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## Stockton to Host Conference on Women, Minority and Service-Related Disabled Veterans

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**Galloway Township, NJ-** The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's Office of Veteran Affairs will host a free conference, titled "Veteran Women, Minority and Service-Related Disabled," on **Tuesday, February 26, 2013**.

The conference will bring together a diverse community of veterans, veteran support groups, educators and professionals to discuss the unique issues, accomplishments and national stories of women, minority and service-related disabled veterans. Registration begins at **8:30 a.m.**, and the conference will run from **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** in the Stockton College Campus Center.

Dr. Laura Browder, who holds a Tyler and Alice Haynes Professorship in American Studies at the University of Virginia, is the keynote speaker. Browder is the author of *When Janey Comes Marching Home: Portraits of Women Combat Veterans*. An Army psychologist once told Browder that no one comes home from war without wounds—words that have steered Browder's mission to uncover the stories of women veterans.

"The mission of the conference is to connect these veterans with the services and benefits they have earned, which include health care, mental health, education, housing, employment and small business opportunities and grants. Emphasis will include college-adjustment issues," explained Patrick Shields, coordinator of Veteran Affairs at Stockton College.

Three panel discussions will focus on current veteran issues and resources available to women, minority and service-related disabled veterans. The panelists include veteran women faculty members, and representatives from the Department of Defense, the University of Pennsylvania, U.S. Department of Labor, the Vet Center in Ventnor and the Stockton Veteran Faculty Council.

There is no cost to attend the conference. Please RSVP to Patrick Shields by emailing [Patrick.Shields@Stockton.edu](mailto:Patrick.Shields@Stockton.edu). For more information, visit [www.stockton.edu/veteranaffairs](http://www.stockton.edu/veteranaffairs).

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