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Writer Joyce Carol Oates to Speak at Ramapo College

(MAHWAH, NJ) - Acclaimed author Joyce Carol Oates will speak at Ramapo College on Monday, November 12. A Q&A session will be held from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Trustees Pavilion, followed by a reading from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Sharp Theater. This event is part of the larger Readings at Ramapo Visiting Writers Series.

One of America's most versatile and prolific writers, Oates has produced a large body of work ranging from short stories to novels to plays over the past 30 years. She is the recipient of many awards, including the National Humanities Medal, presented by President Barack Obama in 2010. In addition, she has been nominated for the Nobel Prize for Literature three times.

Her most recent works include "A Widow's Story: A Memoir," "Mudwoman," a novel and "Black Dahlia & White Rose," a collection of short stories. Currently, she is the Roger S. Berlind Distinguished Professor of the Humanities at Princeton University.

For a comprehensive review of all of the works by Oates visit her official website at <http://jco.usfca.edu/index.html>.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as sixth in the Best Regional Universities North category for public institutions, 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.