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**RAMAPO COLLEGE TO HOST 2006 CONFERENCE OF THE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROFESSORIATE**

(Mahwah) – The Africana Institute of Ramapo College of New Jersey will host the 2006 Conference of the African-American Professoriate Thursday through Saturday, April 20 - 22. The conference, “Environmental (In) Justice: Katrina and Beyond,” will discuss environmental injustice. A keynote luncheon address on April 20, “Environmental Injustice and Sustainability—New Challenges in a Post-Katrina World,” will be given by Robert Bullard, Ware Distinguished Professor of Sociology and director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University. He is credited with originating the phrase “environmental racism.” Bullard is the author or editor of three texts, *Confronting Environmental Racism* (1993), *Dumping on Dixie* (1994) and *Unequal Protection* (1996). Limited seating is available to the public for his presentation in the Trustees Pavilion on the College campus.

The conference features several breakout sessions, which are free and open to the public. “Essays on Katrina: An American Laboratory Team Report,” on April 20 beginning at 10:15 a.m., will address the continuing issue of the Katrina disaster. The “Katrina: An American Laboratory (KAL) Project” sought to capture the impact Katrina continues to have on the criminal justice system, social services, the economy and education. This session will present comments from the report prepared by a seven-member team that traveled to New Orleans.

At 11:30 a.m., Rachel Godsil, professor of law at Seton Hall School of Law will moderate a panel discussion, “By Executive Order: Environmental Justice in the Regulatory and Legal Realm.”

On Friday, April 21, Michael R. Edelstein, professor of psychology at Ramapo College, will moderate “Concepts of Environmental Justice and Their Place in the

Curriculum,” a discussion among faculty participants beginning at 10 a.m. A preview of rough cuts from *Essays on Katrina: The Documentary* will be screened at 12:15 p.m. Participants will have the opportunity to view and discuss the video, produced and directed by Warner Wada, a professor of painting at Ramapo College. Beginning at 1:30 p.m., Sue Scher, an associate professor of psychology at Ramapo College, will moderate “The Legacy of Ford’s Waste Disposal: Paint Sludge and the Ramapough Lenape Nation.”

The conference will be sponsored by the College’s Africana Institute, the Environmental Institute, the School of Social Science and Human Services and The Society for the Africana Professoriate. The Schomberg Foundation will support the event. For further information contact Diana Alspach at 201.684.7625 or dalspach@ramapo.edu.

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