James Meredith to Mark 45th Anniversary at Jackson Center

James Meredith, the first African-American to gain admission to the University of Mississippi and an important civil rights activist, will mark the 45th anniversary of his entrance into the University with an appearance at the Robert H. Jackson Center’s Carl Cappa Theater at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, March 26, 2007. Mr. Meredith’s presentation will be followed by a question and answer session conducted by the Rev. Dr. Joan Brown Campbell, Chair of the Department of Religion at the Chautauqua Institution and Benjamin Davis, Professor of Law at the University of Toledo.

Meredith’s entrance to the University on October 1, 1962, sparked rioting that required the intervention of federal troops and U.S. Marshals. Considered by many as a pivotal moment in civil rights history, Meredith views this action as enforcement of his rights as a citizen. His book, *Three Years in Mississippi*, recounts his experiences at the University.

Meredith graduated from the University of Mississippi on August 18, 1963 and earned his LL.B degree from Columbia University in 1968. He made an unsuccessful bid for a congressional seat in 1972 and worked briefly for Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

Major funding for this event is provided by Cummins Engine Co., Inc., Harris Beach, PLLC, United Refining Company and Young Title Agency.

New Directors Join Jackson Center Board

John E. Anderson and Joseph M. Zanetta were recently elected to the Robert H. Jackson Board of Directors.

**John E. Anderson**, a native of Jamestown, is president of Bodell Overcash Anderson & Company, Inc., a regional securities firm, which he helped found in 1970. A graduate of Jamestown High School, Mr. Anderson graduated in 1962 from Syracuse University. He served in the United States Army from 1962 through 1964 as a nuclear weapons officer and, following his military service, was employed as an investment broker in Binghamton, New York, before returning to Jamestown in 1969 to join the firm of Common Dann and Company.

Mr. Anderson is a past president of the Allegheny Highland Council of Boy Scouts of America and has been active as an officer, director or board member in many organizations including the Chautauqua Striders, Jamestown Prendergast Library Association, Habitat for Humanity, Chautauqua County Tobacco Asset Securitization Council, Investment Committee of the Empire Development Zone, Founding-Director of the Jamestown Savings Bank (a division of Northwest Savings Bank), and Chairman of the Annual Fund Drive for the Chautauqua Institution Chautauqua County Division.

**Joseph M. Zanetta**, a resident of Hermosa Beach and South Pasadena, California, is president of the Little Company of Mary Community Health Foundation. Little Company of Mary is a not-for-profit, integrated health care system comprised of more than 25 health care sites throughout the greater South Bay, Harbor and Palos Verdes Peninsula communities of Southern California. Mr. Zanetta has over 25 years experience as a fundraising professional and is currently directing the foundation’s $50 million Legacy Campaign.

Mr. Zanetta received his Bachelor of Science and law degrees from Cornell University and is a member of the New York Bar. He has served as Chairman of the Pasadena Enterprise Center and was a longtime member of the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District Board. He is presently a board member with Holy Family Services Adoption Agency and the Jester & Pharley Phund. He is an elected member of the Cornell University Council.

Mr. Zanetta is a well-known speaker on philanthropy and consults with non-profit organizations in fund raising and board development.
At the invitation of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Gregory L. Peterson, Jackson Center board president, and Professor John Q. Barrett of St. John’s University, the Jackson Center’s Elizabeth Lenna Fellow, attended the November 20–21, 2006, international scientific conference in Moscow, Russia. Christi Bartman, Ph.D. student, Department of History, Bowling Green State University was the third member of the U.S. delegation.

Natalia Lebedeva, a Doctor of History and Supervisor of the Center of Documentary Publications in the 20th Century at the Russian Academy of Sciences, the Institute of Universal History in Moscow, Russia, served as host to the U.S. delegation.


Keynote speakers included A.O. Chubarian, Director of the Institute of World History, Russian Academy of Sciences, who spoke on the implications of the Nuremberg Trial today and Prof. A.G. Lisytsin-Svetlanov, Director of the Institute of State and Law, Russian Academy of Sciences, who spoke about the importance of the Nuremberg Trial for the protection of Human Rights and as a source of national and international law.

Professor Barrett elaborated on Jackson’s role at Nuremberg while other panelists concentrated on the role of Soviet prosecutor Roman Rudenko.

Representatives from the General Prosecutor’s Office and law faculty at Moscow State University addressed topics including the question of aggressive war, the transfer of democratic institutions, international sanctions, state sovereignty, and Americanism.

The Robert H. Jackson Center was the only non-Russian institution invited to participate in this conference.

