24)** The Black Studies Department called for "a day-long voluntary interruption of activities on Thursday, March...followed by work slowdowns," to protest the University's closing the Multicultural Center (MCC) and suspending its social media in response to the Center's antisemitic and discriminatory behavior. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Berkeley (12/16/23)**: Members of the UC Berkeley Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures released a statement titled "Statement on Palestine," that demonized Israel. The statement read, in part: "[W]e stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people facing genocide in Gaza... We also unequivocally reject the specious equation of anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism... We insist on recognizing the history of 75 years of Israeli colonial rule over Palestinians..." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Merced (12/13/23)**: The Department of History and Critical Race and Ethnic Studies (HCRES) posted to their website a statement, "Genocide in Gaza: Context and Conversation," which vilified Israel, rejected the characterization of the Hamas massacre as terrorism and called on the UC administration to "endorse the call for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (11/17/23)**: The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department posted to its departmental homepage an announcement of the establishment of a UCSC chapter of Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP), with the message: "Amidst the ongoing genocide in Gaza, and the efforts across campuses to silence speech about Palestine, we, the undersigned, have formed a Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP) group at UCSC...we look forward to organizing joint events and actions with other FJP groups across the Bay Area, California, and the country." [Link](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (11/7/23)**: The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department advertised on its departmental website SJP's "Shut It Down for Palestine" event, and stated, "The department will be observing November 9 all-day sit-in at the base of campus. Skip school and work. Do not look away from the genocide. No business as usual!" [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (11/1/23)**: The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department prominently featured on its departmental homepage a large banner entitled "Call for Academic Institutions to End Genocide against Palestinians," which states: "We, the CRES faculty, call on everyone – including scholars, researchers, organizers and administrators worldwide – to act now to end Israel's genocidal attack on Gaza." [Link](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (10/24/23)**: The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department held an event entitled "The Genocide in Gaza in our Classrooms: A Teaching Palestine Workshop," whose announcement stated, "This teach-in is open to all, but will be geared toward those teaching and TA'ing this quarter. We will contextualize the unfolding genocide on Gaza and offer

resources for facilitating these discussions in your classrooms.” The speakers at the event demonized Israel throughout. [Link](#)

- **UC San Diego (10/20/23):** The Ethnic Studies department posted a statement to its departmental website announcing that in solidarity with #standwithpalestine’s call for a General Strike, the department would be “suspending normal classroom sessions on October 20th, 2023.” This statement was cited in the ASUCSD boycott resolution, which passed on 3/6/24. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (10/20/23):** The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department posted a statement to its departmental website entitled “Call for a Global General Strike,” which began: “As a department, we are observing the Palestinian-led Global General Strike and will not conduct university business on 10/20/23. We are in full support of the strike to stand against Israel’s genocidal attack on Gaza”. The statement also included an announcement from the strike’s organizers, who claimed, “This is a call for civil disobedience,” and called on “all workers and students” to “take Friday off to participate in the general strike.” [Link](#)
- **UC Davis (10/18/23):** The Asian American Studies department posted to its departmental website a "Resources on the Situation in Palestine and Israel" webpage that included links to BDS resources, including sources that called for an academic boycott of Israel, and other resources that demonized Israel. [Link](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (10/11/23):** The Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department posted a statement to its departmental website that justified Hamas’ October 7th massacre, rape, torture and kidnapping of Israeli civilians, claiming that Israel was wholly to blame because of “75 years of settler colonial displacement”. [Link](#)

Appendix 4

Sampling of UC Faculty Organizations' Anti-Zionist Activism Since 10/7/23

Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP)

