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Ramapo College Senior Accepted to International Studies Association's Annual Human Rights Conference in Glasgow, Scotland

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Ramapo College Senior Brendan Flanagan, of West Keansburg, NJ, has been accepted to the International Studies Association's (ISA) annual Human Rights Conference in Glasgow, Scotland to present his paper titled "Applying Insights from Recent Transnational Justice Scholarship to the Northern Irish Case." Flanagan will present his research among today's leading international scholars in human rights.

According to the ISA's official Web site, the "conference will examine the wide range of human rights duties and responsibilities accruing to state and non-state actors. [The conference] will be significantly multidisciplinary in character, being open to legal, philosophical, sociological and other perspectives...[and] will be a mixture of small panels with plenary keynote sessions."

"I am very excited to have been accepted to the International Studies Association's conference at the University of Glasgow this coming June. Beyond being able to represent Ramapo College abroad, which is in and of itself an incredible opportunity, the conference will also provide feedback on my research that will be invaluable in strengthening my work further," said Flanagan. "Given that my research focuses on transitional justice in Northern Ireland and the fact that some of the leading human rights scholars of the United Kingdom will be in attendance at Glasgow, I am looking forward to both the challenge and the camaraderie I hope to find in my fellow conference participants when I present my work this summer."

Flanagan submitted his paper at the suggestion of his faculty mentor, Assistant Professor of International Studies and Political Science Rebecca Root. Flanagan's paper focuses on the impact of transitional justice methods in Northern Ireland. In addition, experts in the field of transitional justice in Northern Ireland will be attendance at the conference.

Confirmed keynote speakers at the ISA conference include Professor of Politics and International Relations at Oxford University Henry Shue and UK Director of Human Rights Watch David Mepham.

The conference will be held in June at University of Glasgow.

For more information about the ISA Human Rights Conference, please visit the Web site www.isanet.org.

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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 six 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.