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**"Zero Waste: A Permaculture Perspective on Waste Management" April 4 lecture
in Creating a Sustainable World series**

(MAHWAH, NJ) - What does a sustainable approach to waste management look like? On Thursday, April 4, Shabazz Jackson and Josephine Papagni will present "Zero Waste: A Permaculture Perspective on Waste Management" from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Friends Hall at Ramapo College.

Through their company Greenway Environmental Services, they have worked to unite the concepts of permaculture and zero waste. In their work, materials are recovered and cycled back into use to home and community and to restore and enhance public environments. They also attend to the social change and behavior changes required for communities to achieve "zero waste."

Beyond articulating the principles behind their approach, they will showcase several cases studies that apply these principles. These include applications to homesteads, college and community practices, along with instituting municipal zero waste programs. Jackson and Papagni's lecture is of particular importance to community decision-makers and citizens concerned with addressing waste in a sustainable manner.

This is the second year of the series, which is part of the capstone experience for students in the Masters in Sustainability Studies Program. The idea is to invite successful practitioners in diverse areas of sustainability to give a public lecture and then offer a seminar for Masters students in their methods of practice. The series is organized by Professor Michael R. Edelstein. All events are free and open to the public. Community members coming to campus are reminded to get a parking pass from the security booth at the north entrance. For further information on any upcoming program, contact Professor Edelstein at medelste@ramapo.edu or (201) 684-7745.

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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.