- **UC Riverside (3/12/24):** FJP at UC Riverside published an op-ed championing the students and student organizations involved with the promotion and successful passage of a BDS resolution in the student government, and condemning the UCR administration's "University statement" expressing strong opposition to the student resolution. The op-ed stated, "UCR Faculty for Justice in Palestine want to be clear: the "we" of the "University's statement" does not include us. We support the Palestinian call for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel. We are proud of UCR's students." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC San Diego (3/6/24):** FJP at UCSD took part in the huge protest rally that turned violent, with protesters harassing Jewish community members, including a local rabbi, and UCSD faculty, and a protester assaulting a Jewish community member and a Jewish faculty member, resulting in the faculty member's ankle being fractured. An FJP representative interviewed by *The Guardian* about the protest stated, "In the face of calculated and legally questionable attempts to suppress free speech on our campus, our students created a space where faculty, staff, students, and community members could break through the fear and silence to speak loudly and proudly for a decolonized, liberated Palestine," FJP said. "The students who continue to press forward under such conditions have our respect and remind us of the important role we must play as educators in this moment of bearing witness to the well-documented atrocities of genocide. It was a privilege and a duty to march alongside them." [Link](#)
- **UC San Diego (3/6/24):** FJP at UCSD was one of several organizational co-sponsors of an SJP-authored ASUCSD Association-Wide Boycott and Divestment resolution, which passed in the student senate with a vote of 27-2-3. In an interview with *The Guardian*, an FJP representative stated, "We were thrilled to see that the resolution passed overwhelmingly, which shows that our students' eyes are wide open about the university's complicity in Israel's colonization of Palestine... We wish our fellow faculty and administrators would catch up, but we aren't waiting for them." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (3/5/24):** FJP at UC Santa Cruz (which has over 100 members, including more than 60% of the faculty in the Critical Race and Ethnic Studies department), was one of several organizational co-sponsors of an SJP-authored BDS resolution that passed in the Student Union Assembly with a vote of 28-1-0. Afterwards, FJP celebrated the passage the resolution by posting a message stating, "Another incredible show of commitment and solidarity by our UCSC student body. Major congrats to y'all, and to every other UC student body that has voted to divest in recent weeks. WE KEEP GOING UNTIL PALESTINE IS FREE!" [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)

- **UC Riverside (3/3/24):** FJP at UC Riverside was listed as one of several “secondary authors” of a resolution calling for divestment from Israel, that was unanimously passed by the UCR Associated Students. The resolution cited the UCR FJP’s own support for BDS as a justification for the resolution: “WHEREAS, the Faculty for Justice in Palestine, including over 50 UCR Professors, have publicly released a statement promoting BDS on campus and in professional associations and civil society organizations everywhere.” [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (2/26/24):** UCLA FJP issued a statement denigrating “the UCLA Nazarian Center for Israel Studies and the Department of Political Science” for inviting Former Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni to speak on campus. The statement read, in part: “We as UCLA FJP consider it absolutely shameful that the UCLA Y&S Nazarian Center for Israel Studies and the Department of Political science have invited Former Israeli Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni to speak on campus... Faculty members of FJP will be there to observe and document any infringement of students’ right to protest.” The event was ultimately moved online to Zoom due to safety concerns as the protest organized by SJP, and supported by FJP’s statement, was advertised to make sure "war criminals are NOT welcome on our campus!... disrupt... [and] Join us in committing to the academic boycott, putting an end to normalization, and showing that war criminals are not welcome here!” [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#), [Link 3](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (2/20/24):** FJP at UCLA was one of several organizations listed as a co-sponsor of a resolution calling for BDS, including an academic boycott Israel, that passed a UCLA student government vote 10-3. [Link](#)
- **UC Irvine (2/16/24):** Faculty for Justice in Palestine at UCI issued a statement titled “What is Faculty for Justice at Palestine UCI?” expressing the adoption of the National Faculty for Justice in Palestine (NFJP)’s Principles of Unity, which demonize Israel, deny Jews self-determination and call for BDS, including an academic boycott of Israel. [Link](#)
- **UC System (1/31/24):** The UC Faculty for Justice in Palestine (FJP), including FJP chapters on each of UC's ten campuses, released a letter titled "FJP Letter on the UC Regents 13," which condemned the UC Regents and UC President Michael Drake for actions to suppress a disruptive protest at a Regents meeting, demonized Israel, and called for BDS. The letter stated, “The protestors demanded that the UC Regents divest from military companies enabling and profiting from the Israeli occupation of Palestine, the apartheid system imposed upon Palestinians, and the ongoing genocide in Gaza... We applaud the activists who called attention to the UC’s complicity in the ongoing, globally acknowledged genocide in Palestine. We stand with the UC Regents 13 and insist that the UC leadership listen to their students’ voices and heed their demands.” [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (1/23/24):** *The Daily Bruin* published an op-ed authored by UCLA Faculty for Justice in Palestine titled "UCLA must uphold values in and out of classroom, condemn genocide of Palestinians," which demonized Israel throughout and called for an academic boycott of Israel.” [Link](#)

