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**Professor Exhibits Photographs of Livingston County in November**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – “Jonathan Lipkin: Photographs from Livingston County,” a one-person exhibition by a faculty member, opens in the Pascal Gallery in the Berrie Center on Wednesday, November 2 and continues on view through December 7. An opening reception will be held on November 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. with an artist’s talk at 6:30 p.m.

“The small towns of Geneseo, York, Piffard and Cuylerville in Western New York are home to salt miners, farmers, and other workers,” said Lipkin. “ ‘Livingston County’ explores the physical and psychological environment of these men and women. While only 40 minutes from downtown Rochester, these towns are semi-rural in character, although there is little unused land. Mostly one can see cornfields, small houses and shopping malls. In spite of the relatively high population density, there is a sense of isolation in these small towns, and people gather in bard, and sportsmen’s clubs, homes and restaurants.

“What I found is a complicated blend of aggression and tenderness, compassion and brutality, as I was greeted with open arms and a wariness that befits my status as an outsider.”

Lipkin is a photographer, writer, and professor of Digital Media at Ramapo College. He has lectured nationally and internationally on issues of digital media. He has exhibited and published his work extensively, and is the author of the books “Photography Reborn” and “In the Realm of the Circuit.”

This project is supported in part by the New Jersey State Council on the Arts/Department of State, a Partner Agency of the National Endowment for the Arts. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 1 through 5 p.m. and Wednesdays 1 through 7 p.m. For more information contact Sydney Jenkins at 201-684-7147.

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