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**APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED FOR UNIQUE K-12 TEACHER
SUMMER WORKSHOP**

(MAHWAH, NJ) - This summer, Ramapo College will host a workshop, "The Hudson River in the Nineteenth Century and the Modernization of America," which offers K-12 teachers throughout the country a unique approach to teaching U.S. history through the humanities, using a place-based, multi-disciplinary approach.

The Hudson River is an American landmark of great historical, cultural and artistic significance, and has aptly been called "America's River." The workshop will focus on the Hudson in the nineteenth century, when the river was simultaneously a commercial thoroughfare, a tourist destination and the scene of dramatic technological, industrial and environmental changes, all the while celebrated for its iconic natural beauty.

Educators will examine works of art, architecture, literature and popular culture by Thomas Cole, Washington Irving and John Burroughs, among others. Site visits and trips along the river are complemented by lectures and workshops by expert scholars. Participants will work with an expert teacher to develop lesson plans and apply what is learned to their own classroom needs.

Two one-week, residential workshops will be held July 17 - 22 and July 24 - 29. Forty participants will be enrolled in each session. Participants are housed in private, single residential rooms on the Ramapo College campus and will receive a \$1,200 stipend to cover costs. Stephen Rice, a professor of American Studies and Meredith Davis, an assistant professor of Art History, both at Ramapo College, are directing the workshop. **For registration and program information, go to <http://nehhudson.ramapo.edu>.** Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2011.

Professors Rice and Davis received a \$175,114.00 grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support the program. The grant was received as part of the Landmarks of American History and Culture program, which offers residential workshops for K-12 educators nationwide.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as fourth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which

include nursing and social work, and as courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers four graduate programs and articulated programs with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.

Undergraduate students choose to concentrate their studies in one of five schools with more than 700 course offerings and 40 academic programs. Ramapo College boasts an average student/faculty ratio of 18:1 and average class size of 23, affording students the opportunity to develop close ties to the College's exceptional faculty.