- **UC San Diego (1/8/24):** The FJP at UCSD released a "Faculty & TA Guide" in order to "help faculty members, professors, and teaching assistants better support Palestinian, Arab and Muslim students amid the ongoing genocide and violence in Palestine." The faculty guide contained a chart of "Language of Dehumanization" and language to swap for or "Consider Using (based on context)." The chart suggested that "'terrorism'" should instead be "violence, offensive, violent resistance;" that "'conflict' or 'war'" should instead be "Israeli military assault, Israeli occupation/apartheid, genocide/genocidal violence;" and that "passive language (when referring to Palestinians being killed or Israeli colonial violence)" such as "'died,' 'casualties,' 'clashes,' 'blasts'" should instead be "active language: 'killed,' 'murdered,' 'colonial violence,' 'oppression,' Israeli military airstrikes". [Link](#)
- **UC San Diego (12/26/23):** FJP at UCSD released a statement announcing their formation. The statement, which demonized Israel, denied Jewish self-determination, expressed support for BDS and stated, "As faculty it is our professional and ethical responsibility to safeguard spaces within our classrooms and beyond to have intellectually honest conversations about Palestine even if such conversations offend the sensibilities of donors, administrators, colleagues, or our students." [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (12/15/23):** FJP at UCLA released their "Core Principles," which demonized Israel, denied Jews self-determination and called for BDS, including an academic boycott of Israel. [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (12/14/23):** Berkeley FJP joined nine other campus organizations in a Letter to the Editor published in the *Daily Californian* that demonized Israel, denied Jews self-determination, called for BDS, and stated, "As faculty, academic workers, students and staff at UC Berkeley in solidarity with Palestine, we are committed to centering the Palestinian struggle for freedom and justice on campus. We will strive to expand the syllabi we use to teach to include coverage and representation of Palestinian history, arts and culture within the context of settler colonialism, anti-colonial struggles and decolonization." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (11/17/23):** UCSC FJP released a statement, signed by over 100 faculty members, that falsely accused Israel of being a "settler-colonial" state and perpetrating "genocide," and claimed they would continue their efforts "[u]ntil liberation of Palestinian land and people is actualized and the right of return is implemented." [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (11/8/23):** FJP at UCLA was one of several sponsors of a resolution endorsing the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement, including elements of an academic boycott, that was passed by the UCLA undergraduate student government passed in a secret ballot vote of 10-3. [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Davis (10/18/23):** FJP at UC Davis presented an "Emergency Teach in: Palestine Now," which was co-sponsored by several academic departments (Asian American Studies, Chicano/a/x Studies, Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies, Cinema and Digital Media, Middle East/South Asia Studies, Native American Studies, and American Studies). The UCD professors who spoke at the teach-in condoned terrorism and demonized Israel. [Link](#)

- **UC Berkeley (10/16/23):** FJP at UC Berkeley published a "UC Berkeley Faculty Statement of Solidarity with Palestinians," signed by 176 faculty members, that demonized Israel as an "apartheid," "settler colonial" state that carries out "systematic" and "premeditated genocidal violence." [Link](#)
- **UC Riverside (10/11/23):** FJP at UC Riverside released a statement titled "Statement on the Ongoing Occupation of and War on Gaza," which rationalized Hamas' October 7th brutality, demonized Israel throughout, and called for an academic boycott of Israel. [Link](#)

