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JOHN HOPPENTHALER TO GIVE POETRY READING AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

(Mahwah) – A poetry reading by John Hoppenthaler will be given Wednesday, May 4 from 2 – 3:30 p.m. in Room SC-138 on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. The reading is open to the public. The event is co-sponsored by the College’s Office of the President and the AIS Colloquium Series.

Hoppenthaler is author Toni Morrison’s assistant. His first book of poetry, Lives of Water, was published by Carnegie Mellon University Press in 2003. He is currently editing a collection of essays and interviews on the work of Jean Valentine. He received his MFA in poetry writing from Virginia Commonwealth University. His poetry has appeared or is forthcoming in a number of literary magazines including Ploughshares, The Southern Review, Virginia Quarterly Review, Kansas Quarterly, New Letters, Chelsea, Tar River Poetry, Pleiades, the anthologies September 11, 2001: American Writers Respond, the Christian Science Monitor electronic edition and LUNA.

His reviews, interviews and essays regularly appear in such journals as Chelsea, Arts & Letters, The Bellingham Review, Pleiades, and Kestrel, where he is poetry editor. Among his honors are an individual artist grant from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts, a fellowship from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts, a foreign travel grant from West Virginia University and 19 Pushcart Prize nominations.

For more information about the poetry reading, call Susan Hangen, 201.684.7412.

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