The Legacy of the Mathematics Department at Ramapo College

A presentation by Dr. Lawrence D’Antonio
First Ramapo Math Professor

Jack Roth (1927 – 2004) began at Ramapo College in 1971
Jack Roth the Painter

• Jack Roth participated in the *Younger American Painters* exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum from May 12 to July 25, 1954.

• Jackson Pollock, William de Kooning, Robert Motherwell, Franz Kline, and Richard Diebenkorn among 57 painters, also participated in the exhibition.
Jackson Pollock
Jack Roh
Rope Dancer - 1980
Mathematics Department Faculty

Jack Roth (deceased)
Ph.D. Duke University
Arrived at Ramapo – 1971
Vic Miller (now in Computer Science)
Ph.D. Stevens Institute of Technology
Arrived at Ramapo – 1972
Marion Berger (emeritus)
Ph.D. NYU
Arrived at Ramapo – 1973

Mary Shiffman (emeritus)
Ph.D. Yeshiva
Arrived at Ramapo – 1979
Gio Viglino
Ph.D. Washington University
Arrived at Ramapo – 1974
Lawrence D’Antonio
Ph.D. Syracuse University
Arrived at Ramapo – 1992
Max Goldberg-Rugalev
Ph.D. Yale University
Arrived at Ramapo – 2002
Katarzyna Kowal
Ph.D. Lehigh University
Arrived at Ramapo – 2004
Ben Weng (Dean at Minneapolis College)  
Ph.D. University of Minnesota  
Arrived at Ramapo – 2005
Ken McMurdy
Ph.D. Cal – Berkeley
Arrived at Ramapo – 2007
James Gillespie
Ph.D. Wesleyan University
Arrived at Ramapo – 2009
Donovan McFeron
Ph.D. Columbia University
Arrived at Ramapo – 2009
Amanda Beecher
Ph.D. SUNY Albany
Arrived at Ramapo – 2010
Debbie Yuster
Ph.D. Columbia University
Arrived at Ramapo – 2020
Osei Tweneboah
Ph.D. University of Texas – El Paso
Arrived at Ramapo – 2020
Matthew Jobrack
Ph.D. Washington State University
Arrived at Ramapo – 2020
Mathematics and Science Tutoring Center

Sara Kuplinsky, Center Supervisor
M.A. Rutgers
Arrived at Ramapo – 1991
Division of Basic Studies

Gabriella Wepner (emeritus)
Ph.D. Fordham University
Arrived at Ramapo – ??

Kay Gura (emeritus)
M.A. University of North Carolina
Arrived at Ramapo – ??
Rosetta Geller (deceased)
M.A. ??
Arrived at Ramapo – 1986
Fred and Florence Thomases Award

The Fred and Florence Thomases Award will be given annually to one or two members of the faculty who demonstrate significant and ongoing contributions to the development of the college. This can be expressed through teaching, scholarship, service to committees and outstanding fulfillment of professional responsibility.
Math Faculty Recipients of the Thomases Award

- Jack Roth, 1977 (first recipient)
- Gabriella Wepner, 2001
- Lawrence D’Antonio, 2004
- Amanda Beecher, 2021
Ramapo Graduates who became Math Professors

Jerry Ianni,
Now a faculty member at Laguardia Community College

David Nacin, Ph.D.
Now a faculty member at William Paterson University
Samantha Pizzamenti, Ph.D.
Now a faculty member at Penn State Univ. Brandywine

Jennifer Scancella Gorman, Ph.D.
Now a faculty member at College of Southern Nevada
Mihail Velikov, Ph.D.

Now a faculty member at Penn State University (Finance)
### Class Size

Average section size for Mathematics courses in four-year college programs versus Ramapo College

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Where do our students go to work?

- K – 12 teaching
- Wall Street
- Prudential
- Google