Stockton's Hughes Center; Camden Co. College to Take a Closer Look at Civility in Government

Lecture Set for Nov. 10

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Galloway Township, **NJ-** Is civility in government still possible in today's climate of negative attack advertising? The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey will host a lecture entitled "Civility in Government" to explore this question on **Tuesday**, **November 10**, **2009** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Elizabeth B. Alton Auditorium on the Galloway Township campus. A post-event reception will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the A-Wing lobby.

The event, sponsored by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, will feature former congressional leaders who will discuss civility in government, or the lack of, and its effects on the democratic process. The panelists include Marvin "Mickey" Edwards and Matthew McHugh. Dr. David Carr, Provost and Executive Vice President of Stockton College, will moderate the discussion.

Stockton is partnering with Camden County College (CCC) for this event. CCC will host a remote simulcast at the Connector Building, Civic Hall Forum, on the Blackwood Campus. Participants at Camden County College will be able to view, ask questions and participate in the discussion of the topic from the Forum in the Civic Center in Blackwood.

In addition to the live audience in Pomona and the remote audience in Blackwood, the event is available on the Internet. To view a live web-stream, please visit www.stockton.edu and enter keyword civility into the keyword and search box.

Sharon Schulman, Executive Director of the William J. Hughes Center said, "The popularity of negative advertising in today's elections makes the topic of this event particularly timely. We are delighted to branch out into Camden County and make this material available to a much wider audience."

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Lecture panelist Matthew McHugh served as a member of Congress for 17 years. Before his present position as Counselor to the World Bank's President, he served as Vice President and Counsel at Cornell University. For the past three years, McHugh has been working hard to communicate the Bank's mission and importance to citizens, business people, and leaders in the institution's 180 member-nations. McHugh has published opinion columns in *The New York Times, The Washington Post*, and *The Christian Science Monitor*.

Lecture panelist Marvin "Mickey" Edwards served as a member of Congress for 16 years. He is currently a lecturer at Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Vice President of the Aspen Institute, and Director of the Institute's Aspen-Rodel Fellowships in Public Leadership program. Edwards taught government and public policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government for 11 years, taught at Harvard Law School, and served as a visiting professor at Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute. Edwards has been a regular columnist for the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *San Francisco Examiner*, *The Boston Globe*, and other newspapers.

The William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey serves as a catalyst for research on public policy and economic issues facing southern New Jersey. The Center provides a forum for public discussion of policy issues to engage citizens and policy makers, frame policy issues in a manner that encourages broader civic engagement, and strengthen the voice of southern New Jersey in public debate. The Center enjoys broad regional support embodied in a Steering Committee of prominent citizens throughout the region.

Space is limited, so please RSVP by e-mailing the Hughes Center at hughescenter@stockton.edu or by calling (609) 626-3542.