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**From Jamestown to Moscow: The Jackson Center Extends Its Reach**

Christopher Paul Curtis to the Jackson Center on April 17 and 18, 2007. The theme of the two-day event is Civil Rights, and Mr. Curtis will speak about his 1996 Newbery Award-winning book, *The Watsons Go to Birmingham – 1963*. This book received the Coretta Scott King Award in 1996 and was selected by the Robert H. Jackson Center for the 2007 state and local Book Review Contests.

The book tells the story of the Watsons, a middle-class black family from Flint, Michigan, who travel to Birmingham, Alabama, where they experience racial hatred and the civil rights struggle. It combines humor and tragedy while addressing family relationships and social issues.

Recipients of the statewide and local book review contests will meet Mr. Curtis and be honored at a public dinner at the Jackson Center on April 17 at 6:00 p.m. Following the dinner, a 7 p.m. program in the Carl Cappa Theater will feature Vivian Taylor, George Lawn and Rolland Kidder, who will share their early 1960s civil rights movement experiences.

On April 18 at the Reg Lenna Civic Center, Mr. Curtis will speak before contest winners and their families, local students and teachers from grades six through nine and event sponsors. He will discuss his book, which deals with civil rights.

This event is organized by Anita Sanctuary, Jackson Center staff members and the New York Bar Law Youth and Citizenship Program. To provide educational support, the Newspapers in Education Program (N.I.E.) has published a teacher’s guide. Major corporate sponsors include: National Fuel Gas, MRC and Comfort Inn.

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**Jackson Center, New York State Bar Association and N.Y. Newspaper Publishers Association Partner for Book Review Contest and Author Visit**

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**Opportunities for Planned Giving**

Planned giving to the Jackson Center now assures the work of the Jackson Center in the future. Various methods of giving are available including gifts of cash, stock and creation of planned giving vehicles. Charitable gift annuities are also available. Contact Executive Director Don Greenhouse at (716) 483-6646 or dgreenhouse@roberthjackson.org for more information.
Harold Jackson Adams, Jackson Center Founding Member, Dies

The Jackson Center mourns the loss of one of its greatest friends with the death of Harold Jackson Adams on January 14, 2007. Harold was a founding member of the Jackson Center and served on its board of directors from the beginning.

The quintessential gentleman, Harold was always a welcome face at the Jackson Center, where he shared memories of his uncle Robert H. Jackson and worked tirelessly to honor his uncle’s legacy.

Harold was the honoree at the recent opening of “Robert H. Jackson: A personal view,” an exhibit featuring items from the Harold Jackson Adams Collection. On that occasion, Rolland Kidder, then Jackson Center executive director, said “It is in the stories you have told us that you have conveyed the respect, friendship and love for your Uncle Bob. And it is in telling these stories and remembering these experiences that you have helped bring him alive for those of us who have never had the opportunity to meet him. You have been Bob Jackson’s presence here in the Robert H. Jackson Center and we are deeply indebted to you for that.”

Born August 28, 1927, in Frewsburg, New York, Harold was the son of the late Percy and Helen Jackson Adams. His wife, Mary Anna Gerhardt Adams; two daughters, Paula Stearns and Nancy Mason; and two grandchildren survive him.

He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Memorials may be made to the Robert H. Jackson Center, 305 East Fourth Street, PO Box 879, Jamestown, NY 14702-0879.

Don Greenhouse Welcomed as Interim Executive Director

Donald C. Greenhouse has been selected as the interim executive director of the Robert H. Jackson Center. He is President and C.E.O. of Seneca Point Associates, Inc., a consulting firm engaged by clients nationally to act in full-time senior management positions and in advisory roles. Mr. Greenhouse’s background covers over 45 years of management experience in all sectors of business and industry including not-for-profit organizations.

He is currently on the Board of Dimension Technologies Inc., Rochester, N.Y., and the Chautauqua Institution and a Trustee and chair of the Finance Committee of the CLSC Alumni Association. In addition, he is Treasurer and member of the Board of Chautauqua Area Habitat for Humanity and former President of Westfield Memorial Hospital Foundation. He is former Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee of the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra, Chair of the Metropolitan Advisory Board of the Chase Bank, Rochester, N.Y., trustee of the Canandaigua Nation Banks Funds, Inc., and a former member of the Boards of GEVA Theater and City Newspaper, Rochester, N.Y.

He earned a B.S. degree in accounting from the University of Vermont and an M.B.A. from Fairleigh Dickinson University. He has been an Adjunct Professor of –continued on page 5

Harold Jackson Adams Honored at Exhibit Opening

Harold Jackson Adams was honored at the November 17, 2006, opening of Robert H. Jackson: A personal view, which features family photos and artifacts from Adams’s personal collection.

