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Ramapo College of New Jersey Hosts Colloquium: Life and Liberal Arts
Students, faculty and special guests explore the value of a Liberal Arts Education

(MAHWAH, NJ) – The School of American and International Studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey will hold a colloquium Wednesday, March 9 that explores the value of a liberal arts education to today's students.

Life and Liberal Arts will introduce students to three highly successful liberal arts majors: James Weinstein, executive director of NJ TRANSIT, Dolores N. Morris, a producer for Walt Disney and Adam Tosh, managing director at Rogerscasey.

"Aside from buying a house, paying for college may be the biggest investment students and their parents ever make," said Associate Professor of Politics and Social Process Michael Fluhr. "Obviously, in a house or a college education, cost matters. But so does quality. A liberal arts education addresses both of these concerns. The value added dimension of the liberal arts is not an archaic belief in learning for its own sake. It positions young people to succeed professionally and personally."

The colloquium, which is open to the media and the public, will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. in Friends Hall, room 217 in the Student Center.

Ramapo College was designated by the New Jersey Legislature as New Jersey's Liberal Arts College. A Ramapo education is distinguished by its commitment to instilling critical thinking and writing skills in graduates.

The panel will be moderated by Fluhr, a member of the College's School of American and International Studies. The panelists will each present on their career paths, followed by a question and answer session.

James Weinstein

James Weinstein is the executive director of NJ TRANSIT, the third largest transit agency in the nation and the largest statewide. Weinstein is responsible for the agency's bus, light rail, and commuter rail network, which carried more than 270 million passenger trips in Fiscal Year 2009. The former New Jersey Commission of Transportation oversees the agency's 10,500-plus employees, and capital and operating budgets totaling more than \$3 billion annually. Weinstein holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy from Seton Hall University.

Adam Tosh, CFA

Adam Tosh, CFA, is managing director, Investment Solutions at Rogerscasey and provides consulting services to pension plans, endowment and foundation funds, and financial advisors. Prior to joining the firm, Tosh was the Chief Investment Officer of the \$14 billion public pension plan, Kentucky Retirement Systems (KRS). Before joining KRS, Tosh was a fixed income strategist at the Pittsburgh-based money management firm, MDL Capital Management, and was also employed for eight years as Director of Fixed Income Investments at the Pennsylvania State Employees' Retirement System. He received his Bachelor's of Arts degree in Economics, Politics and Government from Ohio Wesleyan University.

Dolores N. Morris

Dolores N. Morris graduated from Hunter College cum laude with a degree in Physical Anthropology. After teaching high school and at Presidio Hill School, the oldest alternative school in San Francisco, she began an award-winning television career in children's programming. She served as Vice President of the Disney Sunday Movie and Walt Disney Television Animation and then as Vice President of HBO's Family Channel.

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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, as well as courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers four graduate programs as well as 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.