



## **‘Boardwalk Empire’ Author Nelson Johnson to Speak on NJ Constitutional History at Stockton**

Oct. 21 Event to Cover Feud that Led to Modern Courts, New Constitution

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**Galloway Township, NJ** - Nelson Johnson, historian and author of the book that inspired the HBO series, “Boardwalk Empire”, will speak at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey on **Tuesday, Oct. 21** at 6 p.m.

Johnson, a resident of Hammonton, NJ, will discuss the clash between Arthur T. Vanderbilt, first chief justice of New Jersey’s modern-era Supreme Court, and Frank “I Am the Law” Hague, legendary boss and long-time mayor of Jersey City.

Johnson explains how the decades-long feud between Vanderbilt and Hague led to a new state constitution and the creation of an independent court system. This lecture, based on Johnson’s new book, “Battleground New Jersey”, provides a deeper understanding of the state’s political history and the essential need for compromise to achieve important reforms in American society.

Johnson’s presentation in L-112, adjacent to the college’s Art Gallery, is part of Stockton’s Constitution Day fall series of speakers. Charles V. Bagli, a reporter with The New York Times, will give a speech in the Campus Center Theatre on Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. titled: “What is the Future of Atlantic City?”

The public is invited to both of these free public presentations.

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