



Staten Island, national politics to be the focus at CSI roundtable event on Oct. 9

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STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. -- The borough and nationwide political scenes will be the focus during a campaign-season roundtable discussion at the College of Staten Island (CSI) on Oct. 9.

The Dean's Symposium program, "Election 2012 - Staten Island and the Nation," will be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Recital Hall at the college's Center for the Arts.

The program will look at the local and national dimensions of the upcoming federal elections, and will use the recently published work, "Staten Island: Conservative Bastion in a Liberal City" as a point of departure.



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The program will look at the local and national dimensions of the upcoming federal elections, including the President Obama-Mitt Romney race.

Democratic President Barack Obama is being challenged by Republican Mitt Romney in the White House race. There is also a full slate of congressional and state Legislature elections on tap for borough voters.

The CSI event will be moderated by Associate Professor Richard Flanagan, co-author of the book.

Topics will include local and national voting patterns, and public policy challenges facing the borough and the country.

Also appearing will be City Councilman James Oddo (R-Mid-Island/Brooklyn), Advance Political Editor Tom Wrobleski and historian and author Jeffery Kroessler of John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

The late CSI Professor Emeritus Daniel Kramer, Flanagan's co-author, will also be honored at the event.

Flanagan said the panelists "will talk about the reaction of borough voters to the national campaign, and the future of the borough in city and state politics."

He said there would also be time devoted to questions from members of the audience.

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