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**Convocations Series begins October 11**

*Summary:*

(August 16, 2004)-CEO and president of The Polling Company, Kellyanne Conway, along with Eric Alterman, best-selling author of *What Liberal Media?*, will open the Campus Activities Council Convocations Series at the University of Minnesota, Morris with a political/media debate on October 11.

Conway is among this country's most qualified political analysts and commentators on national politics. Alterman is one of the country's leading experts on the topic of media bias.

All convocations are free of charge and open to the public. Lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. in Edson Auditorium unless otherwise noted.

Other Convocations topics include:

Tuesday, February 1

Minnijean Brown-Trickey will speak on "Return to Little Rock." Brown-Trickey, one of the "Little Rock Nine," is one of a group of nine African-American teenagers to face down an angry mob in an effort to desegregate Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas. This convocation is co-sponsored with the UMM Black Student Union.

Thursday, February 24

Nadine Strossen, professor of law at New York Law School, will provide the keynote address, titled "Current Challenges to Civil Liberties," during UMM Women's Week. Strossen has written, lectured and practiced extensively in the areas of constitutional law, civil liberties and international human rights. Since 1991, she is the first woman to head the nation's largest and oldest civil liberties organization, the American Civil Liberties Union. Her lecture is co-sponsored by the UMM Women's Resource Center and the UMM Commission on Women.

Monday, March 28

Playwright and activist Nilo Cruz will provide the keynote for UMM's World Touch Cultural Heritage Week, with "An Evening with Nilo Cruz: Readings and Discussion." With Cruz's wonderful tale of *Anna in the Tropics*, the 42-year-old Cuban-born writer fulfilled his dream of writing about the Cuban tobacco workers of Ybor City, a cigar-making town that bloomed northeast of Tampa near the end of the 19th Century, and became the first Latino Pulitzer Prize winner in drama. His presentation at UMM is co-sponsored by World Touch Cultural Heritage Week and the UMM United Latinos.

Receptions follow each convocation at 8:30 p.m. in the Alumni Room, Oyate Hall in the UMM Student Center.

The views expressed by the visiting speakers of the UMM Convocations Series do not necessarily reflect the views of the Regents of the University of Minnesota, the University of Minnesota, Morris students, staff or faculty or the UMM

Convocations Committee.

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Mark your calendars for additional lectures and presentations coming your way this year at the University of Minnesota, Morris:

Barber Lecture, October 28, 7:30 p.m., Oyate Hall, Student Center.

19th Annual Edith Farrell Poetry Contest, April 12, 7 p.m., Oyate Hall

29th Midwest Philosophy Colloquium: Contemporary Debates on the U.S. Constitution. Watch for more details.

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