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**Film About Former Guatemalan Dictator's Trial to be Screened at Ramapo College**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Director Pamela Yates and Producer Paco de Onís will screen and lead a discussion of their film, *Dictator in the Dock*, at Ramapo College of New Jersey on Monday, April 14 from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. in the H-Wing Auditorium. The film brings viewers into the courtroom as former dictator General Efraín Ríos Montt stands trial for genocide and crimes against humanity.

This historic case marked the first time that a former head of state was tried for genocide in the national court of the country where the crimes were committed. It was also the first time in the history of South or North America that genocide of indigenous peoples was tried in a court of law. It is significant that this occurred in a country where the population was primarily indigenous.

The filmmakers' critically-acclaimed documentary, *Granito: How to Nail a Dictator*, screened at Ramapo College in November 2011. It told a haunting tale of genocide in Guatemala, and the new film returns to the present with a cast of characters joined by the quest to bring a dictator to justice.

Yates is a co-founder of Skylight Pictures, the New York City-based production company. Four of her films were nominated for the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance Film Festival, and one film won the award in 1984.

De Onís grew up in several Latin American countries. Prior to *Granito*, his most recent production was *The Reckoning* and he previously produced *State of Fear*. He has also produced documentaries for PBS ("*On Our Own Terms*" with Bill Moyers), National Geographic ("*Secrets from the Grave*"), New York Times Television ("*Police Force, Paramedics*"), and MSNBC ("*Edgewise*" with John Hockenberry).

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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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 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.