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## **The Vatican and the Holocaust Will Be Topic of Lecture at Ramapo College**

MAHWAH, N.J. – Dr. Stanislao G. Pugliese, professor of History at Hofstra University, will speak about “The Vatican and the Holocaust,” on Wednesday, April 18 at 4 p.m. in The Robert A. Scott Student Center (Alumni Lounges, SC 157-158) at Ramapo College of New Jersey. The lecture will be presented under the auspices of the Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and the Italian Club of Ramapo College. The Morton and Clara Richmond Endowment is supporting the program, which is free and open to the public.

A spate of new books and scholarship has re-opened the debate on the role of Pope Pius XII and the Vatican as the Holocaust unfolded in Italy. Dr. Pugliese’s lecture will examine the historical context of anti-Semitism in Italy, the rise of fascism, internment camps, the anti-fascist Jewish Resistance and the Holocaust in the shadow of the Vatican.

Stanislao Pugliese is professor of modern European history and the Queensboro Unico Distinguished Professor of Italian and Italian American Studies at Hofstra University. Dr. Pugliese is a former research fellow at the Italian Academy for Advanced Studies at Columbia University, the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., Oxford University, Harvard University and the inaugural Italian Scientists and Scholars of North America Foundation fellow at the Istituto Campano per la Storia della Resistenza in Naples. In 2005, the Association of Italian-American Educators named him College Professor of the Year.

A specialist on modern Italy, the anti-fascist Resistance and Italian Jews, Dr. Pugliese is the author, editor or translator of a dozen books on Italian and Italian-American history. His first book, *Carlo Rosselli: Socialist Heretic and Antifascist Exile* (Harvard University Press, 1999) has been translated into Italian, Russian and Romanian. His essays on Italian and Italian-American history and culture regularly appear in academic and popular journals, and he is the editor of the Italian and Italian-American Studies series

published by Palgrave Macmillan. Since 1996, Professor Pugliese has directed the Italian American Lecture Series at Hofstra University. He has organized several international conferences and has edited numerous volumes of conference proceedings including *The Most Ancient of Minorities: The Jews of Italy*; *The Political Legacy of Margaret Thatcher*; *Frank Sinatra: History, Identity and Italian-American Culture*; as well as *The Legacy of Primo Levi* and *Answering Auschwitz: Primo Levi's Science and Humanism After the Fall*. Other books are *Desperate Inscriptions: Graffiti From the Nazi Prison in Rome, 1943-1944* and an anthology, *Fascism, Anti-Fascism and the Resistance in Italy*. He edited a new English edition of Carlo Levi's *Fear of Freedom* and the first English translation of Claudio Pavone's landmark work *A Civil War: A History of the Italian Resistance*.

For information or to request disability-related accommodations for this event, please contact [holgen@ramapo.edu](mailto:holgen@ramapo.edu) or call 201-684-7409.

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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 business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education.