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**AUTHOR CLAYTON CRAMER IS THE GUEST SPEAKER AT  
AUTHOR SERIES AT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

(Mahwah) – Clayton Cramer, author of *Armed America: The Remarkable Story of How and Why Guns Became as American as Apple Pie* will be the featured speaker Friday, April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Alumni Lounges of the Robert A. Scott Student Center on the campus of Ramapo College of New Jersey. During this lecture and book signing, the author will speak about the problems of integrity in academics and the media as they relate to public policy.

To reserve a signed copy of the book or to register to attend the event, log on to [http://www.njcsd.org/osc/product\\_info.php?products\\_id=34](http://www.njcsd.org/osc/product_info.php?products_id=34). This event is part of the Author Series talks presented by the Center for Business and Public Policy at Ramapo College in cooperation with the New Jersey Coalition for Self Defense (NJCSDD).

The author played a key role in exposing the Michael Bellesiles scandal several years ago in which the revisionist historian at Emory University was exposed as a fraud, leading to Bellesiles resigning a tenured position and having his Bancroft Prize for History revoked.

Bellesiles's claims, proven to be false, about the presence and cultural significance of guns in early America raised serious questions about the extent to which academic historians let their current, shared political preferences blind them to the obligations of critical evaluation of novel claims. Cramer will also discuss the development of gun culture in the early United States, and the lessons that it has for modern America.

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The author talk will be moderated by Dr. Murray Sabrin, executive director of the Center for Business and Public Policy. The Center for Business and Public Policy at Ramapo College provides a nonpartisan forum for the examination of issues that affect the economic well being and quality of life of New Jersey's citizens. The Center's focus is on taxation, health care, education and business regulation. The Center hosts colloquia, workshops, conferences and other programs, and publishes journals and papers.

For more information about the author presentation by Clayton Cramer, call 201.895.0033 or 201.684.7373.

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