Faculty Associations

- **UC System (11/16/23):** The Council of UC Faculty Associations (CUCFA) sent a letter to President Drake and UC Regents which demonized Israel and stated, "We are deeply alarmed at the chilling climate across the United States, and increasingly on UC campuses that undermines the academic freedom and the free speech rights of instructional faculty and students to express support for the Palestinian people and/or criticize the Israeli government's well-documented ongoing settler colonialism, ethnic cleansing, and potentially genocide in Palestine. We firmly reject the characterization of pro-Palestinian speech or critiques of Israeli state policy as inherently anti-Semitic and the use of the discredited IHRA definition of anti-Semitism to do so". [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (11/2/23):** The UC Berkeley Faculty Association authored and published the statement, "Berkeley Faculty Association on Academic Freedom and Palestine," which chastised the University for attempting to enforce policies against classroom indoctrination and the implementation of an academic boycott of Israel, arguing that faculty should be free to do so. [Link](#)

UC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council

- **UC System (1/18/24):** The UC Ethnic Studies Council released a call on social media for supporters to "Mobilize to [the] Regents Meeting to Speak Out Against Censorship, Speak Up for Divestment," that included images of two Regents - one Jewish and one African American - defaced with devil's horns and tail, and urged, "Get involved in groups organizing and supporting BDS." [Link](#)
- **UC System (10/16/23):** The UC Ethnic Studies Faculty Council sent a letter to the UC Regents, President and Chancellors that chastised them for calling Hamas' brutality of Israeli civilians "terrorism" and for demonizing BDS, and stated, "BDS should instead be celebrated." [Link](#)

Appendix 5

Sampling of UC Graduate Student Organizations' Anti-Zionist Activism Since 10/7/23

- **UC Berkeley (3/4/24):** UC Berkeley Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine released the statement "No 'time, place, manner' for genocide," which denigrated Chancellor Christ, demonized Israel throughout, and argued that she should have de-platformed an Israeli IDF member who had been scheduled to speak on campus the previous week (but whose talk was shut down as a result of a violent riot organized by SJP that took place outside the event hall), and that she should not have admonished those instructors who, in October, had participated in a shut-down of the university and encouraged their students to do the same. [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (2/15/24):** The UCLA Graduate Student Association passed a BDS resolution. [Link](#)
- **UC Santa Cruz (2/13/24):** Astronomy graduate students at UCSC issued the statement "UCSC's Astronomy Graduate Students Promise to Divest Their Labor and Research from Militarism and U.S Imperialism." The statement, which demonized Israel, denied Jews self-determination, denigrated the UC administration, and called for BDS, including components of an academic boycott of Israel, stated, "We, academic workers of the UC Santa Cruz Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics, commit to demilitarizing our research by: (1) withholding academic labor benefiting militarism; (2) refusing research collaboration... We call on UC faculty to divest their research from apartheid, genocide, and militarism... Disclose and critically consider your collaborations with Israeli universities". [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (2/8/24):** UCLA's Graduate SJP and SJP held the protest "Join the National Call to Demand UC Cut Ties with the Zionist State - Divest Now". During the protest, signs were put up on the door of the Office of the Chancellor that stated, "Stop Funding Genocide." A large sign put on the entrance to Murphy Hall stated, "Gene [Block], your money kills." [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Los Angeles (2/7/24):** Graduate SJP held the event "BDS Teach In: The Crisis in Palestine: Ending Our Complicity in Genocide" with UCLA Professor Saree Makdisi. [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (12/15/23):** UC Berkeley Performance Studies Graduate Students (an affiliate of UC Berkeley Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine) released a statement titled "Call for Divestment and Palestinian Liberation," which expressed, " We call on our own department, Cal Performances, and all other arts-based entities within the university to follow the BDS call for cultural divestment and to boycott any and all forms of Israeli settler colonial art washing. As students and scholars of Performance Studies, we understand that

how we move shapes the world, and the dismantling of the Zionist entity requires moving differently." [Link](#)

