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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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