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**Film Exploring the Limits of International Justice and Reconciliation in Post Civil War Sierra Leone to be Screened at Ramapo College**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Director Rebecca Richman Cohen will screen and lead a Skype discussion of her film "War Don Don," at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Thursday, October 4 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion. The screening is being co-sponsored by the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Communications Arts' Cinematheque series.

"War Don Don," directed by Cohen, a first-time filmmaker, follows the war crimes trial of Revolutionary United Front rebel leader Issa Sesay, and explores the complex relationship between individual accountability, collective reconciliation and the limits of international justice. While, after 10 years of violent civil war, the people of Sierra Leone were relieved in 2002 when the brutal war was over (exclaimed as *war don don* in the Krio language), painful memories of murder, systematic rape and dismemberment could not be set aside.

Rebecca Richman Cohen is an Emmy Award nominated filmmaker and a lecturer on Law at Harvard Law School. She interned as an investigator at the Bronx Defenders, a non-profit organization providing free legal representation to Bronx residents charged with crimes, and continued to do investigative work at the Special Court for Sierra Leone.

Between trips to Sierra Leone, she served as adjunct faculty at the Rhode Island School of Design and American University's Human Rights Institute. Cohen graduated from Brown University with a B.A. in Portuguese and Brazilian Studies and with a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School, where she now teaches.

The screening and presentation are free and open to the public. For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

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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.