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# Motion Filed to Dismiss Hollander Suit

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Men of Columbia, Roy Den Hollander wants you to join his case against feminism. Columbia has motioned for the judge in Manhattan's U.S. District Court to drop Hollander's class action lawsuit, but Hollander hopes to garner support from students.

In August, Hollander filed a lawsuit against Columbia, claiming that its support of a women's studies department was a First Amendment violation, on the grounds that feminism is a religion. He is also claiming that the "intentional discriminatory impact against men of the women's studies program is in violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment." He claims Columbia cannot use government funding to support the Institute for Research on Women and Gender Studies unless it has an equivalent men's studies program.

This Friday, Columbia filed a motion for the case to be dropped, arguing that Hollander has no standing to sue since he is not a Columbia student, and that he has not coherently defined a men's studies alternative.

The University's filing stated that Hollander's complaint "reads like a parody," and disputed Hollander's claim that the University should establish a formal men's studies program.

"Just as Hollander thinks that women's studies courses depict men as the oppressors of women and the cause of the world's ills, others might claim that African-American studies courses depict whites as the oppressors of blacks and the cause of the world's ills," Columbia's motion states. "It is the court's duty to protect the marketplace of ideas by rejecting any demand that books be burned or classes banned."

Hollander, who graduated from the Business School, said he is hurt by "not having available the academic research and disciplines to counter the pernicious falsehoods about men that feminism preaches."

Hollander will file opposition papers to Columbia's motion. The judge will then decide whether to request an oral argument before making his decision.

Hollander dismissed the notion of parody.

"Women's studies [programs] aid and abet murder," Hollander said. "Where do you think all those lunatic female syndromes come from for excusing murdering incipient human beings, boiling babies, drowning their children, and killing their boyfriends or husbands?"

"There's no comparison," Hollander said in response to Columbia's African American studies analogy. "Black studies is not an ideological or a belief system."

"Besides, it's only the feminists who violate my rights," Hollander said.

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Columbia's motion argues that Hollander staked his case "on his personal hostility to feminism," which has been brewing for years thanks to what he calls "an Edgar Allen Poe horror tale of a divorce."

Hollander worked for ABC News, several law firms, and Kroll Associates, Russia. Through Kroll, Hollander says he learned that the wife he brought to the U.S. from Russia was a prostitute allied with the Chechen mafia.

"She also fed me drugs without knowing my tolerance level," Hollander said of his former wife, whom he described as "a pathological liar, a person who would follow a dollar to hell. Not the kind of person you want to share your life with. She was out hoing, either for fun or for money. She obviously violated or broke her marriage vows. They meant something to me. Those are the reasons why I wanted a divorce."

Partially because of his wife's alien status, Hollander said the divorce led to legal entanglements under the Violence Against Women Act, spurring his interest in men's rights activism.

After Hollander spoke to Columbia graduate students this summer, he said the audience's civility threw him off.

"I expected a Minutemen situation," Hollander said. "To me, Columbia is a bastion of feminism, a boot camp for turning out feminist stormtroopers who pervert the constitutional law and destroy men."

Columbia states that Hollander is using the courthouse to wage a personal battle against an academic discipline.

"Hollander's complaint is nothing more than his political and ideological critique of feminism," Columbia's motion says. "His diatribe does not justify trampling on the central tenet of academic freedom—that universities may decide what to teach free of government interference—by banning the entire discipline of women's studies from Columbia."

In an interview earlier this semester, history professor Alice Kessler-Harris, who teaches in IRWAG, derided the suit.

"It's a ridiculous lawsuit which is based on a set of assumptions which are utterly invalid, beginning with the one that declares feminism to be a religion," Kessler-Harris said, noting that similar lawsuits have been filed in the past, and have all failed.

**See the web only, exclusive legal documents pertaining to the case: [CU Motion to Dismiss Hollander](#) and [Hollander's Complaints](#).**

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