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**Ramapo College of New Jersey Celebrates
International Education Week**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College of New Jersey's Roukema Center for International Education will be hosting a number of events in honor of International Education Week, November 15 through 19.

On Monday, November 15, writer and director John Scagliotti will be showing and leading a discussion on his film “Dangerous Living: Coming Out in the Developing World,” a feature-length documentary that explores the immense changes that occurred for gays, lesbians, and transgender people living in the Global South. The film explores the story of 52 men who were arrested on Cario's Queen Boat discotheque for crimes of debauchery, which focused attention to the lives and trials of gay people coming out in the developing world. There will be two screenings and discussions, the first from noon to 2 p.m. in ASB-136 and the second from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium.

On Thursday, November 18, Aman Ali and Bassam Tariq will be presenting their project, “30 Mosques, 30 Days,” from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium. During Ramadan 2010, Islam's holy month of fasting and reflection the two New Yorkers took a roadtrip across America, stopping each evening to break their fasts at a different mosque in a different state. During the trip they prayed inside the infamous “Ground Zero Mosque” in Manhattan, got pulled over by a cop in Mississippi, and visited the first mosque ever built in the U.S. in Ross, North Dakota - a town with only 48 people in it. Along the way they met the protagonists of Dave Eggers' bestselling Zeitoun, Cambodian Muslim victims of the Khmer Rouge, a Pakistani-Mormon couple, and many, many others, all of whom are part of the diverse Muslim-American community. Their journey explores what it means to be Muslim in America today, and serves as a powerful counter-narrative to the media's image of a monolithic Islam, receiving coverage on ABC News, CNN, Time, NPR, Fox News, Huffington Post and Al-Jazeera English.

On Friday, Saturday and Sunday, November 19 through 21, Cultural Survival, a group that partners with Indigenous Groups to defend their lands, languages and cultures, will be hosting a bazaar in the Ramapo College Students Center, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day. The bazaar is a world market offering handmade art, jewelry, clothing and crafts all supporting Indigenous artisans, Fair Trade and Cultural Survival's non-profit work. This cultural festival also gives these artists, representatives and fair trade companies from around the world the chance to sell their work directly to the American public, exposing more than 35,000 Americans each year to Indigeous culture. There will also be a number of performances, including live world music, Native American Storytelling, cultural presentations and craft-making demonstrations. For more information on the Cultural

Survival Bazaar, please visit their website at
<http://www.culturalsurvival.org/bazaar/about-cultural-survival-bazaars>.

International Education Week is an opportunity to celebrate the benefits of international education and exchange worldwide. This joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education is part of an effort to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

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