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Spring Forward

April 2015

This month, we have seen increased public attention to campus anti-Semitism in the mainstream media. We attribute this in part to awareness raised by our joint report with Trinity College and in part to a notorious case at UCLA that we have been dealing with. The LDB-Trinity College report, which shows that a majority of Jewish American students experienced or witnessed anti-Semitism last year, has been an eye-opener on many

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campuses. As we travel the country, we are impressing on universities the need to address this problem as seriously as they treat other hate incidents such as the Oklahoma case that was in the news last month. This issue of the *Brandeis Brief* presents important articles on efforts to combat campus anti-Semitism. Recently, for example, law students at several universities have worked with the Brandeis Center to fight campus anti-Semitism. Additionally, student governments at UC Berkeley and UCLA passed important resolutions endorsing the U.S. State Department definition of anti-Semitism. To those of you who have recently sent us checks to support our efforts, we want to say that we are grateful for [your support](#), and we could not continue without you.

Articles

Berkeley's Swastika Problem: Are America's Liberal Colleges Breeding Anti-Semitism?

Emily Shire, Daily Beast



From neo-Nazi graffiti at Berkeley to the grilling of a Jewish student at UCLA, anti-Semitism is on the rise at liberal schools thought to be bastions of political correctness.

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Anti-Semitism at CU Gets Response

Josh Brokaw, Ithaca.com

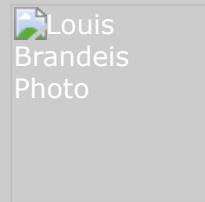
A new student organization at Cornell's law school was founded in February in response to what organizers



say is a concern with rising anti-Semitism on college campuses, including Cornell's.

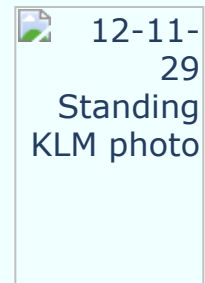
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Can
We
Help
You?



Kenneth L. Marcus

The Louis D. Brandeis Center stands ready if we can help you to combat anti-Semitism in higher education. [Please contact us](#) if you are a student or professor who needs our help. We are also available to provide technical assistance to university administrators who are interested in achieving legal compliance and best practices for eliminating campus anti-Semitism.

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Climate of Opinion

Alvin H. Rosenfeld, Jewish Review of Books

Last year, the British scholar Alan Johnson spoke up against a resolution to boycott Israel at the National University of Ireland, Galway.



As he recounts the experience, "Anti-Israel student activists tried to break up the meeting by banging on the tables, using the Israeli flag as a toilet wipe, and screaming at me, again and again, 'Fuck off our fucking campus you fucking Zionist!'"

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Viewpoint: I choose not to be silent

Brian Tauber, Michigan Daily

"I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented."



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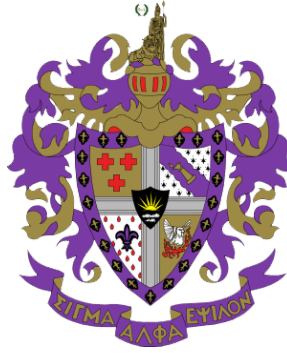
Oklahoma-style hate is everywhere

Kenneth L. Marcus, USA Today

As we were reminded this month, hate is alive and well on our nation's campuses.... The scope of campus bigotry should not matter. If even one African American, Muslim, Latino, Mormon, gay or Jewish student is threatened

with discrimination, prejudice or hate, the incident must be taken seriously.

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Another swastika at GW. This one posted by a Jewish Student

Susan Svrluga, Washington Post



A swastika was posted on the bulletin board of a Jewish fraternity in a George Washington University dorm on Monday, leading upset students to

immediately report it to police.

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'Jew-hating campaign' seen with Israel divestment movement on campuses

Valerie Richardson, Washington Times

As the Israel divestment movement heats up on campuses nationwide, scoring victories with a series of student government votes to divest, Jewish activists fear the side effect has been a wave of anti-Semitism.



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Law Students Combat Anti-Semitic Incidents At Emory With Legal Help and Advocacy

Samantha Watkins, The College Fix

Following a string of anti-Semitic acts on campus, Emory University law students last



month formed a campus chapter of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law, which defends Jewish college students.

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Anti-Semitism Alive And Well On New York's College Campuses

Steven Cymbrowitz, Jewish Press



College campuses, in theory, are not hospitable environs for fringe members of society. The people on campus are our classmates, our dorm-mates, our professors, educated people who are trained to think logically - but who in an uncomfortable number of cases manage to defy our expectations of logic by spewing hateful, dangerous ideas. This is a contradiction that should alarm us, especially when it's clearly on the rise despite decades of "never again."

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UCLA Passes Resolution Against Campus Anti-Semitism

Bianca Carrillo, Brandeis Blog



In a 12 to 0 vote, the student government at University of California at Los Angeles passed an initiative that will improve the lives of Jewish students on campus. This five-page resolution denounces all forms of anti-Semitism and protects Jewish students from future discrimination.

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Anti-Semitism on College Campuses Discussed at JCC

Amity Observer

A presentation called Break the Hate: The New Anti-Semitism on College Campuses is set for Sunday, April 12, 2-4:30 p.m.



Held at the JCC in Woodbridge, from 2-3 p.m., the keynote speaker will be Kenneth L. Marcus, founder and president of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law. Open to the whole community.

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