Prior to the ribbon-cutting ceremony, guests gathered in the Carl Cappa Theater to honor Mr. Adams. In introductory remarks, Gregory L. Peterson, Jackson Center board president, praised Adams for his commitment and service to the Jackson Center. John Q. Barrett, Jackson Center Elizabeth Lenna Fellow, offered a heartfelt tribute to Mr. Adams.

Accompanied by his wife Mary Anna and his daughter and son-in-law Paula and David Stearns, Mr. Adams reminisced about growing up with Jackson and visiting him in Nuremberg. Thomas Loftus, a grandson of Robert H. Jackson, and Phyllis Loftus attended from Virginia. Guests watched a video featuring interviews and footage of Adams speaking at the Carroll Historical Society in 2001.

The exhibit is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Former October Term 1951 Supreme Court law clerks will participate in a May 16, 2007, roundtable event at Chautauqua Institution focusing on the Steel Seizure Case and other notable cases of that Term.

This event will be the fourth annual Supreme Court Law Clerks roundtable sponsored by the Jackson Center and the Supreme Court Historical Society. Participants will include attorneys Charles C. Hileman III, Judge Abner J. Mikva, James C.N. Paul, Neal P. Rutledge and Marshall L. Small.

Professors John Q. Barrett of St. John’s University and Ken Gormley of Duquesne University will moderate the roundtable discussion at Chautauqua Institution’s Lenna Hall at 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 16, 2007. This event is part of an Elderhostel program presented by Chautauqua Institution.

The law clerks will be the honored guests at a Wednesday dinner at the Athenaeum Hotel. Professors Barrett and Gormley will be the featured speakers.

Aaron Beckwith brings message of respect for others

Award-winning producer Aaron Beckwith returns to the Jackson Center on June 19 and 20, 2007, with his Emmy Award-winning film Follow the North Star. The film produced by ABC more than 25 years ago is a Civil War-era film about a young slave boy and a friend who escape from the South and travel north to gain freedom, guided by the North Star.

Aaron Beckwith’s presence and his personal presentation to young people provide an excellent opportunity to learn about issues of race and slavery in American history.

The film, which is geared to students in grades 3–6, will be shown in the Jackson Center’s Carl Cappa Theater. Contact Carol Drake at the Jackson Center (716.483.6646) for more information and to register for this event.

The Power of Planning—Do Well and Do Good

You’ve worked hard, saved wisely and achieved success. Your values and beliefs have guided you along the way and helped shape the person you have become. As you look towards the future, you have an opportunity to share your wealth and your ideals in a charitable giving arrangement that allows you to continue to do well while doing good for others.

A Charitable Gift Annuity is a contract between a donor and a qualified charitable institution that offers advantages to both. Terms of this contract provide support of the charitable institution and annual payments to the donor. Upon the death of the donor, the value of the contract becomes the charitable gift, leaving a lasting statement of philanthropic intent.

For more information about the Charitable Gift Annuity, please contact Don Greenhouse at 716.483.6646.
Desk Odyssey Ends in Jamestown Thanks to Efforts of Many

A desk used by Robert H. Jackson in Nuremberg was unveiled at a November 17, 2006 dedication at the Jackson Center. Its journey to the Jackson Center began on May 17, 2003, when St. Bonaventure University professor John Neeson, traveling by car and listening to NPR, heard Chief Justice William Rehnquist speaking at the dedication of the Robert H. Jackson Center. (A seed is planted...) The following summer, while visiting family in Germany, Mr. Neeson learned from his son-in-law, Major Michael Blahovec, that a desk used by Jackson at Nuremberg was in the possession of the U.S. Army at Bamberg, some 30 miles from Nuremberg. (Flashback to that radio broadcast...) Neeson shared this exciting news with Gregory Peterson, Jackson Center Board president, upon his return to the U.S. In January 2004, Peterson, John Barrett and Warren Erickson traveled to Nuremberg to visit the Palace of Justice and surrounding sites. With the help of Major Blahovec, they obtained clearance to enter the army base to see THE DESK. Back in Jamestown, serendipity intervened...Peterson encountered retired Lt. Colonel Paul Fardink. An Army connection was forged and Fardink was given the task of getting THE DESK from the Army. Fardink called a friend—General Richard Cody—who intervened on behalf of the Jackson Center in the quest for THE DESK. The wait began. The wait ended with a phone call saying THE DESK was available in Bamberg. Great news! Another challenge—miles to go... Entrace Bush Industries, Jackie McArthur and Ernie Artista. Fortuitously, Bush has plants in Germany and arrangements were made to transport THE DESK from Bamberg to one of the Bush facilities in Germany. It's getting closer... Several months later, the call came saying that the desk had arrived in Jamestown. Success! But, time had taken a toll on THE DESK. Enter Susan DiVincenzo, a local restoration and refinishing professional, who restored the desk to be worthy of the Jackson legacy. Retired Major General Barclay Wellman presided at the dedication and read a letter from now Vice Chief of Staff Cody, which said in part, “It was my pleasure to assist in recovering this important piece of history for display and exhibit. The Robert H. Jackson Center is an outstanding institution devoted to educating the American people to the way justice should be served.” THE DESK is now on display at the Jackson Center. A remarkable journey is complete.

