



Richard Stockton College Reschedules Panel on Homelessness

“Poverty and Homelessness in the Context of Urban Revitalization”

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Galloway Township, NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host an informative and thought-provoking panel discussion on the issue of homelessness on Thursday, December 6, at 4:30 p.m. in the Alton Auditorium (A-Wing) here. The event was rescheduled from its original date of November 1 due to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy.

“In the wake of the devastation of Hurricane Sandy I believe this conversation assumes even greater urgency and importance in the cities and communities up and down the mid-Atlantic coast,” said the event’s moderator, Dr. Joseph Rubenstein, Stockton Professor of Anthropology. “And the larger question remains, perhaps re-examined with a newer lens: In the context of urban revitalization, how do the proponents of redevelopment work with or square off against those that provide services to the poor and homeless?”

Rubenstein said the panel will examine how proponents of redevelopment work with or oppose providers of services to the poor and homeless, among many other aspects of this complex issue. The event is free and open to the community. “It is Stockton’s goal to be the ‘honest broker’ by bringing together the stakeholders in this social issue so that this might be the first step in partnership and problem solving.”

The panel discussion is a joint effort among the Noyes Museum of Stockton College, and the recently newly formed Stockton Center for Community Engagement, with funding provided by the Horizon Foundation for New Jersey.

The program includes opening remarks by Stockton Provost Dr. Harvey Kesselman, and a keynote speech by Dr. Ira Harkavy, the Associate Vice President and Director, Netter Center for Community Partnerships of the University of Pennsylvania.

A panel discussion will take place featuring Dr. Reva Curry, Executive Director, Stockton Center for Community Engagement; Bill Southrey, former chief executive officer at the Atlantic City Rescue Mission who worked there for more than 30 years; Lorenzo Langford, Atlantic City Mayor; John Emge, Executive Director, United Way of Atlantic County; and Howard Kyle, Chief of Staff for Dennis Levinson, Atlantic County Executive.

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