- **UC Berkeley (12/8/23):** UC Berkeley Black Studies Graduate Students (affiliated with UC Berkeley Graduate SJP) released a "Statement of Solidarity with Palestine," which denigrated a UC Berkeley law professor, demonized Israel, called for BDS, including the shutting down of the school's study abroad programs in Israel, denied Jews self-determination, and stated, "[We] state clearly that the Zionist Israeli state must end". [Link 1](#), [Link 2](#)
- **UC Berkeley (12/4/23):** UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies Graduate Students (affiliated with UC Berkeley Graduate SJP) released a "Call for Solidarity with Palestine and Divestment," which condoned terrorism, demonized Israel throughout, called for BDS, and stated, "We unequivocally stand in solidarity with the Palestinian people as they resist genocide waged by the Israeli settler colonial state and its proxies... As students and scholars, we see the academy as an important site of power whose complicity with genocide must be disrupted". [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (11/30/23):** Goldman School of Public Policy (GSPP) Graduate Students (affiliated with UC Berkeley Graduate SJP) released the letter and statement "Goldman Public Policy School Graduate Students Stand in Solidarity with Palestine," signed by more than 100 students, which demonized Israel throughout, denied Jews self-determination, called for divestment from Israel, and stated, "How are we expected to challenge the current institutions founded on settler colonialism, white supremacy, imperialism, and neoliberalism after graduating from our program when these structures are not challenged in our own classrooms? Our GSPP role models have remained largely silent, and we need to see a leadership that teaches us what it looks like to speak truth to power... We also ask that GSPP refrain from actively discouraging or silencing students and faculty from discussing the genocide." [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (11/24/23):** Indigenous graduate students at UC Berkeley (affiliated with UC Berkeley Graduate SJP) released an "Indigenous Students for Palestinian Liberation and Global Decolonization" statement that demonized Israel throughout, condoned terrorism, denied Jews self-determination, and called for BDS. [Link](#)
- **UC System (11/21/23):** UAW 2865 (the union for 36,000+ Tutors, Readers, Graduate Student Instructors, Graduate Student Researchers, and Teaching Assistants at the University of California) and UA 5810 (the union of more than 11,000 Postdoctoral Scholars and Academic Researchers at all 10 campuses of the University of California and Lawrence Berkeley National Lab) released a statement titled "UAW 2865 and UAW 5810 Statement on Palestine," which demonized Israel throughout, called for BDS, and stated, "We urge fellow labor unionists and our UAW siblings to take up this cause by fighting, with all means at our disposal [for] an end to US funding of the Israeli apartheid regime." [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (11/14/23):** UC Berkeley Geography Graduate Students (affiliated with UC Berkeley Graduate SJP) released a "Statement of Solidarity with Palestine," which

demonized Israel, condoned terrorism, denied Jews self-determination, supported BDS, and stated, “We ask our fellow academic workers, students, and faculty across the University of California to take concrete actions to stop the genocidal war on Palestinians...[G]raduate students of Berkeley Geography express our full and unconditional support for Palestinian people and their right to resist Israeli settler-colonialism... We stand in solidarity with their continual struggle for liberation.” [Link](#)

