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### **FOUNDATION FOR MALE STUDIES APRIL 6 CONFERENCE TO FOCUS ON DETERIORATING STATUS OF BOYS AND MEN.**

*NEW YORK:* The Foundation for Male Studies will focus on the research and programs needed to reverse the downward spiral, which is now affecting virtually all aspects of the lives of men and boys, at the Second Annual International Conference on Male Studies—Looking Forward to Solutions, April 6, 2011.

Edward M. Stephens, MD, FMS' Founder and Chair says that in addition to the conference's solution-gearred presentations by leading authorities, the Foundation is calling for papers from academics on how to best deal with increasing levels of male unemployment, depression, suicides, dropping out of school and related problems.

Marianne Legato, MD and Tom Mortenson will co-chair the conference at the New York Academy of Medicine. Dr. Legato, who founded and directs Columbia's College of Medicine Partnership for Gender-Specific Medicine, edited the first text on gender medicine, and founded the journal, *Gender Medicine*. A widely acclaimed author of works on men's and women's health, her most current book is *Why Men Die First*. Mr. Mortenson is senior scholar at the Pell Institute for the Study of Opportunity in Higher Education and the recipient of major national awards for contributions to educational research.

Others participating in the conference are Gordon Finley, PhD, Professor of Psychology at Florida International University, who will speak on the need for a national policy on fatherhood; Michael Gilbert, a Senior Fellow at the University of Southern California Annenberg School and author of *The Disposable Male* on coping with the cascading loss of male jobs, Katherine Young, PhD and Paul Nathanson, PhD, both of McGill University, authors of published studies on the origins and implications of misandry—the hatred of men.

Scholars seeking to submit papers for the conference may do so by writing to [elfenbein@malestudies.org](mailto:elfenbein@malestudies.org) or by visiting <http://www.malestudies.org/events.html> by March 15, 2011.

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