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**PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING SCIENCE WRITER AND AUTHOR NATALIE
ANGIER TO SPEAK AT RAMAPO COLLEGE OPENING CONVOCATION**

(MAHWAH) – Pulitzer Prize-winning author and science writer Natalie Angier will be the guest speaker at Ramapo College’s Opening Convocation Wednesday, September 17 at 1 p.m. The Convocation will be held in the Arena of the Bill Bradley Sports and Recreation Center located on campus. The public is invited to attend; admission is free. For information, please call 201.684.7910.

In her book “The Canon,” Angier draws on conversations with hundreds of the world’s top scientists and her work at *The New York Times* to create an entertaining guide to scientific literacy. From stem cells and bird flu to evolution and global warming, the book helps readers understand scientific issues of the times.

All incoming freshmen of Ramapo College’s Class of 2012 are reading “The Canon” over the summer and will discuss the book in their First Year Seminar Course. The course introduces students to college-level work and prepares them for the subsequent

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courses they will take. Opening Convocation provides an opportunity for students to learn what drives this successful author and how scientific literacy is vital to their education.

Angier was born in New York in 1958. While in college she studied English, physics and astronomy. At the age of 22, Angier was hired as a founding staff member for *Discover* magazine, launched in 1980 by Time Inc, where she specialized in writing about biology. She also worked as a science writer for *Time*, an editor at the now-defunct *Savvy* and a professor at New York University's Graduate Program in Science and Environmental Reporting. In 1990, she began working for *The New York Times* and the following year won a Pulitzer Prize for beat reporting.

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