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**LECTURE ON HOW THE AFRICAN PRESS PERCEIVES THE CONFLICT IN  
DARFUR TO BE PRESENTED AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

MAHWAH – The way in which African newspapers and the African press perceive the strife in Darfur will be the topic of a lecture at Ramapo College of New Jersey in October.

“Darfur in the African Press,” presented by Dr. Carina Ray, assistant professor at Fordham University, will examine how Darfur has been portrayed in the African press and what the coverage reveals about African understandings, opinions and concerns in relation to Darfur. The professor will base her discussion on a conference she helped organize in Ethiopia in February about Darfur. Ray’s experiences at the conference resulted in a book, *“Darfur: And the Crisis of Governance in Sudan,”* co-edited with Salah Hassan.

Ray will discuss the level of engagement among Sudanese citizens in addressing not only the war in Darfur, but also the larger interlocking political crises that have plagued Sudan since independence.

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A specialist in Modern African History, Ray's other research interests include the racial and sexual politics of colonial rule, the comparative histories of race mixture in Africa and the African Diaspora, the African Diaspora and reverse migration and the relationship between race, ethnicity and political power in post-independence Africa. She is currently writing a book titled, "*Policing Sexual Boundaries: The Politics of Race in Colonial Ghana.*" She is also the author of "*Lest We Forget*" a monthly column in *New African magazine*, which reflects on Africa's past, present and future. The presentation will be sponsored by Ramapo College's History Club, the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Save Darfur Club.

"Darfur in the African Press" will be presented Wednesday, October 8 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the York Room on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. The presentation is free and open to the public. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

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