
From: Lawrence Krauss <██████████>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2018 5:17 PM
To: jeffrey E.
Cc: Lawrence Krauss
Subject: Re: CLARIFICATION: response to your email

Of course I am afraid of this situation. I am not afraid of contacting Neil.. I want to do this in the best possible way. In our world the phone may be the preferred mode of communication. In the academic world it is not necessarily the way, mostly because people can respond to email from anywhere and while in seminars etc.. I will call Neil because you think it is important. In the meantime, if you have a moment, please carefully read the draft email I have now written and let me know what you think.. I am going to work on class items on the plane as I teach later today. Thanks.

LMK

On Feb 4, 2018, at 9:21 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:
you need to stop justifying being afraid .

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 11:20 AM, Lawrence Krauss =span dir="ltr" class=""><██████████>
<mailto:██████████> =rote:

Oh. On plane now and can't call. Btw what is purpose of call exactly?. If someone I know called me about this I would ask them to email me with details. I will try calling him when I land in any case. Am going to send you revised email to look at too once I am above 10000 feet.

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On Feb 14, 2018, at 8:13 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

Calling

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 10:28 AM Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

after 5 tries of what? am at airport.

On Feb 14, 2018, at 8:17 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com>
<mailto:jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

After five tries

On Wed, Feb 14, 2018 at 9:50 AM Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

In limo. To airport. I can't find direct number. I think it is best to send a touched up version of the letter by email first and trying to reach out to Neil after. I know from experience that if I contact Neil by phone he will say he will look into it and not say anything specific. Let me know about either.

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On Feb 14, 2018, at 6:43 AM, Lawrence Krauss =lt;lkrauss@gmail.com>
<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

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Trying =hat now. But the letter, which is rough as I read it and has to be fine =uned, is quite collegial so if I can't reach him I would like =o send a touched up version of it this morning.

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On Feb 14, 2018, at 6:37 AM, jeffrey E. <jeevacation@gmail.com> wrote:

Did you call him

On Wed, Feb 14, =018 at 9:32 AM Lawrence Krauss <

<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

So should I send this? Please let me know =SAP.

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On Feb 13, 2018, at 9:27 PM, Lawrence Krauss =
<<mailto:lkrauss@gmail.com>> wrote:

JEE: HERE IS MY PROPOSED EMAIL.. GOING to NEIL =UROK. Comments
welcome

[REDACTED]
Dear Neil and Michael:

Attached is a copy of some =orrespondence from Buzzfeed, which has followed
on six months of =orrespondence, following on a claim that two universities I am =ffiliated with had previously shown to
be false. Buzzfeed =roduced 5 false allegations off the web which I subsequently =emonstrated to be false, in an
attempt to suggest a history of sexual =arassment by me.

Following that Buzzfeed searched for other defamatory =xamples, and through
someone at Perimeter received the following =claim.

—At the Perimeter Institute’s “Quantum to Cosmos” Festival in October 2009, a
woman =ade a formal complaint of sexual harassment against you. The institute =mmediately removed you from the
premises and banned you from ever =oming =ack.

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After I disputed =his claim, they came back with the following claim, which they said was =n the record by someone from Perimeter:

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In =ctober of 2009, you went to Waterloo, Ontario, to be a guest speaker at =he Quantum to Cosmos Festival at =he Perimeter Institute.

*

During the event, a sexual harassment complaint was filed =against you.

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You were immediately removed from the premises and banned =rom ever coming back.

*

The institute would not provide more details to respect =he complainant's privacy. =/span>

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I disputed this, and included an email from you, Neil as a =emonstration that it was false (I redacted the information that was not =elevant to them):

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Neil Turok" <[REDACTED]>

Subject: Holden =XX

Date: March 31, 2011 at 9:30:26 AM =ST

To: [REDACTED]

Dear Larry,

I =ope you're doing very well. It was nice to have you at PI for the Q2C =estival and I do hope you'll be able to visit again soon.

I'm writing in regard to Holden XXX, who I have been working =ith recently ...

