Anarchism and Education in New Jersey: The Legacy of the Modern School of Stelton

Monday, April 14, 2014

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Remigio U. Pane Room, First Floor, Archibald S. Alexander Library
169 College Avenue
New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Please join us for a conversation about the history, philosophy, and people of the longest-lasting anarchist colony in American history, once located just off the border of Livingston Campus. The centerpiece of the Ferrer or Stelton colony, the Modern School (1915–1953), took its inspiration from the ideas of the anarchist educator Francisco Ferrer. Students helped to run the school and were encouraged to learn through example and experience rather than rote memorization. We will examine the significance of the Ferrer Colony and Modern School not only to those directly involved in them, but to anyone with an interest in questions of education, democracy, and social change.

Introduction: Ben Pauli, Political Science, Rutgers University

Film by Robert Rosen, former Dean, UCLA School of Theatre, Film, and Television

The Modern School and Colony Experience: A panel of residents and alumni featuring Bill Giacalone, Rose Sterling, Jon Thoreau Scott, and Bob Vinik

The Modern School Collection at Rutgers: Fernanda Perrone, Rutgers Libraries

Current and Future Projects: Jeffrey Aaron, Treasurer, Friends of the Modern School

Q & A/Discussion: All

Reception

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