

Harvard prof's alien sex book prompts scrutiny from peers

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A controversial Harvard professor who wrote a supposedly non-fictional book about space aliens kidnapping humans and having sex with them reportedly is about to be ripped by some colleagues in a report to the dean.

Dr. John Mack, 63, a tenured psychiatry professor at Harvard Medical School and author of "Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens," prompted embarrassment among some Harvard faculty members concerned about the university's reputation.

A peer review committee, appointed by medical school dean Daniel Tosteson about 12 months

ago, is ready to present a report that is highly critical of Mack's research methods, according to the New York Times.

One medical school faculty member said the report is not officially a move to rescind Mack's tenure or to institute disciplinary action against him.

"The dean asked the ad hoc committee to gather information about what Dr. Mack is doing, how he has been proceeding as a scholar and a clinician. It is simply a matter of the committee asking, 'John, tell us what you're doing,'" a faculty member told the newspaper.

Mack's book describes the tales of 13 people who say they were abducted by aliens.

One person, identified as Ed, said he was seduced by a "female being" with silvery-blond hair and large black eyes with no pupils or irises. Ed says the alien extracted his sperm to create "special babies." Ed found the experience pleasurable, according to the book.

One female patient, Eva, says in the book that she was fondled by three alien midgets.

Mack has hired Boston lawyer Roderick MacLeish Jr. to represent him with regard to the inquiry.

"I'm very worried about the potential for turning this into a witch hunt," MacLeish said, adding that research into uncharted territories is at the core of high quality scholarship.