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### **State Board of Education Welcomes Newest Member: Ernest Lepore of Hudson County**

The State Board of Education today welcomed Ernest Lepore, Ph.D., the associate director of the Rutgers University Center of Cognitive Sciences and a resident of Hudson County, as its newest member. Dr. Lepore was sworn in during this morning's regular session.

"It is my pleasure to welcome Dr. Lepore to the State Board of Education," said Acting Gov. Richard Codey. "His expertise in the philosophy of language, in particular, and his expertise as an educator at Rutgers University should help him lead discussions on literacy and other important facets of the Department of Education's mission."

Lepore, who begins a six-year term, replaces Samuel J. Podietz of Burlington County, who served on the Board since 1998.

"We are so very pleased to have Dr. Lepore join us in our work," Commissioner of Education William L. Librera said. "His wealth of experience in Higher Education will help him here; we have a sense that his abilities on the collegiate level, particularly in philosophy, will help him serve on the board with an open ear, and a dedication to advancing the education of children throughout the state."

"We look forward to working with Dr. Lepore and the many contributions we know he will make to this Board," President Arnold Hyndman said. "I know my own experiences in Higher Education have made my time here on the Board all the more valuable. I expect the same will be true for him."

Lepore, who resides in Guttenberg, has been associated with Rutgers University in various positions since 1981. In addition to his position as associate director of the Center of Cognitive Sciences, he is the author of numerous books and papers dealing with philosophical issues, and a longtime faculty member of the Philosophy Department.

He is also the general editor of the Blackwell Publishing-sponsored series, "Philosophers and Their Critics," which encourages an interactive dialogue about philosophy through book critiques.

He holds a doctorate in philosophy from the University of Minnesota. He is a 1973 graduate of the University of Massachusetts (Amherst). He also holds a master's degree in Linguistics from the University of Minnesota.

Dr. Lepore is a member of the American Philosophical Association; the Society for Ibero-American Philosophers (SOFIA); the Society for Philosophy and Psychology; and the Society of Exact Philosophy. As a member of the American Philosophical Association, Dr. Lepore is currently the chairman of the Committee on International Cooperation.

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