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**Robert N. Minor Talk and Book Signing Scheduled at Oread Books**

September 10, 2007 (LAWRENCE, KS) – Robert N. Minor, Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Kansas, will present a talk and book signing from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, at Oread Books on level 2 in the Kansas Union on the KU campus in Lawrence. Minor is the author of the book *When Religion Is an Addiction*, published in August by HumanityWorks!. The event is free and the public is invited.

*When Religion is an Addiction* is a new analysis and suggested response to the extreme Christian right-wing in America today. "The high of righteousness is the same as the high of cocaine," says popular psychological speaker Dr. John Bradshaw. In his new book, Dr. Robert N. Minor examines how a large portion of the religious right-wing uses religion the way an addict uses their addiction, allowing the emotional "high" of self-righteousness to eliminate responsibility for their actions' painful toll on other human beings in both personal and political contexts. Minor examines the often-found relationship between sexual and religious addiction, shows how liberals and the media have been enablers in the religious right-wing's dominance of the national agenda, and recommends new strategies to respond to religious addicts.

Dr. Robert N. Minor has taught at the University of Kansas for 30 years and was the chair of the Religious Studies Department for six. He received a Ph.D. in Religion from the University of Iowa and an M.A. in Biblical Studies from Trinity Divinity School in Chicago. Minor is the author of eight books, including five on religion in South Asia. His current research is on gender studies and the relationships of religion, gender and sexuality. Two recent titles include *Gay and Healthy in a Sick Society: The Minor Details* and *Scared Straight: Why It's So Hard to Accept Gay People and Why It's So Hard to Be Human*, both published by HumanityWorks!. Minor also writes articles and leads workshops on gender roles, homophobia and racism. In 2001, he founded The Fairness Project ([www.fairnessproject.org](http://www.fairnessproject.org)), an activist initiative to promote fair and positive understanding of all human beings.

Oread Books is a full-service, independent bookseller located on the University of Kansas campus in Lawrence on the second floor of the Kansas Union. As a non-profit organization in the division of Student Success, all proceeds are given back to KU through student programs and activities.

The selection and events at Oread Books are reflective of the campus community, always current and representing diverse points of view.

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