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Media Advisory

Demonstration outside Boalt Hall graduation
will target John Yoo, UC prof who provided legal
cover for Bush torture policies

Saturday, May 17
8-9 a.m. and 10:30-11:30 a.m.

What: Demonstration calling for the firing, disbarment, and prosecution for war crimes of John Yoo, principal author of the memoranda that provided pseudo-legal cover for the Bush administration's torture policies, and now a professor at Boalt Hall (law school of the University of California at Berkeley). Demonstrators will urge families, faculty members, and other guests to wear an orange ribbon during the graduation ceremony to show their opposition to torture and unlimited executive power. (Graduates are organizing their own ribbon campaign.)

When: Saturday, May 17, 2008, 8–9 a.m. (while graduates, faculty, and guests are entering the graduation ceremony) and 10:30–11:30 a.m. (as graduates and guests proceed to a reception at Boalt Hall).

Where: 8–9 a.m.: outside the Hearst Greek Theatre on Gayley Road, opposite the east gate of the UC Berkeley campus. 10:30–11:30: at the corner of Bancroft and College Ave., outside Boalt Hall. (See map at http://www.berkeley.edu/map/maps/large_map.html)

Who: The demonstration will be sponsored by Act Against Torture (www.actagainsttorture.org), with support from Code Pink, Global Exchange, World Can't Wait, and individual members of the National Lawyers Guild.

Why: After the recent disclosure of an 81–page memo written by Yoo in 2003 to justify President Bush’s decision to ignore federal law and international treaties and authorize the abuse and torture of prisoners, the National Lawyers Guild launched a public campaign demanding that Yoo be dismissed from Boalt Hall and tried as a war criminal. The Center for Constitutional Rights and numerous prominent experts in international law and legal ethics have echoed the Guild's position. We will demonstrate at the Boalt Hall graduation to express our outrage at the policies Yoo facilitated, to show community support for the NLG campaign. and to urge Boalt graduates, faculty, and alumni to join us in demanding Yoo's firing, disbarment, and prosecution for war crimes.

More information: www.actagainsttorture.org/events.html#BoaltGrad