



**Resolution of the 2007-2008 Council of the
American Sociological Association
August 15, 2007**

Whereas the American Sociological Association (ASA) is committed to academic freedom, including full participation in the academic community, for all scholars irrespective of their nationality, institutional affiliation, or personal political beliefs; and

Whereas the British University and College Union has voted to consider a boycott of Israeli academics and academic institutions; and

Whereas Israeli restrictions on Palestinian students prevent them from studying at institutions of higher education in Israel, the West Bank, and abroad;

The Council of the ASA reiterates its resolution of August 17, 2005, stating that "The Association deploras restrictions on the free movement of scholars and students and barriers to scholarly inquiry and exchange;" and its resolution of February 4, 2007, stating that: "The free flow of scholars and scholarship across national borders is a fundamental tenet of academic freedom. The ASA Council affirms its on-going support, as reflected in its statement of September 19, 2006, 'for the protection of academic independence...through the movement of faculty and students between universities irrespective of nationality or political views.'"