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Dear Drs. Bosia, Bronner, Forman, Ishay, Monshipouri, and Novkov:

We appreciate your contacting us to express your objection to John Yoo's invitation to participate in the 2011 APSA Annual Meeting. These are important issues for all of us. We strongly support your right to protest Professor Yoo's presence, as we support the right of APSA members to produce panels and speakers on topics they think it important for the association to consider. In this particular case, we want to clarify that his invitation did not come from APSA itself, but from the organizers of the affiliated group panel on which he participated. As you know, such groups can be formed by any APSA members who can gather 50 signatures; they are entitled to offer a panel, with space at the meeting and listing in the official program. These groups exist explicitly to bring forward diverse points of view that might not be represented by the association's usual groups. Invitations to participate in these panels are not reviewed by any APSA body. Like all of our panels, these panels are framed by our commitments to academic freedom and our general ethical guidelines on civil and truthful scholarly behavior. We endorse healthy controversy in the association and also strongly support our members' rights to protest. We will post this protest on the APSA website.

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