

From: President <president@kent.edu>
Date: August 5, 2014 at 7:25:43 AM PDT
To: "iAct@wiesenthal.com" <iAct@wiesenthal.com>
Subject: Re: Julio Pino

Dear Aron,

I received your email regarding statements made by Dr. Julio Pino, a Kent State faculty member. I appreciate your concerns and interest in the continued good reputation of Kent State and our public responsibility.

The university takes complaints and allegations against our employees seriously, and we investigate each claim for an appropriate actionable response. I find Professor Pino's statements and behavior reprehensible and irresponsible. As a university we do not defend his views and he does not speak on behalf of the university or members of our community.

Best regards,
Beverly Warren

From: Aron Hier <iact@wiesenthal.com>
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Reply-To: "iAct@wiesenthal.com" <iAct@wiesenthal.com>
Date: Tuesday, August 5, 2014 8:21 AM
To: President <president@kent.edu>
Subject: Julio Pino

Dear President Warren,

We urge you to condemn the recent, highly offensive and blatantly anti-Semitic remarks of Julio Pino – an Associate Professor of History at your university. In a letter sent to the History News Network, Pino addressed the ‘academic friends of Isreal’ with the following vitriol: “Your names are scrawled on every bullet fired, bomb dropped, body buried and burnt forehead in Gaza. May your names become a curse word on the lips of every justice-loving person on earth, along with “Obama” and “Netanyahu.” Pino then went on to remark, “Jihad until victory!” and “[Zionism is] a regime that is the spiritual heir to Nazism.”

Kent State is known for its proud legacy of Jewish studies, scholarship, and life; yet, when the state of Israel defends herself against thousands of rockets targeting Israel’s heartland launched by terrorist Hamas and a newly discovered underground of terrorist tunnels, Pino victimizes other academics with his vile propaganda, espousing terror and tarnishing Kent State’s good name while targeting Jewish and pro-Israel members of the campus community. Pino, while conveniently ignoring the fact that a Hamas cleric recently stated, "Our belief about fighting you [Jews] is that we will exterminate you, until the last one, and we will not leave of you, even one," had this to say about those academics who do support the state of Israel: “I curse you more than the Israelis, for while The Chosen drain the blood of innocents without apologies you hide behind the mask of academic objectivity, nobility of research...”

We strongly urge you to unequivocally denounce and repudiate Pino’s anti-Semitic diatribe. Such hate speech left unchallenged will only serve to create a hostile environment for Jews and others at Kent State.

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