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**Deans' Lecture Series Explores the Politics of 2012**

(MAHWAH, NJ) - Ramapo College presents the Deans' Lecture Series: The Politics of 2012, a series of three lectures set for February 29, March 14 and April 11. The Deans' Lecture Series is an annual event sponsored by the College Deans.

On February 29, Media and the Elections, featuring Professor Danny Hayes of American University and Sasha Issenberg of Slate.com, will present Media and the Elections, a discussion addressing the relationship between the media and voting behavior, from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium (H-129).

On March 14, Harvard Law School Professor and pre-eminent scholar in the field of race and politics, Randall Kennedy will discuss Race, Law, and Politics from 3 to 5 p.m. in Friends Hall (SC-219) in the Robert A. Scott Student Center.

On April 11, Columbia University Professor and leading scholar and author Todd Gitlin will discuss Occupy Wall Street and Class Divides from 5 to 6:15 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium (H-129).

“This lecture series is an opportunity for Ramapo College students and members of the public to come together and learn about the issues influencing Politics of 2012 through engaging with political experts and experiencing their insights into the political process,” said Ramapo Provost Beth Barnett. “Ramapo College is known for pushing boundaries and on our campus we are discussing the deeper and more significant influences on politics and voter behaviors.”

The events are free and open to the public.

For more information about the Deans' Lecture Series: The Politics of 2012, please contact Assistant Professor of Political Science Michael Unger via email at [unger@ramapo.edu](mailto:unger@ramapo.edu) or Assistant Professor of Law and Society Aaron Lorenz via email at [alorenz@ramapo.edu](mailto:alorenz@ramapo.edu).

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth 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.