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Brendan Byrne, Author Nick Acocella at Hughes Lecture Series in Atlantic City

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Atlantic City, NJ – The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey's William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy hosted a talk by former Governor Brendan Byrne and author and political analyst Nick Acocella in a special event yesterday evening. The pair discussed "Atlantic City and Humor in Government" on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at the Carnegie Library Center of Stockton's Atlantic City satellite campus.

Governor Byrne, New Jersey's 47th governor, served from 1974 to 1982 and presided over Atlantic City's transition to the nation's second legalized gaming location and the first one on the East coast.

Mr. Acocella is an author and political pundit who recently broke the news that former new Jersey Senator Bill Bradley was being considered as a running mate to presumptive Democratic nominee Barack Obama. The two men regaled an intimate audience of fewer than 100 guests with their insiders' perspectives on New Jersey and national politics.

The evening, which included a reception and informal chats among guests with the featured speakers was the first William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy Lecture Series event. Another lecture is planned for August 20, with the speaker to be announced.