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PANEL OF EXPERTS TO EXAMINE "THE INCOME TAX: NECESSARY EVIL, OR THE ROOT OF ALL EVIL" ON APRIL 17 AT RAMAPO COLLEGE

MAHWAH, NJ—Ramapo College Professor of Finance Dr. Murray Sabrin will moderate a symposium examining the Sixteenth Amendment "*The Income Tax: Necessary Evil, or the Root of All Evil?*" on Thursday, April 17 at 7 p.m. in the Trustees Pavilion on campus. The event is free, open to the general public and will be streamed live on the Internet. Light refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the start of the panel discussion.

"Our panelists will present a wide range of opinions on current tax policy and present their proposed reforms or solutions in a lively and passionate discussion," said Dr. Sabrin.

A panel of experts will examine income tax policy and proposals to revise the current system. Panel members will outline their respective positions. A question and answer period will follow. The panelists include:

- Jim Bennett is an attorney and spokesman for the Fair Tax Act. The Act is a bill before Congress whose ultimate goal is to phase out the Internal Revenue Service. Bennett holds a B.A. degree in history from Lafayette College and a J.D. from New York Law School. He is a proponent of the consumption tax.
- Constance Crawford, CPA, is a professor of accounting in the Anisfield School of Business at Ramapo College. She received her B.S. degree from Fordham University and an MBA from Iona College. She has published articles in multiple journals and her research interests include the Ethical Implications of taxation on Society and the Viability of Guest Worker Programs on U.S. Economy.
- Jacob Hornberger is the founder and president of The Future of Freedom Foundation. The organization aims "to advance freedom by providing an uncompromising moral and economic case for individual liberty, free markets, private property, and limited government." He received his B.A. in

economics from Virginia Military Institute, his J.D. from the University of Texas and has authored or edited several books.

- Dan Mitchell is a senior fellow at the Cato Institute in Washington, DC and a leading advocate for a flat tax. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Economics from Georgia University and his Ph.D. from George Mason University. He served as an economist with the Heritage Foundation and director of tax and budget policy for Citizens for a Sound Economy.
- Steven Pressman is a professor of economics and finance at Monmouth University, North American Editor of the Review of Political Economy, Associate Editor of the Eastern Economic Journal, and Treasurer of the Eastern Economic Association. Pressman has published many articles and chapters on various aspects of tax policy.

For a complete description of the panelists and their bios, visit www.ramapo.edu/asb/tax-symposium/. To view the event live, visit www.ramapo.edu/live/.

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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 viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 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 Rutgers, The State University 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.