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## **Noted Art Historian to Probe Architecture of Auschwitz at Ramapo College**

(MAHWAH, NJ) – Paul Jaskot, professor of the history of art and architecture at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, will speak at Ramapo College of New Jersey on March 30, 1-2 p.m. at the Anisfield School of Business (ASB136) under the auspices of the Center for Holocaust and Genocide Studies and History Club of Ramapo College.

As a scholar, Paul B. Jaskot has focused on art and politics in the Nazi period as well as the postwar cultural impact of the Nazi past.

He is the author of “The Architecture of Oppression: The SS, Forced Labor and the Nazi Monumental Building Economy” (Taylor and Francis, 2000) and “The Nazi Perpetrator: Postwar German Art and the Politics of the Right” (forthcoming 2012) as well as the co-editor (with Gavriel Rosenfeld) of “Beyond Berlin: Twelve German Cities Confront the Nazi Past” (U of Michigan Press, 2008).

Jaskot has published and spoken widely on these and related topics. In March 2011 he was the Miller Visiting Distinguished Professorship in Holocaust Studies at the University of Vermont, Burlington and in fall 2011 he was a Visiting Professor at the CUNY Graduate Center. In addition to his scholarly work, Jaskot is also the Director of the Holocaust Education Foundation Summer Institute on the Holocaust and Jewish Civilization. From 2008-2010, he was President of the College Art Association, the nation's largest professional group for artists and art historians.

Professor Paul Jaskot holds a doctorate and a Masters of Art in Art History from Northwestern University, and a Bachelor of Arts in history and English from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

For more information or to reserve a seat, please call 201.684.7409.

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