- **UC Berkeley (11/12/23):** Public Health students (affiliated with UC Berkeley Graduate SJP) released the "UC Berkeley School of Public Health Student Statement on Palestine," signed by 165 students, which denigrated UC faculty for denouncing the October 7th terror attack, demonized Israel, called for BDS, and stated, “As future public health practitioners, we are dedicated to taking a stand against apartheid, racism, settler-colonialism and structural violence which is rooted in our commitment to health equity and social justice for all... We find it extremely shameful that BPH professors have signed onto a letter that is antithetical to BPH’s stated values... [W]e demand that Dean Michael Lu and the administration at BPH declare the genocide of Palestinian people an urgent public health crisis.” [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (11/9/23):** English Graduate Workers at UC Berkeley (affiliated with UC Berkeley Graduate SJP) released a statement entitled "UC Berkeley English Grad Worker Statement of Solidarity with the Palestinian People,” signed by 55 UC Berkeley English Graduate Workers,” which denigrated the UC administration, demonized Israel, called for BDS, and stated, “The insulting conflation of Judaism and Zionism remains a crucial weapon wielded by the Israeli apartheid state in the suppression of...dissent.” [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/29/23):** UC Berkeley Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine released a statement on a walkout involving the cancellation of classes by instructors. The statement expressed "pride" at the "thunderous chants of 'Free Palestine' and 'End the Genocide' echoing across campus" at the walkout and included a letter to the UCB administration chastising the administration for reprimanding "instructors who canceled classes so their students could attend the walkout and learn about the atrocities unfolding before their eyes," claiming the administration's actions show a "double standard." [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley (10/20/23):** UC Berkeley Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine released the statement "Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine in Solidarity with Gaza & National Call to Walkout 10/25 October 20, 2023," which condoned terrorism, denied Jews self-determination, demonized Israel, called for BDS, and stated, "We, the newly formed Graduate Students for Justice in Palestine at UC Berkeley, condemn Israel's genocidal siege on Gaza and express our complete solidarity with the Palestinian people in their struggle for liberation against settler-colonialism... As students and academics, we have the power to recognize this horror, call it by its name, defend those resisting colonialism in historic Palestine, and change it with our actions ...[We] are heeding the national call to walk out in solidarity with Palestinians facing bombardment, genocide, and settler-colonialism. Join us..." [Link](#)

- **UC System (10/13/23):** The Executive Board of UAW 2865 - the union for 36,000+ Tutors, Readers, Graduate Student Instructors, Graduate Student Researchers, and Teaching Assistants at the University of California - released a statement titled "UAW 2865 Calls on California Leaders to Demand a Ceasefire and an End to the Occupation of Palestine," which demonized Israel, blamed Israel for Hamas' October 7th massacre, and called for "the dismantling of the occupation and apartheid system in Israel-Palestine." [Link](#)

Appendix 6

Jewish Students and Faculty Describe a Hostile Environment on UC Campuses Since 10/7/23

- **UC Berkeley:** ""[I]t's become unbearable to learn in an atmosphere so hostile to Jews. Bears for Palestine continue to do business as usual. Last week they held events on campus, while Jewish students were forced to hold theirs off campus." – Jewish MBA Student (Hannah) [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley:** "Why is it that I can't walk to class without facing intimidation at a blocked-off Sather Gate? Why do I get threats just for being Jewish?... [W]e call on our universities to stand firm in their commitment to inclusivity and respect for all." - Jewish Student (Danielle) [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley:** "Before Oct. 7 I was cautious, but now I'm scared to walk around campus. I got yelled at by someone who saw my 'Bring Them Home' necklace" (Leah) [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley:** "Both Jewish faculty and students are experiencing significant marginalization and exclusion that has only increased in the last two weeks since the Hamas massacres, torture and hostage taking in Israel with hostility, harassment, intimidation and abuse of Jewish university community members increasing. It is appalling and unacceptable. I never expected such treatment at UC Berkeley and such lack of support, solidarity, empathy, and moral leadership and example. We need the administration to change course urgently and repair the harm caused to members of our Jewish community and allies. I am a passionate defender of free speech. But its defense does not absolve UC Berkeley of its civil rights legal obligations to prevent discrimination on the basis of religion." - Faculty Member (Noam) [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley:** "I'm too anxious and sad to go into my departmental building. I have anxiety every time I walk past Sather Gate. I feel I'm too anxious and sad to be in class. I've been subjected to antisemitic rhetoric from a professor and other students on campus and on social media. I am considering leaving the school...[After being surrounded and recorded when walking through a pro-Palestinian demonstration on campus] This is when antisemitism gets physical. I am now too scared for my safety to walk through Sather Gate to get to Dwinelle [the second-largest building on campus]." - Jewish Student (David) [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley:** "How bad does it have to get before something is done? How serious of an injury do they need to see before they're going to acknowledge that this [antisemitism] is a problem?" - Jewish and Israeli Student (Rachel) [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley:** "If the university can't get its grip around this [antisemitism], we are doomed. Jewish students will stop coming to this campus." Faculty Member (Ron) [Link](#)
- **UC Berkeley:** Student Survey results:

