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Hammond Institute, Gender Studies to Host Forum with Sommers/Kimmel on March 1

Session, to be held at the Spellmann Center on Lindenwood's campus in St. Charles, is open to the general public.

WHO: Local community leaders, faculty, staff and students will have an opportunity to attend an informative, engaging event featuring Christina Hoff Sommers and Michael Kimmel at Lindenwood University in St. Charles. The discussion forum is titled:

**From Boyz II Men:
*Too Much or Too Little Masculinity?***

The event is sponsored by the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise in partnership with the Gender Studies Program at Lindenwood University.

WHAT: This session will feature two leading intellectuals, one defending and one critiquing traditional masculinity. Campus pariah Christina Hoff Sommers and gender-busting feminist professor Michael Kimmel will discuss whether traditional notions of masculinity are toxic, or just natural. Sommers is especially interesting to people who keep up with the campus speech wars, since she gets disinvited and protested everywhere she goes.

Christina Hoff Sommers is an American author, former philosophy professor, and resident scholar at the American Enterprise Institute (AEI), a conservative think tank. Sommers is known for her critique of contemporary feminism. Her work includes the books *Who Stole Feminism* (1994) and *The War Against Boys* (2000), and her writing has been featured in a variety of different media outlets, including *The New York Times*, *Time*, and *The Atlantic*. She also hosts a video blog called The Factual Feminist.

Michael Kimmel is one of the world's leading experts on men and masculinities. He is the SUNY Distinguished Professor of Sociology and Gender Studies at Stony Brook University. Among his many books are *Manhood in America*, *Angry White Men*, *The Politics of Manhood*, *The Gendered Society* and the best seller *Guyland: The Perilous World Where Boys Become Men*. With funding from the MacArthur Foundation, he founded the Center for the Study of Men and Masculinities at Stony Brook in 2013.

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WHERE & **Lindenwood University** – Anheuser-Busch Leadership Room in the Spellmann Center (209 South Kingshighway in St. Charles, MO) -- <http://www.lindenwood.edu/about/our-campus/campus-map/> (Bldg #17).

WHEN: **Wednesday, March 1 – 6:30 p.m.**

ALSO: Immediately following the initial presentations, there will be an opportunity for an interactive Q&A. This event is free and open to the general public. Light refreshments will be served; registration is not required. For questions or more information, please contact Carol Felzien at the Hammond Institute by calling 636-627-2915 or via email at CFelzien@lindenwood.edu.

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