



Re: Concerns re: Submission_"Jews not to blame for Palestinian displacement"

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To: Omar Zahzah

Cc: Sam Hoff <shoff@media.ucla.edu>, Dana Saifan

Hey Omar,

Sorry for the delayed response. When running submissions, it's generally up to the authors to decide what organizations they want to run in their signature, since it is a piece that is reflective of their opinion. All we require and screen for is major and year.

As for the letter to the editor - we feel as if both of your submissions have covered the topic pretty extensively. We will not be publishing anything more regarding these submissions for the time being.

Have a great rest of the weekend!

Best,
Ryan

On Fri, May 27, 2016 at 3:41 PM, Omar Zahzah

wrote:

Dear Ryan and Sam,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out to you with concerns about Inbar Oren and Tali Moore's [piece](#), "Jews not to blame for Palestinian displacement." The serious allegations that Oren and Moore levied against me and the other Palestinian authors of the Nakba Day article notwithstanding, I find it very disturbing that neither Moore nor the *Daily Bruin* saw fit even to mention that as of October 2015 Tali Moore was a campus [fellow](#) for the Zionist Organization of America, a formidable lobbying organization that [regularly tries](#) to [curb](#) pro-Palestine activism on university campuses and falsely [describes](#) Students for Justice in Palestine as a group promoting "hatred and intolerance," even going so far as to equate SJP with the Klu Klux Klan. Moore's position [requires](#) students to engage in various forms of pro-Israel advocacy on campuses in exchange for a \$1,000 stipend and a trip to Israel. The distinction is crucial, as SJP students engage in grassroots advocacy and activism for nothing except dedication to the cause of a free Palestine, only to come up time and time again against powerful lobbying groups that disguise their efforts to shut down all debate around Palestine/Israel through the appropriated rhetoric of powerlessness and victimization (something that Oren and Moore's piece also tried to do while calling for the *Daily Bruin* to stifle the perspectives of pro-Palestine and Palestinian students in the future). Whatever one's stance on Palestine/Israel, it is at least important to acknowledge this stark imbalance of power and resources. Make no mistake: unlike what Moore and Oren claimed for my co-written piece, I am not saying that the *Daily Bruin* never should have run this submission. I am simply saying that not revealing this affiliation gives the reader an impression of authorial objectivity which is decidedly false, especially given the material incentives ZOA fellowships offer

their fellows for regular pro-Israel advocacy.

I therefore hope that the *Daily Bruin* will see fit to acknowledge Moore's affiliation through an update to the byline. If this course of action is not taken, I request that a modified version of this email be run as a letter to the editor.

Thanks very much for your time, and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

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