

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Anna Farneski; afarnesk@ramapo.edu or Cynthia Burns: cyburns@ramapo.edu

April 9, 2009

INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLOQUIUM AND TEACH-IN AT RAMAPO COLLEGE
“Economic Crisis, Students, and Workers: Historical Perspectives/Global Challenges”

MAHWAH - In response to the economic crisis in the United States and worldwide, Ramapo College of New Jersey faculty and students will convene a three-day Interdisciplinary Colloquium and Teach-in, *“Economic Crisis, Students, and Workers: Historical Perspectives and Challenges.”* The three-day event is free and open to the public.

Eight discussion panels and a student roundtable will examine the crisis from the perspective of history, literature, media, political science, Spanish-speaking countries and environmental studies, among others. The event also will include an art exhibit, a creative writing/visual media contest and a film series that runs through April 28.

The impetus for the colloquium began with six faculty members. “We realized that ‘social class,’ is a concept that has virtually disappeared from the college curriculum at a time when it could not be more relevant given the current global economic crisis,” says Dr. Peter Scheckner, a professor of Literature and one of the faculty organizers. He said students deserve to learn how academic disciplines can not only deepen their understanding of the current crisis, but can also prepare them to act. Nine student organizations also are cosponsoring the event.

(more)

Discussion panels will be held Tuesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 16 from 9:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m. on Wednesday, April 15 in Rooms 136-138 in the Robert A. Scott Student Center on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. Film screenings will be held in the evening on Tuesday and Thursday. A schedule of activities may be found online at <http://RamapoEconomicCrisis.org>.

For more information, please E-mail pkeeton@ramapo.edu or student coordinator, Justin Walker, jwalker2@ramapo.edu.

###

For media inquiries, contact Anna Farneski, assistant vice president, Marketing and Communications, 201.684.6844.