



## **The State of Africana Studies in New Jersey Is Focus of Feb. 18 Program at Stockton**

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**Galloway Township, NJ** – Africana Studies scholars will gather at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on **Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2014** for a program on the State of Africana Studies in New Jersey. The conference will focus on scholarship, methods of teaching and social activism.

The public is invited to attend the free, daylong program, which includes panel discussions and a roundtable discussion, and begins with registration at 8:30 a.m. in the Campus Center Theatre.

Panel discussions include: "Africana Studies in New Jersey: Who We Are and What We Offer," from 9 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.; and "Teaching Courses and Content in Africana Studies" with specific focus on these areas of expertise: Social and Natural Sciences, from 12:45 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.; History and Literature, from 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.; and Arts and Culture, from 2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

A roundtable discussion, "21<sup>st</sup> Century Challenges to Africana Studies Program and Scholars," will be moderated by Dr. Molefi Asante, professor and chair, African-American Studies, Temple University from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Participants may have lunch on their own, and meet authors for book signings from noon to 12:45 p.m.

At 3:45 p.m., there will be a segment titled, "Beyond the Academy: Africana Studies as a Transformative Element in Educational Institutions and Community-Based Organizations and Initiatives," followed by the closing segment at 4:15 p.m. titled, "Continuing the Dialogue?"

Stockton's Africana Studies program is celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> year of service this year.

"This is an important opportunity for those of us teaching and providing service in the area to review what resources are available for students, educators and members of the community," said Dr. Patricia Reid-Merritt, Distinguished Professor of Social Work and Africana Studies program coordinator. # # #