

## **Statement Concerning Dr. Kevin MacDonald**

*In light of the ongoing controversy regarding Dr. Kevin MacDonald, the members of the CSULB Jewish Studies Program have agreed to the following statement:*

We in the CSULB Jewish Studies Program firmly believe in and seek to protect the guiding tenets of academic freedom, but we also understand that the mantle of "academic freedom" can sometimes be used to advance racism, bigotry, or other forms of intolerance. When racism or other forms of intolerance are promoted in academia, they undermine the principles upon which CSULB was founded.

As a university, we have an obligation to maintain a campus climate in which individuals from a wide range of religious, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds can have meaningful exchanges in a context of mutual respect. The prejudicial views expressed by Professor Kevin MacDonald in his writings and in his public statements are professionally irresponsible and morally untenable.

We refer in particular to MacDonald's close association with the white nationalist journal *The Occidental Quarterly*, his call for the creation of a white ethnostate to "protect" the interest of white Americans, and his repeated descriptions of Jews as a threat to white, European civilization. Not only do MacDonald's writings bear a close resemblance to aspects of Nazi racial theory (and, in fact, he relies on one such theorist explicitly), but his writings are regularly used by white separatists and neo-Nazis to advance their cause.

In his recent public writings, MacDonald is identified as a professor at CSULB. These writings have damaged both the reputation of the university as well as the relationship between the university and the wider community. The community has

expressed shock and dismay over these writings and asked why the university does not disassociate itself from these white nationalist and anti-Jewish statements. An analysis of these writings (see attached Appendix) shows that these concerns are legitimate. This has led some in the community to mistakenly believe that MacDonald's work has the university's endorsement. The university should make it clear that MacDonald does not speak for CSULB when he advocates any of the positions described above.

We wish to make it clear that in no way do we wish to impede Dr. MacDonald's First Amendment rights or interfere with his academic freedom. But just as he has the freedom of speech to advance his white nationalist agenda, so too do we have the freedom of speech to deplore his prejudicial views of Jews and non-whites and state that Dr. MacDonald's writings on white ethnocentrism, Jews, race, and immigration do not enjoy the respect of many of his colleagues.

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