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Kimmel convocation: Mars, Venus, or Planet Earth? Women and Men in a New Millennium

Summary: Convocation will be streamed live for those from afar who cannot attend the event.

(October 27, 2011)-Michael Kimmel, professor of sociology at State University of New York, Stony Brook, and a leading researcher on men and masculinity, will give the second University of Minnesota, Morris convocation of the fall semester at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 27, 2011, in Edson Auditorium in the Student Center. The public is invited to attend the free event.

Kimmel's talk, "Mars, Venus, or Planet Earth? Women and Men in a New Millennium," will strip away the "different planet" myths. Surveying the landscape of current controversies about gender, Kimmel will show how men and women are transforming campuses and culture, why gender equality is a good thing for men, and, perhaps, that men and women aren't so different after all.

Kimmel has authored *Changing Men: New Directions in Research on Men and Masculinity*, *Men Confront Pornography*, *The Politics of Manhood*, *The Gender of Desire*, and *The History of Men*, *Manhood in America: A Cultural History*. His documentary history, *Against the Tide: Pro-Feminist Men in the United States, 1776–1990*, chronicled men who supported women's equality since the founding of the country. *Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men*, a best seller, investigates the lives of more than 400 young men, ages 16–26.

In addition to his evening presentation, Kimmel will visit Associate Professor of Sociology Jennifer Rothchild's Sociology of Gender class on Thursday, October 27.

Parking is free in all campus lots for the evening talk.

The event will be streamed live from the ["Morris on demand"](#) web page.

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