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William J. Hughes Lecture Series Resumes With “The Future of Environmental Policy”

*Lisa Jackson, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Among
Panelists for Discussion and Q-and-A*

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Galloway Township, NJ- The “Green” movement is stronger than ever on a global scale, as concerns rise over the effects of greenhouse gasses on the planet. President Obama’s agenda calls for environmental issues to be a priority and for a bi-partisan approach, although America has traditionally been divided along party lines concerning the environment.

Can the future of environmental policy be bi-partisan? Lisa Jackson, a top Obama Cabinet member will be on hand to discuss this question on Tuesday, March 31, 2009, at 7 p.m. in the Alton Auditorium of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey. The latest in the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy’s Lecture Series, the event will feature Jackson and Robert Grady, Managing Director of the Carlyle Group and a former member of the George W. Bush administration. Moderator for the event is Nick Acocella, Editor, *Politifax*.

“As New Jersey’s ‘greenest’ college, with a history of research, teaching and other commitments to environmental issues dating back to our founding, it is fitting Stockton would host such an important event,” Stockton President Herman J. Saatkamp, Jr. said. “The Hughes Center, which has already brought such significant political figures as former Presidential candidate Bill Richardson, U.S. Attorney and Gubernatorial candidate Chris Christie, New Jersey Attorney General Ann Milgram, and others to the Stockton campus and to its Carnegie Library Center in Atlantic City, has again developed an event which promises to be informative and entertaining.”

About Lisa Jackson: As EPA Administrator, Lisa Jackson heads a staff of approximately 18,000 professionals charged with protecting the environment and public health of all Americans. In a recent editorial, the New York Times said: “Less than a month into the job, and only with a skeleton staff, Lisa Jackson, the new Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, has already engineered an astonishing turnaround.”

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Jackson lists her priorities as reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving air quality, managing chemical risks, cleaning hazardous waste sites and protecting America's water. Nominated to lead the Agency by President Obama last December, she was confirmed by the Senate in January and is the first African American to serve in the position. Prior to joining the EPA, Jackson was Chief of Staff to Governor Jon Corzine. Prior to that position, Governor Corzine appointed her as Commissioner of the State of NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

According to Governor Corzine Jackson was confirmed to head the U.S. EPA, "The American people have gained a tireless public servant and a tenacious guardian of the environment."

Jackson is a summa cum laude graduate of Tulane University's School of Chemical Engineering and earned a master's degree in chemical engineering from Princeton University.

She was born in Pennsylvania and grew up a proud resident of New Orleans, Louisiana.

About Robert Grady: Robert Grady, Managing Director of The Carlyle Group, was Chief Speechwriter and Senior Advisor for the successful 1988 Bush/Quayle Presidential Campaign; Director of Communications for New Jersey Governor Thomas H. Kean; and Legislative Assistant and then Chief of Staff to U.S. Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick (R-NJ).

He was appointed by President George W. Bush to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Trade and Policy Negotiations and by the Administrator of NASA to be a member of the NASA Advisory Council's Task Force on the cost and management of the International Space Station.

Previously, Grady served in the White House as Deputy Assistant to President George Bush and as Executive Associate Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

In his current role, Grady serves as Chairman of Carlyle's U.S. growth capital group, Carlyle Venture Partners, which has \$1.5 billion under management. He serves on the investment committees of Carlyle Venture Partners, Carlyle Asia Growth Partners and Carlyle Europe Technology Partners. He is based in San Francisco.

Admission is by advance registration on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve a seat, please e-mail Martha.mcginis@stockton.edu or call 609-626-3542.

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