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**APRIL TEACHERS' WORKSHOP AT RAMAPO COLLEGE
WILL FOCUS ON NATIVE AMERICANS**

(Mahwah) - "Native Americans in New Jersey - Subjugation, Exploitation, Marginalization and Survival" is the title of a Gumpert Teachers' Workshop that will be held at Ramapo College of New Jersey Tuesday, April 15, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion located on campus.

"Native Americans in New Jersey - Subjugation, Exploitation, Marginalization and Survival" was conceived in light of the report concerning issues confronting the state's three indigenous Native American tribes recently presented to Governor Jon S. Corzine by the New Jersey Committee on Native American Community Affairs. The workshop will provide middle and high school educators with the ability to teach about the history and culture of Native American peoples of the United States, particularly those in New Jersey. The overall goal is to enable New Jersey students to gain knowledge about the forces and processes that shaped the history and culture of the Native American peoples in their midst. It is intended for students to obtain an understanding of the critical issues of discrimination, civil rights, citizenship, activism and environmental justice.

The speakers and their topics will be: Autumn Wind Scott, artist and member of the N.J. Commission on American Indian Affairs, "Civil Rights, Education and Environmental Justice in the Spotlight: the Report of the New Jersey Committee on Native American Community Affairs;" Dr. Carter Jones Meyer, professor of History at Ramapo College, "The Appropriation of Native American Culture;" Dr. Maria Lawrence,

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professor of Elementary Education at Rhode Island College, “The Native American Experience in New Jersey Compared: At Home and Abroad;” and Joel Barrett, a teacher at Old Turnpike School in Califon, New Jersey and an alumnus of Ramapo College, “Bringing the Story of Native Americans into the Classroom.”

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.

Sponsored by Ramapo College’s Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and Hillel, in cooperation with the New Jersey State Commission on Holocaust Education, 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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