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Summary:

(January 8, 2004)-Randall Kennedy, author of *Nigger: The Strange Career of a Troublesome Word*, will speak during Black History Month at the University of Minnesota, Morris. Kennedy's presentation at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, in Edson Auditorium is co-sponsored by the Black Student Union and Campus Activities Convocations at UMM, and is free and open to the public.

Kennedy's book discusses what he perceives as America's most famous derogatory word, a word that has been used to remove judges, inflame juries, and even to ban as well as celebrate certain books.

Since the book's publication in 2002, Kennedy has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Time* and *Newsweek*, as well as on the cover of the prestigious *New York Times Book Review*.

The mission of CAC Convocations is to challenge conventional thought and promote a diverse community by presenting a year-long series of various speakers and events. The next Convocations speaker will be Jean Kilbourne on Tuesday, Feb. 24.

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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