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A Place Out of Time: The Bordentown School
Film Screening and Discussion

Tuesday, April 13, 2010, 7:00 PM
Alexander Library, Rutgers University
169 College Ave, New Brunswick, NJ



This film tells the little-known story of the last all-black, publicly funded, co-educational boarding school north of the Mason-Dixon Line. This remarkable institution in Bordentown, New Jersey, prospered as an educational utopia and cultural oasis for African-Americans for more than 70 years in a segregated society. Founded in 1886, and forced to close in 1955 after the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision, the Bordentown School in its history mirrors the struggle of black education in America. This film, the work of filmmakers Dave Davidson and Amber Edwards and narrated by acclaimed actress Ruby Dee, guides viewers through a stirring portrait of a remarkable black cultural hub which thrived in a time when discrimination was both law and custom. This event is part of the New Jersey Council for Humanities program *Justice: A Dialogue Through Film*.

Discussant, **Dr. Mark Krasovic** is the 2008-2010 Geraldine R. Dodge Postdoctoral Fellow at Rutgers-Newark's Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience. He is currently working on a book manuscript entitled, "The Struggle for Newark: Plotting Urban Crisis in the Great Society."

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