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MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey has appointed Dr. Susan Hangen as Dean of the School of Humanities and Global Studies effective July 1, 2023.

Hangen brings a wealth of experience and a distinguished background from her service as interim dean of the school and as a professor of anthropology and international studies at Ramapo College. As interim dean, she has led initiatives in the areas of [digital humanities](#), [international education](#), civic

engagement, and has overseen numerous college-wide programs and centers including the [Gross Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies](#), [Jane Addams Papers Project](#), [Center for Reading and Writing](#), and the Ramapo College [Honors Program](#).

At the college level, Hangen has been instrumental in her roles on the [Provost's Council and Graduate Council](#) since 2017; the [Strategic Plan: Boldly Ascending](#) writing team, to which she was appointed by President Cindy R. Jebb in 2022; and as a member of the Academic Master Plan Taskforce. Additionally, Hangen served as co-chair of Standard V on Educational Effectiveness Assessment the College's reaffirmed accreditation in 2020 by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

"Throughout the selection process, Dr. Hangen demonstrated a deep understanding of Ramapo's vision, mission and goals. Her innovative ideas and collaborative spirit align with the direction of the College," shared Dr. Michael Middleton, Ramapo College Provost and Vice President for Teaching, Learning, and Growth. "As Dean, Dr. Hangen will provide strategic leadership and guidance to HGS. She will play a pivotal role in advancing our academic programs, fostering interdisciplinary collaboration and promoting excellence in teaching."

The [School of Humanities and Global Studies](#) offers 20 undergraduate academic programs including Africana Studies, American Studies, World Languages, History, Human Rights and Genocide Studies, International Studies, English and Literary Studies, and Political Science.



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"I am honored to be appointed as the Dean of the School of Humanities and Global Studies. The School plays an important role in contributing to the public liberal arts mission of Ramapo College, and has launched many curricular innovations, including new community-based research projects," said Hangen. "I look forward to continuing to support our outstanding faculty in their scholarship and teaching, and to ensuring that our students have opportunities to explore the world in college."

Hangen earned both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin- Madison, and a B.A. in Asian Studies from Trinity College in Hartford, CT.

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**ABOUT RAMAPO COLLEGE**

Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state's premier public liberal arts college and is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding. The comprehensive college is situated among the beautiful Ramapo Mountains, is within commuting distance to New York City, was named one of the 50 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America by *CondéNast Traveler*, and boasts the best on-campus housing in New Jersey per Niche.com. Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, data science, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to master's degrees in Accounting, Applied Mathematics, Business Administration, Contemporary Instructional Design, Computer Science, Creative Music Technology, Data Science, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education, as well as a Doctor of Nursing Practice.