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**BOOK ON MUSSOLINI'S RACE LAWS TO BE DISCUSSED
AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Professor Michael Livingston will examine the legal framework, case-level operation and ominous consequences of Fascist Italy's racial laws from their introduction to the regime's destruction in a discussion at Ramapo College on March 26 at 4:45 p.m. in the Robert A. Scott Student Center, Friends Hall (SC219). The event is co-sponsored by the Italian Club of Ramapo College and supported by the Morton and Clara Richmond Endowment. Professor Livingston's talk will be based on his recent book, *The Fascists and the Jews of Italy: Mussolini's Race Laws, 1938–1943*, published last year by Cambridge University Press.

From 1938 until 1943 – before the German occupation and accompanying Holocaust – Fascist Italy drafted and implemented a comprehensive set of anti-Semitic laws. The laws were enforced and administered with a high degree of severity and resulted in serious, and in some cases permanent, damage to the Italian Jewish community. Professor Livingston's research constitutes the first truly comprehensive survey of the Race Laws in the English language. His research is based on an exhaustive review of Italian legal, administrative, and judicial sources, together with archives of the Italian Jewish community.

Livingston is Professor of Law at the Rutgers School of Law, Camden. He has published extensively on tax law, comparative law and other subjects, including articles in the *Yale Law Journal*, the *Cornell Law Review*, the *Texas Law Review*, and the *American Journal of Comparative Law*. He has taught at Tel Aviv University, Bar Ilan University, the University of Graz and Cornell University, and has lectured at various universities in Italy, Israel, and the United States. Professor Livingston's course on law and the Holocaust, which he has taught in three countries, is one of the few of its kind in American law schools. Prior to joining the Rutgers faculty in 1987, Professor Livingston served as an attorney at Proskauer & Rose and as legislation attorney for the Joint Committee on Taxation of the United States Congress.

The program is 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 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 seven 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.