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## RAMAPO PROFESSOR NAMED DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE HONORS PROGRAM

(Mahwah) – Dr. Sharon Rubin, a professor of American Studies and literature, was named the director of the Ramapo College Honors Program. The two-year appointment becomes effective July 1. Students selected for the program work directly with faculty on honors projects that provide an added layer of challenge to their coursework and participate in specialized trips and lectures. There are currently 90 students in the program.

"My goals are to raise the visibility of the Honors Program on and off campus and to serve the current honors students as well as I can," Rubin says. In that regard, she plans to form focus groups comprised of students and faculty to provide insight into what the Honors Program might become. Students admitted to the program are accepted based on an application that includes a short essay, high school records and SAT scores.

Rubin came to Ramapo College in 1993 as vice president for academic affairs and served in that capacity until 2000. She is now a professor of American Studies and teaches courses in the areas of American studies, humanities and the College's First Year Seminar. Over the course of her career, Rubin has written and consulted extensively about experiential learning, a cornerstone of Ramapo College's mission statement.

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