

Ramapo College National Endowment of the Humanities Grant Explores History of the Hudson River

MAHWAH, N.J. -- Ramapo College will host more than 60 educators from 30 states and Puerto Rico for a workshop entitled "The Hudson River in the 19th Century and The Modernization of America."

The workshop, offered in two week-long sessions this summer (July 6-11 and July 13-18) is part of the National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) Landmarks of American History and Culture program for K-12 teachers. Meredith Davis, associate professor of the art history, and Stephen Rice, dean of the Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies, authored the grant to fund the workshop. This is the third time Ramapo has received the prestigious NEH grant. Cumulatively, the grants exceed \$500,000. The College previously received grants in 2011 and 2013 to sponsor the program.

Participants will explore the Hudson River as an important site of American social and cultural activity in the nineteenth century. Faculty will include top scholars on the Hudson River's environmental and human history, and on literary and artistic treatments of the river, from Washington Irving to the famed Hudson River painters. Each session will include visits to the significant sites along the river, including a boat journey through the Hudson Highlands.

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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 6,000 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 eight 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.

About the NEH

The National Endowment for the Humanities is charged with maintaining the humanities in our lives. Founded in 1965, the NEH offers workshops for teachers that are attended by educators from all of the states. Selection for participation in an NEH seminar is competitive and the programs are rigorous and demanding.