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Reforming Middle East Studies January 2016

The Brandeis Center has long sought reforms to the misuse of federal funds by highly politicized anti-Israel Middle East Studies outreach programs. In an important first step in the right direction, the Education Department has responded to our requests by requiring such programs to report annually on how their activities advance diverse perspectives and a wide range of views. This issue explains that reform, while also reviewing other developments in our campaign against campus anti-Semitism. As the New Year

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approaches, we thank our supporters and remind everyone that this is the time for tax-deductible end-of-year [donations](#) that can really make a difference.

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Feds Seek Diversity in Middle East Studies Programs

Anne Crowell, Brandeis Blog

The Department of Education has started requiring universities with federally funded Middle East Studies centers to report on how their



Knox Hall Houses Columbia University's Controversial MEALAC Program programs are including diverse perspectives and a wide range of views. This is a very important first step to ensure that Middle East Studies programs do not succumb to political one-sidedness. Critics have long charged that many of these programs have become highly politicized, monolithically anti-Israel sources of miseducation and bias. The new requirement sends a welcome signal to universities that the Department is now looking more closely at this issue, although there is still more to be done in order to ensure accountability for these programs.

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Brandeis Center Warns Tower Foundation Against Divestment

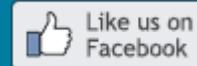
This month, San Jose State University's (SJSU) Tower Foundation voted not to divest from companies that do business with Israel. Significantly, LDB lawyers had warned the Tower Foundation that the proposed divestment motion was unlawful and could subject Tower directors to personal liability.

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Can We Help You?



Kenneth L. Marcus



SJSU Tower Hall

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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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Q&A with Kenneth L. Marcus : Defining Anti Zionism as Anti Semitism

Jonathan Dick, Canadian Jewish News

The Canadian Jewish News published an interview with LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus on December 18, discussing his latest book, "The Definition



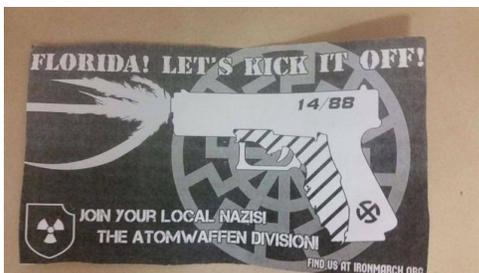
LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus

of Anti-Semitism," and contemporary anti-Semitism which elaborates on the connection between anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, and how anti-Semitism is sparking critiques of Israel across North American college campuses.

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More UCF Cases of Anti-Semitic Vandalism Reported

Alissa Smith, Central Florida Future



Anti-Semitic Posting Found on UCF Campus

In November, a series of anti-Semitic stickers and flyers were found at the University of Central Florida (UCF)

campus. While still searching for those behind recent cases of anti-Semitic vandalism, the

UCF Police Department released reports in early December revealing even more instances of swastikas found on campus.

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Indiana University Students Speak Out

Michelle Yabes, The Brandeis Blog

On December 2, Students Supporting Israel at Indiana University passed a resolution in its student government that adopts the United

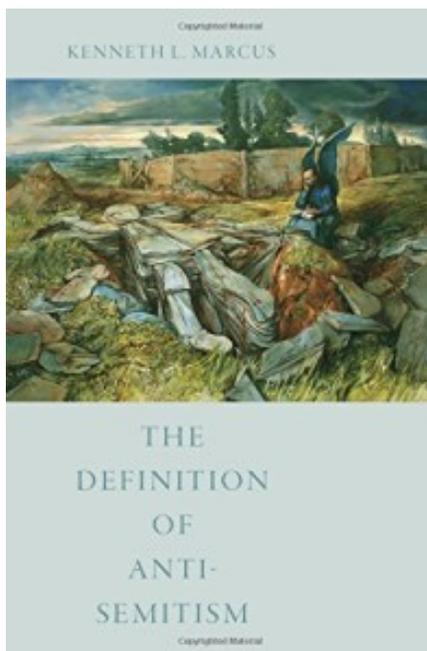


States State Department's Definition of Anti-Semitism. The resolution passed by a vote of 22-6 and distinguishes between the boycott, divestment and sanctions (BDS) movement and those individuals who support it, making explicit that "political criticism of Israel" is allowed.

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Jewish Book Council Review: The Definition of Anti-Semitism

Jack Fischel, Jewish Book Council



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Founder and President of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under Law Kenneth L. Marcus offers an indispensable book about the manner in which anti-Semitism has evolved from the ancient world to the present, from religious anti-Judaism to secular anti-Semitism. Jack Fischel praised Marcus's work as

"a thoughtful book as well as an exemplary work of research which should be required reading for everyone concerned with the growing anti-Semitic attacks against Israel and Jews throughout the world".

Proceeds from this book, now available on [Amazon](#), will benefit the Brandeis Center.

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LDB Welcomes Jesus Moran

LDB welcomed Jesus Moran as a "wintern," or winter intern for the 2015-2016 winter break. This is the sophomore year of the winter internship program developed



Jesus Moran

by Harvard College and the Harvard Club of Washington. He will be working with the Brandeis Center this month with the goal of advancing the organization's mission and vision of promoting civil rights and combating anti-Semitism.

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LDB Condemns Violence Against Muslims

Anne Crowell, Brandeis Blog



LDB recently reached out to San Diego State University to express concern about a reported attack on a Muslim student on campus. While LDB focuses primarily on the rights of Jewish college students, the Center supports the right of all students to be free from invidious discrimination.

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