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Dear Leila,

Yours is a noble and necessary effort. Since coming to Accuracy in Academia in the summer of 2003, I have looked in vain for a Middle East Studies Department at any college or university in the country that is not overtly anti-Semitic and tacitly sympathetic to terrorists and terrorism.

Unfortunately, it seems that the most extreme of these extremists are in your state of residence. I would be happy to share with you my correspondence with Hatem Bazian, the Berkeley lecturer who called for an intifada in the United States: He never disavowed those comments to me despite repeated opportunities that I gave him in order to do so.

There is no historical precedent that I have been able to find for the welcome mat given such insurrectionists on American college and university campuses today. I have been similarly unsuccessful in finding any college or university that offered an "Aryan Studies" degree during the Second World War or a dean or administrator who invited notorious Nazi sympathizer Ezra Pound to be his institution's poet-in-residence.

I wish you the best of luck in your efforts.

All the best,

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