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New battles in Irvine, Knoxville, New Jersey, and around the World

September 2016

As the students prepare to start a new academic year, BDS battles continue to rage unabated. The September Brandeis Brief highlights recent battles in California, New Jersey, and Tennessee, as well as international developments in Germany and Canada. Some are going well, while others are going badly. The Center is happy to report that Oberlin college professor Joy Karega, who had

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posted anti-Semitic tweets and links on her social media platform, is now on administrative leave. On the other hand, UCLA Graduate Student President Milan Chatterjee has been hounded off of that campus for his refusal to fund BDS activities. You can read about those developments and more below. Once again, we thank you for your tax-deductible [donations](#) and acknowledge that without you our work could not be done.

Articles

LDB Responds to UC Irvine's SJP Decision and Calls for Stronger Action

Press Release

In August, the University of California at Irvine announced the conclusion of a three-month investigation into an aggressive incident last may where a small pro-Israel event was disrupted by over 50 members of Students for Justice in Palestine.



University of California Irvine

UC Irvine student Eliana Kopley was chased and hounded by the angry mob, while they chanted anti-Israel slogans and slurs. Following this traumatic event UC Irvine's response, which included a written warning to SJP is cause for concern. Kenneth Marcus stated "I am disappointed in the outcome, which fails to hold SJP accountable for the harassment and physical intimidation of Eliana Kopley - or to even acknowledge that anything happened to her that night." LDB is seeking stronger action by the University.

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LDB Urges University of Tennessee to Condemn Anti-Semitic Social Media Posts

Press Release

The Brandeis Center urged University of Tennessee - Knoxville Chancellor Jimmy Cheek to condemn recently reported anti-Semitic social media postings by current and former University of Tennessee - Knoxville students, demonstrating a long-standing problem on the UTK campus.



University of Tennessee

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UCLA Student President Leaves Law School Over BDS Harassment

Lea Speyer, The Algemeiner



former UCLA GSA President Milan Chatterjee

The capitulation of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) to the anti-Israel Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement has set a "dangerous precedent" said Milan Chatterjee, who after months of persecution has left the university.

**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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Canadian Jewish Student Group Files Discrimination Complaint

Emma Dillon, Brandeis Blog

On August 3, Hasbara Fellowships Canada, a pro-Israel campus activism organization and the country's largest



Hasbara Fellowship Canada

grassroots campus advocacy organization, announced that a complaint had been filed with the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal against both the Student Association and the Faculty Association of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT) and Durham College. Hasbara filed the complaint after being denied an opportunity to participate in a campus Social Justice Week event, alleging this was a discriminatory decision. It is the first time a Jewish student group has filed such a complaint.

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Karega Not Teaching at Oberlin this Fall

Aviva Vogelstein, Brandeis Blog



One of Professor Joy Karega's Facebook postings
Source www.thetower.org_

Oberlin College announced that professor Joy Karega will not be teaching this Fall, a much-delayed

decision following the revelation of a series of her highly anti-Semitic Facebook posts this past March. Karega's posts (which have since been deleted) included a series of conspiracy theories and anti-Semitic content, including blaming "Israel and Zionist Jews" for the 9/11 attacks. Oberlin, like many campuses nationwide, has been battling a resurgence of anti-Semitism. When the posts were first revealed, it sent the Oberlin community into turmoil, and President Marvin Krislov came under fire for not explicitly condemning her posts.

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New Jersey and California Join the Fight Against BDS

Daniella Hovsha, Brandeis Blog



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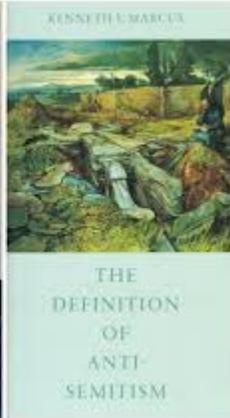
In August the states of New Jersey and California joined over a dozen others in the fight against BDS. On the 16th of August Governor Chris Christie signed a

bipartisan bill into law which effectively bars the New Jersey pension fund from contributing to businesses which boycott Israel. Mere days later the California legislature took up the mantle, signing its own bill which bars all state bodies, including universities, from maintaining ties with organizations that support anti-Israel boycott, divestment and sanctions activities.

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The Law and Politics of Defining Anti-Semitism

events



Photo_ The Definition of Anti-Semetism

Please join UK Lawyers for Israel at an 8:30 a.m. breakfast event with Kenneth L. Marcus, President and General Counsel of the Louis D. Brandeis Center for Human Rights Under

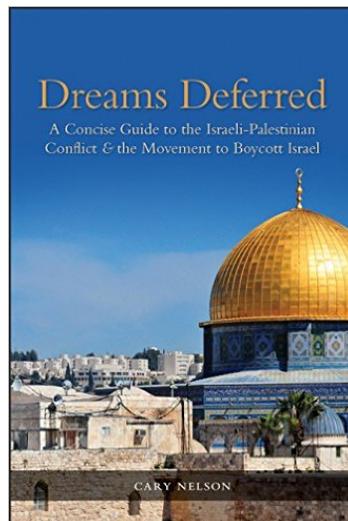
Law and author of The Definition of Anti-Semitism in London. (venue TBC) To register your interest, please contact Caroline Kendal at caroline.kendal@uklfi.com

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Dreams Deferred: A Concise Guide to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict & the Movement to Boycott Israel

Michelle Yabes, Brandeis Blog

Cary Nelson has published his latest book *Dreams Deferred: A Concise Guide to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict & the Movement to Boycott Israel*. Nelson is a professor of English at University of Illinois at Urban-Champaign and has published a wide array of works, *Dreams Deferred* marking his second book after *The*



Cary Nellson_s Dreams Deferred

Case Against Academic Boycotts of Israel to strike back at the BDS Movement. His most recent publication provides an informative and succinct reference guide to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Comprising of 60 essays from experts and scholars, including LDB President Kenneth L. Marcus, *Dreams Deferred* offers a comprehensive look into various aspects of the conflict.

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Check Out Kenneth Marcus at the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival

Juan Pablo Rivera Garza, Brandeis Blog



Kenneth L. Marcus will be discussing his book, *The Definition of Anti-Semitism*, at the St. Louis Jewish Book Festival this November 16th.

The Definition of Anti-Semitism explores the various ways in which anti-Semitism has been defined and develops a new definition of anti-Semitism in the context of the 'new anti-Semitism' in American higher education. The St. Louis Jewish Book Festival runs from November 6th to the 20th, and features discussions with a variety of Jewish authors.

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Daniella Hovsha, Brandeis Blog

The Louis D. Brandeis Center is excited to announce that we have a brand new Twitter account! Find us at @brandeiscenter, where there will be links to our blogs and publications, and up to the minute communications on all the latest in litigation and campus activity in the fight against anti-Semitism. Our new account supplements the brilliant thoughts already available from our founder and president, Kenneth L Marcus-@Klmarcus



[The Braneis Center Twitter is up and running](#)

German Students Take a Stand Against BDS

Daniella Hovsha, Brandeis Blog

This month, the Leipzig University student council made history, signing what may be the first academic document rejecting the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement in Germany.



The Leipzig Student Council took a stand following a speech by Professor Lori Allen promoting her book, 'The Rise and Fall of Human Rights: Cynicism and Politics in Occupied Palestine,' Allen, according to the resolution, pronounced support for a boycott of Israel and minimised the impact of terrorism on the Jewish State. Such statements led both

the right and left of the campus population to declare the BDS an anti-Semitic organisation.

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