With my best wishes,
Neil

Subsequent=to that, Buzzfeed came back with the following:

Thank you for sending the email from Neil Turok. We have =aised this with the Perimeter Institute, which has clarified its =osition, as follows:

*
During=the event, a sexual harassment complaint was filed with the =dministration against you.

*
In =012, as part of a formal review of its internal policies, the institute =ade a decision that you would not be invited to =eturn.

As =ou can see, the original claim by Buzzfeed, which they claimed was =erified 'on the record' by Perimeter, was false. = believe this final claim is false, and I would like confirmation from =ou.. It may be a fine point, but I believe it is important. =originally Michael informed me immediately after the event that there =as a complaint of inappropriate communication with one of the staff, =omething I indicated then and reiterate now, I am not aware of at all, =ut be that as it may, he informed me at the time by email that with no =urther communication with that person, the matter was closed. =everal years later I was invited to give another public lecture but =our outreach coordinator later rescinded the invitation, although I was =eimbursed for that. As you are aware, I subsequently discussed =his with Neil in Vancouver in that year, and inquired about exactly =hat it was all about, and informed him that either a formal procedure =o resolve any issue in which I could participate and respond might be =ppropriate, or the matter should be dropped. Neil said he would explore =he matter, and neither he, nor anyone else, ever contacted me following =hat. I have never been informed of anything like Buzzfeed has =laimed. Indeed I have been invited back to Perimeter for scientific =eetings by various colleagues in the intervening years. =nbsp;

I =m very concerned by this claim below, for obvious reasons. First, =he original Perimeter source provided false and defamatory information =o Buzzfeed, changing a story only after I provided =counter-evidence. Second, as you are aware Perimeter has never =ontacted me about any such proviso in the interim. The only =ocument I ever received was in 2009 from michael assuring me the matter =as closed, whatever it was. I would find it highly irregular if =ny formal procedure took place with such an outcome without my =nowledge or without any due process, and without subsequently informing =e.

I =expect the correct statement, if there is one, is that there was a =omplaint from someone at Perimeter about inappropriate communication at =he final party or while being driven back to the hotel after it (for =ll I know it may have been about religious issues), and that 3 years =ater a decision was made by the outreach coordinator, perhaps in =ollaboration with others, not to invite me back at that time for a =ublic lecture.

Please confirm my understanding of this issue for me if you =ill. As you can imagine, making this public is embarrassing =enough for me, especially since I personally maintain whatever I may =ave said wasn't inappropriate, and there was certainly no =exual harassment by any definition of that word.. indeed there was =othing sexual in any discussion I know of. Nevertheless, if =omething is to be reported, indicating that it was a communication =ssue, and there was no formal ban on my returning to Perimeter =especially as nothing along these lines was ever communicated to me and = have received invites since that time) is less damning than suggesting =therwise. As Buzzfeed has tried, at every turn, to misrepresent =acts in the worst possible light, it is important for me

to not allow =hem to continue to do this. For example, they contacted my =niversity and asked if there any claims fo sexual harassment against me =t the University, and though the University said there were not, but =hat there was an external allegation about a remote event that had been =iscredited (the one I mentioned above), Buzzfeed announced they would =eport that they contacted the University with a request for information =about sexual harassment allegations and were not given any information =n return..

Last, it could be of course that Buzzfeed has reinterpreted =statements from Perimeter staff, but if a member of your staff made the =original false allegation to Buzzfeed (violating confidentiality in the =process I expect) I would like you to at least be aware of this and act =accordingly.

Thanks very much for your prompt and immediate attention to =his request.

Lawrence Krauss

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Begin forwarded message:

From: =/b>Peter Aldhous <

Subject: =/b>Re: CLARIFICATION: =esponse to your email

Date: 2/13/2018 at 2:54:26 PM -ST

To: **Lawrence Krauss**

Dr. =rauss:

Thank you for sending the =mail from Neil Turok. We have raised this with the Perimeter Institute, =hich has clarified its position, as follows:

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During the event, a =exual harassment complaint was filed with the administration against =ou.