- 85% of Berkeley’s Jewish students felt that “the [Berkeley] administration has [not] adequately addressed the safety concerns of Jewish students impacted by the recent violence in Israel”
- 75% of Berkeley’s Jewish students do not feel safe expressing their Jewish identity on campus (eg. wearing a star of david necklace or talking about being Jewish with peers/faculty)
- 85.6% of Berkeley’s Jewish students confirmed that “before becoming [students], [they were] warned by Jewish friends or family about ... [Berkeley’s] ‘antisemitic’ reputation” - Jewish Students-Organized Survey Titled, "Community Pulse #2: University Action Regarding Terrorism in Israel" (132 Responses) [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles:** "[Pro-Palestinian students in an antisemitism class appeared comfortable to speak up and demonize Israel, while most Jewish students did not feel comfortable speaking about how they feel, which 'mirrors the overall climate on campus.'] It’s been really hard [for Jewish students]...Everything is a little bit scarier." - Student in the Class, "The Globalization of Antisemitism: A Survey of Transnational Trends" (Anastasia) [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles:** “[Since Oct 7] I have not felt safe on campus. I myself have been bullied and harassed online. I know people that have been involved in physical altercations... When I walk on campus, I’m not just scared about verbal altercations, but I’m honestly scared for my life. And I know many students in the community feel the same way." - Jewish Student (Gabby) [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles:** "I think a lot of Jewish students, since Oct. 7, do not feel safe on our campus. They do not feel safe to go to a lot of the Jewish buildings such as Hillel and Chabad, and I think it’s coming from a time of heightened antisemitism across the country – specifically on college campuses themselves... I know some Jewish students who have skipped classes because they were uncomfortable walking through these rallies [where intimidating and anti-Zionist chants are heard]." - Jewish Student (Kian) [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles:** "We have watched as students, professors, and even friends (equate) terrorism with liberation, perpetuate antisemitism, and even celebrate the deaths of our loved ones." - Jewish Student (Bella) [Link](#)
- **UC Los Angeles:** "The atmosphere on campus results in Jewish students, staff and faculty who are afraid to be on campus, show solidarity with Israel, or practice their freedom of religion in public." - Faculty Coalition (350 Faculty Signers) [Link](#)
- **UC Santa Barbara:** "Jewish students have to think before they go places. They’re anxious about voicing political views. A Jewish student shouldn’t feel afraid to wear a star of David or a dog tag necklace to free the hostages. The most serious concern is that many Jewish students are now afraid of their professors. Jewish students are isolated. You’d think, in the wake of the last four years, with BLM, Asian American students, others, Jews support everyone. We’re pretty liberal, especially about civil rights. But no one is supporting us.

Jewish students are furious with the administration. They're concerned for their safety." – Jewish Student (Noah) [Link](#)

- **UC Santa Barbara:** "'Zionists not welcome' is the same thing as antisemitism [referring to the MultiCultural Center putting "Zionists Not Welcome" signs on their front door]. Zionism is a root part of Judaism. [I]t worries me that my college campus is becoming increasingly anti-Jewish. It won't be comfortable for Jewish students who don't agree with that (anti-Zionist) point of view. I'm happy to be graduating soon. It's not comfortable to be Jewish here, now." - Jewish Student (Michelle) [Link](#)
- **UC Santa Barbara:** "I do not feel safe on campus. How can Jewish students feel safe at UCSB when they see a Jewish leader being explicitly targeted? This is dehumanizing and rooted in anti-Semitism." - Jewish Student Associated President (Tessa) [After being targeted with, "You cannot hide, you can run but you can't hide, [Tessa] supports genocide"] [Link](#)
- **UC San Diego:** "[Y]ou need to imagine how we feel now and just imagine how I'm still afraid to wear my Jewish star necklace." - Jewish Student (Brooke) [Link](#)