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VOICES FOR WITNESS  
IN SONG on NAKBA DAY  
CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL STATEMENT

We are a group of faculty, staff, and graduate workers from Columbia University / Barnard College / Teachers College, Cooper Union, CUNY, Dartmouth, Fordham, NYU, Penn, Pratt, Princeton, Princeton Theological Seminary, Rutgers, Sarah Lawrence College, The New School, Union Theological Seminary and the Kairos Center at UTS, and Yale. We are reeling in devastation from the relentless invasion, bombing, impoverishment, and displacement of people in Gaza and the complicity of higher education institutions in the U.S. in the destruction of Gaza's entire system of higher education. The bombing of universities and cultural institutions not only extinguishes Palestinian people's life and existence but threatens to destroy memory. We join the Palestinian people in refusing to forget. We commit our memory to Palestine. **We stand with our colleagues and students—in Palestine, on our campuses, and in institutions the world over—who refuse to be complicit in the ongoing settler colonial genocide in Gaza and violence in Palestine. We call for our institutions to:**

Remove armed police from campuses and surrounding neighborhoods. End agreements with police, National Guard, and private security forces that allow them to enter our campuses and brutalize our communities.

Drop all charges against student protestors. Expunge their records. Lift ongoing suspensions and expulsions.

Acknowledge the US-backed Israeli genocide in Gaza and the impact this has had on our student bodies, many of whom have family members in Palestine.

Protect academic freedom and freedom of expression on our campuses. Do not retaliate against students, faculty, and staff speaking out and organizing against the US-backed Israeli genocide and in solidarity with Palestinian liberation.

Disclose and divest institutional endowments and investments in corporations directly or indirectly profiting from or implicated in the the ongoing genocide in Gaza and throughout Palestine. Endorse the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions movement (BDS; [www.bdsmovement.net](http://www.bdsmovement.net)) and the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (PACBI) ([bdsmovement.net/pacbi](http://bdsmovement.net/pacbi)).

CUNY for Palestine

Kairos Center for Religion, Rights, and Social Justice, Union Theological Seminary

FJP, Fordham University

FJP, Princeton

FJP, Rutgers

FJP, The New School

FJP at Princeton Theological Seminary

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FSJP, Columbia University / Barnard College / Teachers College

FSJP, Dartmouth College

FSJP, New York University

FSJP, Pratt Institute

FSJP, Sarah Lawrence College

FSJP, The Cooper Union

FSJP, Yale

Penn FJP, University of Pennsylvania

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