

Harvard gets stuffy about sex-with-aliens book

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — A year ago, Harvard psychiatrist John Mack cruised the talk show circuit promoting his best-selling book about people who say they had sex with aliens.

Now, a committee of colleagues is investigating whether Mack's alien abduction research meets the school's standards for scholarship.

The Harvard Medical Committee expects to complete its report within two months. Based on the peer review, the dean, Dr. Daniel Tosteson, will make a decision that could range from trying to oust Mack to

applauding his perseverance in doing work his colleagues might call quackery.

Attorney Roderick MacLeish, representing Mack during the review, said Harvard's action violates the principle of the tenure system, which gives professors jobs for life so they can feel free to pursue radical or unpopular research.

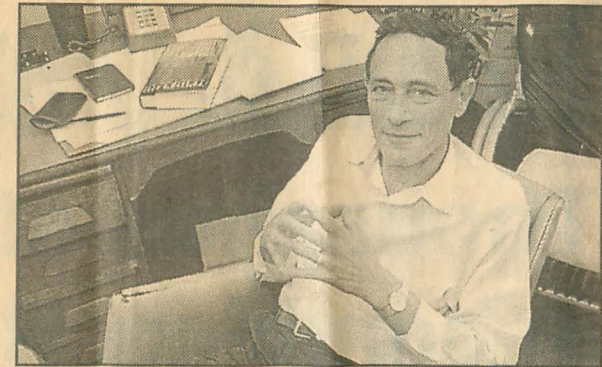
"History has not been kind to those who have unorthodox ideas," MacLeish said Thursday. "That's the whole point of having a free and open academic community. That's the whole purpose of tenure."

Before he started talking about space aliens, Mack was a respected professor at Harvard Medical School. He founded the psychiatry department at Cambridge

Hospital, one of Harvard's teaching facilities. He won a 1977 Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Lawrence of Arabia.

Mack drew a different kind of notoriety for the book *Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens*, about his treatment of patients who say little gray space creatures kidnapped them and took them away in flying saucers for sexual experiments.

The book's 13 case studies include Ed, who remembers an alien woman taking a sperm sample from him when he was in high school; Jerry, who says she gave birth to a human-alien hybrid; and Peter, who tells Mack he had an "alien wife" in a "parallel universe."



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Dr. John Mack, in April 1994 photo, wrote about patients who say aliens abducted them for sex.

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