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Stockton's Patricia Reid-Merritt, Janice Joseph Named Distinguished Professors

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Galloway Twp., NJ- Longtime Richard Stockton College of New Jersey Professors Patricia Reid-Merritt and Janice Joseph were promoted to Distinguished Professor at the College Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday, December 8.

"Both Professors, Reid-Merritt and Joseph, have distinguished themselves and the College during their accomplished careers in higher education," Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr., said. "It is only fitting that they are now formally recognized as our distinguished professors.

In her 35 years as an educator, Distinguished Professor Patricia Reid-Merritt has become a prominent figure in the evolution of African Studies nationally. Her leadership and research has been at the forefront in the development and understanding of African Social Work. Social work educators across the country are currently advocating this subject to be included formally, as part of the social work curriculum nationally.

Three of Reid-Merritt's books have been published since her last promotion, including her most recent titled *Righteous Self-Determination: The Black Social Work Movement in America*. In 2009, she was a scholarly contributor and guest editor for the *Journal of Black Studies*. She has spearheaded the successful Fannie Lou Hamer symposium and serves as chair of the Fannie Lou Hamer National Statue Committee.

Distinguished Professor Janice Joseph serves as Coordinator of International Studies for the College. Her research in the study of Victimology is regarded worldwide and she has guest lectured in England, Croatia, Italy, Israel and South Africa (in 2011). Victimology is the scientific study of victimization including the relationships between victims and offenders.

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Joseph is founding editor of the *Journal of Ethnicity and Criminal Justice*, which focuses on the challenges facing minorities in the criminal justice system. She has an impressive record of international and national service, including serving as the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) representative to the United Nations in 2007. She became president of the ACJS in 2009, the first African American woman to hold the position.

In another matter brought before the Board, the College passed the first reading of a resolution approving the comprehensive review of College policies and procedures. Policies and procedures of the College were recently reviewed and updated by offices and individuals throughout the College and upon final approval will be posted on the College website. Final approval of the policies and procedures is expected to take place at the February 2011 meeting of the Board.

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