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## **Acclaimed Writer Jim Shepard to Speak at Ramapo College**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Acclaimed novelist and short story writer Jim Shepard will visit Ramapo College for a talk and reading on Thursday, November 10. The talk will take place at 4 p.m. and the reading will be at 7 p.m. The event, sponsored by the Salameno School of Humanities and Global Studies and the Office of the Provost, will be held in the Trustees Pavilion. Both events are free and open to the public.

Jim Shepard received a B.A. from Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, and an M.F.A. from Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. He currently teaches creative writing and film at Williams College, Williamstown, Massachusetts. His work has been published in *McSweeney's*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Esquire*, *Harper's* and *The New Yorker*, among others. His short story collection, *Like You'd Understand, Anyway*, won the Story Prize in 2007 and was nominated for a National Book Award the same year. The novel *Project X*, which he also drafted as a screenplay, won the 2005 Massachusetts Book Award.

Shepard's 2011 collection *You Think That's Bad* also cites an extensive bibliography, including *Avalanches and Snow Safety*, *The Japanese Earthquake of 1923*, *Climate Changes and Dutch Water Management*, and *Satanism and Witchcraft*. His 2015 novel *The Book of Aron* involved massive research into the Holocaust, which he called "critically important."

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top in the Best Regional Public Universities North category, 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 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.