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**PULITZER PRIZE POET, NATASHA TRETHERWEY,
WILL GIVE A READING AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(Mahwah) – Ramapo College of New Jersey, as part of its AIS Colloquium Committee, will sponsor a reading and discussion by the Pulitzer Prize winning poet Natasha Trethewey, Wednesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion located on campus. The event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Deirdre Lynch at 201-684-7407 or dlynch@ramapo.edu.

Trethewey's prize-winning book, *Native Guard*, for which she won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize, focuses on historical erasure and memory by investigating the role of African-American soldiers during the Civil War and the murder of her mother. Her work is equally tough and tender, intelligent and accessible.

She is also the author of *Bellocq's Ophelia*, which was named a Notable Book for 2003 by the American Library Association, and *Domestic Work*. She is the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study Center, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Bunting Fellowship Program of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard.

Her poems have appeared in such journals and anthologies as *American Poetry Review*, *Callaloo*, *Kenyon Review*, *The Southern Review*, *New England Review*, *Gettysburg Review* and *The Best American Poetry 2000 and 2003*. Currently, she is the Phillis Wheatley Distinguished Chair in Poetry at Emory University.

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The AIS Colloquium Committee is comprised of faculty in Ramapo College's School of American and International Studies. The event is supported with a grant from the Ramapo College Foundation. The Committee sponsors an annual colloquium.

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