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Ramapo College to Host 9/11 Remembrance Lecture

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College of New Jersey will host Remembering 9/11 – The Real Ground Zero, a discussion by three authors and journalists who have worked extensively with the topic of 9/11, on Friday, September 30 in the H-129 Lecture Hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

The discussion will feature authors Jim Dwyer and Kevin Flynn of The New York Times and Thomas Franklin, professor of photojournalism at the College and multimedia editor of NorthJersey.com.

"These are three of the country's best journalists who happened to produce some of the best work on 9/11," said Assistant Professor of Journalism Tom Lueck who will also moderate the lecture. "The event should give some strong insight into what happened on 9/11...[and] why some people survived and why others didn't."

Dwyer and Flynn's book, "102 Minutes – The Fight to Survive in the Twin Towers" was a National Book Award finalist. Newsweek described the book as an "astounding reconstruction" of the heart-rending events that occurred in the Twin Towers on 9/11.

Dwyer is also the winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the author of several award-winning books.

Flynn was the chief of The Times' Police News Bureau on 9/11.

Franklin's photos at Ground Zero include the nation's most recognized images from 9/11. His single most historic image was featured on a United States postage stamp. Franklin will show and discuss his new documentary "Witness to History – The Photographers of 9/11."

For more information about Remembering 9/11 – The Real Ground Zero, please contact Assistant Professor of Journalism Tom Lueck via email at <u>tlueck@ramapo.edu</u>. Members of the media interested in covering the event may contact Anna Farneski at 201-684-7602 or via email at <u>afarnesk@ramapo.edu</u>.

Ranked by U.S. News & World Report as fifth in the Best Regional Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes mistaken for a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,008 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College 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. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers five 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.