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Subject: Re: Complaint about suspected Academic Fraud

Excellent, Steve. Perfectly handled. Thanks. Rory

On 4/14/08 9:03 AM, "Steven Beckwith" <steven.beckwith@ucop.edu> wrote:

Dear Ms. Napolis,

Your April 9, 2008 e-mail, copied below, to Chancellor Vanderhoef at the University of California, Davis was forwarded to me by Executive Vice President and Provost Hume here at the Office of the President. I have communicated with Vice Chancellor Barry Klein about your e-mail. In addition to serving as the Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr. Klein is the campus Institutional Official responsible for managing allegations of research misconduct made against employees of the Davis campus. I have asked him to review your allegations and to take appropriate actions based on his assessment. I expect that you will hear shortly from the campus about this matter.

Sincerely,
Steven Beckwith
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April 9, 2008,

Per the instructions of the Office of the Secretary of the Regents, I am proceeding with a request for further administrative review of the research study, "Characteristics and Sources of Allegations of Ritualistic Child Abuse," by Dr. Gail Goodman, principal researcher at UC Davis, Phil Shaver, and Bette Bottoms, published in 1994.

On July 13, 2007 I sent a series of brief questions to Gail Goodman of UC Davis requesting feedback about the issues I raised about this study in case

I had come to any wrong conclusions. Because I received no response from Dr. Goodman, I elevated the matter to Keith Widiman, Chairman of the Psychology Department, and Steve Sheflin, Dean, who also provided no response.

In December 2007 I conducted a more thorough review of this pivotal research study - which purported to find no "scientific" evidence of the satanic cult abuse of children - and discovered what I believe to be many irregularities. In lieu of a rational explanation which might explain these irregularities it appears that academic fraud occurred.

My background is as a Court Intervention Social worker for Child Protective Services with a specialization in the investigation of ritual abuse. I established the Ritual Court Cases Project in 1994 and published my archive of court cases on the internet which proved the existence of SRA. This archive now includes over 80 cases and is posted at <http://www.endritualabuse.org/ritualabusearchive.htm>. I am now returning to my research which is, of course, lawful activity.

The problems in the research study "Characteristics and Sources of Allegations of Ritualistic Child Abuse" in my opinion are many, the most outstanding of which is 1) the researchers claimed to have analyzed the legal findings of Social Services in the United States about the legal outcomes of satanic ritual abuse cases and yet there was no mention of Juvenile Court proceedings or petitions filed. Instead, the researchers used social worker case opening and closing codes which are not legal findings. 2) The researchers claimed to have discovered no scientific evidence proving intergenerational satanic cult abuse yet their perpetrator/victim relationship scale measured only one generation.

The lead researcher Gail Goodman gave an interview about this study in 1994 to New York Times reporter Daniel Goleman for his article titled "Proof Lacking for Ritual Abuse by Satanists," in which the numbers that had been analyzed in this study were grossly inflated which caused Mr. Goleman to erroneously conclude: "In a survey of more than 11,000 psychiatric and police workers throughout the country, conducted for the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, researchers found more than 12,000 accusations of group cult sexual abuse based on satanic ritual, but no one that investigators had been able to substantiate. "

The above claim is a completely false statement. The researchers did not receive this high of a return rate.

On January 2, 2008 I sent a 53 page critique of this study to UC Davis Vice-Chancellor Loessberg-Zahl, requesting that he address the issues that I had raised. I chose to correspond under the pseudonym "Ellen Geykus" because I am currently on probation in San Diego County (which should end in a few months) and I did not want UC Davis officials to divert from the issues and focus on my probationary status.

On February 7, 2008 I received a dismissive letter by Mr. Zahl who had discovered my real name, Diana Napolis, and addressed his letter to "Diana Napolis." In order to discover my real name, someone would have had to search the internet for my postal address. The only place on the internet which lists my postal address is at endritualabuse.org I believe this search for my real name to be also highly irregular.

Ms. Zahl claimed that he had not discovered any researcher misconduct and, as I suspected would happen, Mr. Zahl informed me that he had contacted the campus police and advised me that there was no further reason to contact Dr. Goodman. My fellow colleagues and I believe that this was an attempt to intimidate me from asserting my right to question this research study.

Because I am requesting that a serious investigation into academic fraud occur, I obviously have no interest in contacting the lead researcher.

I am requesting that further review of this study take place by UC Davis Chancellor Mr. Larry Vanderholf, the Provost of Academic Affairs , Rory K. Hume, and Chairperson of the Regents office.

I sent this 53 page critique as an attachment file. The questions were meant to be directed to the researchers involved via an intermediary. If the entire file is not received, please inform me and I will send it through the postal mail.

Sincerely,

Diana Napolis

cc: Rory K. Hume
Richard Blum

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