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NOVEMBER TEACHERS' WORKSHOP TO FOCUS ON RACIAL SCIENCE IN THE HOLOCAUST

(Mahwah)- "Barbarous Utopia: from Eugenics to Mass Murder" is the title of a Gumpert Teachers' Workshop that will be held at Ramapo College of New Jersey Friday, November 17, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the York Room located on campus in the Birch Mansion.

"Barbarous Utopia" will examine the critical role German physicians, scientists, public health officials and academic experts played in supporting and implementing the Nazis' program of racial eugenics, which culminated in the Holocaust. Specifically, from

1933 to 1945, Hitler's Nazi regime attempted to realize its vision of a biologically healthy and ethnically homogeneous population through "racial hygiene" programs designed to cleanse German society of those perceived to threaten its biological health.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Susan Bachrach, exhibition curator at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C. Together with Dieter Kuntz, historian at the museum, she was responsible for *Deadly Medicine: Creating the Master Race*, the museum's special exhibition on eugenics and genocidal policies of the Third Reich. Dr. Bachrach received her Ph.D. in Modern European History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Also taking part in the workshop will be Dr. Paul Winkler, executive director of the New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust Education, who will provide an overview of the state Mandate on Holocaust Education. In her talk, "Teaching about the 'History of Racism,'" Colleen Tambuscio of New Milford High School will

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provide participants with a methodology and practical hints on how to integrate instruction about racial science into today's middle and high school classroom. Dr. Elaine Winshell, professor emeritus of biology at Ramapo College, will offer a comparative dimension to the discussion in her talk, "Biology' and 'Race' in the U.S.A. and U.K." Holocaust survivor Eric Meyer of Wayne will relate what it was like to be a Jewish child in a Third Reich classroom permeated with racial science and thinking.

Sponsored by Ramapo College's Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Hillel, in cooperation with the New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust Education and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington, D.C., the workshop is intended to assist teachers implementing the New Jersey State Mandate on Holocaust Education. It is approved for five hours towards certification renewal and relates to New Jersey Core Curriculum Standards in Language Arts 3.1, Social Studies 6.1-6.3, and World Languages 7.1 and 7.2.

For more information or to reserve a place, please call 201.684.7409.

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