

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Anna Farneski; afarnesk@ramapo.edu / (201) 684.6844

September 7, 2011

**Ramapo College Professor Jeremy Teigen Awarded Fulbright Scholar Grant**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Associate Professor of Political Science Jeremy Teigen was awarded a Fulbright Scholar grant to teach at Tbilisi State University in Georgia for the fall 2011 semester. Teigen will teach American government classes as well as research methodology on political institutional and electoral forms.

Teigen is a member of approximately 1,100 U.S. faculty and professionals who will travel abroad in the 2011-2012 academic year under the Fulbright Scholar Program. Fulbright recipients are among the over 40,000 individuals who study, teach and research international concerns in the U.S. Department of State exchange each year.

“Dr. Teigen's achievements in teaching, scholarship, and community service have been outstanding,” said Dean Hassan Nejad, of the College’s School of American and International Studies. “His expertise on the American electoral process, campaign strategies, party politics, and research methodology have enriched our curriculum and his scholarly work has been published in several peer reviewed journals, including *Political Communication*, *European Security*, *Armed Forces & Society*, *Political Research Quarterly*, and *Social Science Quarterly*.”

Teigen joined Ramapo College of New Jersey in 2005. He resides in Emerson, NJ.

The Fulbright Program was established in 1946 under the late U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright of Arkansas. The program is the flagship international exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government. The program is geared toward creating understanding between the people of the United States and residents of other nations.

The Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has funded and supported programs promoting respect between the U.S. and other countries.

Individuals selected as Fulbright recipients are given grants based on academic and professional achievement as well as leadership potential in their chosen field. Forty three Fulbright scholars have received the Nobel Prize, and 75 scholars have been awarded the Pulitzer Prize.

For more information regarding the Fulbright Program or the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, please visit the Web site at <http://fulbright.state.gov>.

###

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 five 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.