



Richard Stockton College of New Jersey to Host “The Fight for Rights: LGBTQ and Religious Civil Liberties” Forum on October 25

Free Event is Open to the Public

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Galloway Township, NJ- The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey’s Student Senate and the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities will sponsor a free public forum to discuss the religious civil liberties and the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning (LGBTQ) people. The forum, entitled “The Fight for Rights: LGBTQ and Religious Civil Liberties”, takes place on Thursday, October 25, 2012, at 4:30 p.m. in the Campus Center Theatre here.

“When we think of the civil rights movement, we usually think of the 1960s; we usually think of something that is over and done. What we too often forget is that the Civil Rights Movement continues in the United States today,” said Edward Horan, of Stockton’s Student Senate.

“Today, gay Americans battle for equality in the eye of the law; at the same time, some religious Americans battle to have the voice and laws of their religions heard and recognized by the United States. With gay rights and religious rights all too often at odds, we sometimes struggle to reconcile the two.”

The forum, developed by Student Senate members Alex Vervoort, Edward Horan, and David Lamando in conjunction with the Officer of Student Rights and Responsibilities, will discuss this issue. There will be faculty and student speakers (to be announced) followed by a question and answer period and refreshments at the event’s conclusion.

“There are no clear-cut answers to protecting the civil rights of all Americans,” Horan said.
“However, by bringing about public discussion, we are better able to understand the issues from perspectives we might not have previously considered.”

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