*

In 2012, as part of a =ormal review of its internal policies, the institute made a decision =hat you would not be invited to return.

If you wish to further =omment on or clarify any of these points, please get in touch with us =y tomorrow (Weds).

Thanks,
Peter Aldhous =/span>

[REDACTED]

On 2/12/18 8:20 AM, Lawrence =rauss wrote:

Although I wasn't going to bother and shouldn't= need to, just one example among many: in this case 17 months after Q2C, email from the Director of the Perimeter Institute. I don't know how it could be much =learer.. (I have redacted out the rest of the body of the letter because it refers to a hiring issue that is irrelevant to =ou)..

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Neil Turok" [REDACTED]

Subject: Holden =XX

Date: March 31, 2011 at 9:30:26 AM MST

To: <[REDACTED]>

Dear Larry,

I hope you're doing very well. It was nice to have you at PI for the Q2C Festival and I do hope you'll be able to visit again soon.

I'm writing in regard to Holden XXX, who I have been working with recently ...

With my best wishes,
Neil

On Feb 9, 2018, at 3:04 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>

<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

Oh =es, definitely and demonstrably.. I dispute everything except the first bullet point, with substantial evidentiary email communication... so you had =etter alert whoever went on the record at the perimeter institute about the consequences of making false allegations.

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On Feb 9, 2018, at 12:44 PM, Peter Aldhous <[REDACTED]>

wrote:

Dr. Krauss:

To clarify, we plan to publish each of the following statements, which have all been confirmed on the record by the Perimeter Institute:

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In October of 2009, you went to Waterloo, Ontario, to be a guest speaker at the Quantum to cosmos Festival at the Perimeter Institute.

*

During the event, a sexual harassment complaint was filed against you.

*

You were immediately removed from the premises and banned from ever coming back.

*

The institute would not provide more details to respect the complainant's privacy.

Do you dispute any of these statements?

If you'd like to further clarify your position on these statements, please contact me before 12 noon Pacific on Saturday, Feb 10.

Peter Aldhous

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Peter Aldhous

Science reporter = BuzzFeed News



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On =hu, Feb 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM, Lawrence Krauss <[REDACTED]>
<mailto:[REDACTED]> wrote:

Peter:

Got your phone call yesterday shortly before I finished a lecture and then headed to the airport to return home late last night, as I had indicated in my last email. I am responding below to your issues, which are yet again false and/or misleading. I cannot keep doing this. = have told you repeatedly that there is no basis for a story here. I =nd others have responded to false allegations, but you and your colleagues have continued to barrage me, my family, and my colleagues with a series of false allegations and innuendo for the past 6 months. So it =eems you have decided to produce some kind of defamatory story, independent of evidence to the contrary, and you are asking me to help you do your work to write it. I don't =now what else to say. I =sk you again to stop this harassment, and not write a story based on false and misleading defamatory allegations to justify some foregone conclusion that might defame me and/or other individuals or groups, and in the process can hurt genuine efforts by many of us to address important issues, from encouraging diversity in STEM education around the world, to fighting ideological efforts that endorse sexism, racism, homophobia or attempt to suppress free speech and free thought.
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LMK

On Feb =, 2018, at 9:48 AM, Peter Aldhous <[REDACTED]>
wrote:

Dr. Krauss:

Since our earlier correspondence, further incidents have =ome to our attention. I've outlined the details below and would =ery much like to include your response to each in our story. =/span>

—At the Perimeter Institute's "Quantum to Cosmos" Festival in October 2009, a woman =ade a formal complaint of sexual harassment against you. The institute =mmediately removed you from the premises and banned you from ever =oming back.

I am not made aware of any formal complaint of sexual harassment against me at Perimeter, which would have resulted in either formal proceedings or letters or emails to me. I did attend the "Quantum to =osmos" Festival for several days and was never 'removed from the premises'. After I left I received thanks and further assistance from the staff. Nor was = banned from returning to Perimeter. I =ave maintained a collegial relationship with various colleagues there who have invited me to return on several =ccasions.

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