German Law Students Intern at Jackson Center

An agreement between the Robert H. Jackson Center and Philippus-University, Marburg, Germany, has brought two seventh semester law students to the Jackson Center for one-month internships. Patrick V. Donath and Hasret Yildiz arrived in late February to begin their work. Mr. Donath attended high school in Germany where he also earned his Abitur. While in the 11th grade, he spent six months in the United States attending the Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virginia. His law studies concentrate on international criminal law and criminal law as it relates to business and tax law. Ms. Yildiz, who attended an English-speaking boarding school in Turkey for five years, graduated from high school in Darmstadt, Germany, where she also received her Abitur. Her law studies are focused on criminal law with a special interest in youth criminal law and international criminal law. At the Jackson Center, Mr. Donath and Ms. Yildiz will work on archives relating to the work of Jackson and other prosecutors who have donated their files to the Jackson Center. They will also prepare a paper to present at their law school this spring.

Henry King, Jr. Marks Jackson’s 115th Birthday at Warren, Pa. Observance

The eve of Robert H. Jackson’s 115th birthday was observed on Monday, February 12, 2007 at the Warren County, Pa., courthouse with an evening lecture by Professor Henry T. King, Jr. This event, co-sponsored by the Warren County Historical Society and the Jackson Center, was the inaugural observance of Robert H. Jackson Day in Warren County, Jackson’s birthplace. King, a law professor at Case Western Reserve University, was a Nuremberg prosecutor, arriving during 1946 while Jackson was prosecuting the international case and then serving as a trial prosecutor during the subsequent American prosecutions. Prior to the lecture, Professor King was the guest of honor at a reception at the Cray Art Gallery hosted by Sandra Rothenberg and Margaret Morgan.
Auditorium Restoration Nears Completion

Thanks to a federal grant and to the support of our U.S. Senators, Charles Schumer and Hillary Clinton, and our Congressman, Brian Higgins, the Jackson Center is nearing completion of a major restoration of its 200-seat Carl Cappa Theater.

“This newly restored facility,” said Jackson Center President, Greg Peterson, “will make our auditorium much more user-friendly, will better accommodate the disabled, and will make the space more adaptable for a variety of presentations and events. The theater will also be wired so that lectures and programs can be broadcast directly over the Internet or used for distance learning educational events. We look forward to utilizing this renewed and upgraded space for Jackson Center programming as well as making it more available for community groups who may want to use it for other purposes.”

When completed, the auditorium will have a new and more generous seating arrangement, new carpet installation, the addition of acoustic ceiling panels, and new fire-retardant curtains. It will also house, for the first time, a fire control sprinkler system and new electronic controls for lights and sound. It is expected that all work in the newly renovated auditorium will be completed by the end of April.

The general contractor for this work has been E.E. Austin & Co. and the supervising architect is Habiterra Associates, both local firms. Mr. Ed Tomassini of Media Works has been the consultant on light and sound matters and Mr. Michael Flaxman was the builder/craftsman of a beautiful new media cabinet and speaker's podium. Interior decorating coordinator and flooring consultant services were provided by Mr. Barclay Wellman.

“We commend these local contractors, workers and consultants for making the newly restored Carl Cappa Theater a truly state-of-the-art facility which will add immensely to the arts and cultural infrastructure of the area, and we encourage the community to come and visit this most recent building improvement at the Robert H. Jackson Center,” concluded Mr. Peterson.

Annual Fund Giving Provides Important Support

Since its inception, The Robert H. Jackson Center has received tremendous support from individuals, businesses, corporate matching gifts, state and federal governments and Jamestown-area foundations. The Annual Fund campaign, however, supports the day-to-day operating expenses of the Jackson Center. The 2007 campaign is now under way.

Support levels include:

- Contributors, who donate up to $99 a year
- Patrons, who contribute at the $100-249 level;
- Benefactors, who donate between $250-499; and
- Robert H. Jackson Society members who contribute $500 or more.

Donors at all levels are crucial to the advancement of the Jackson Center's mission. Supporters are encouraged to look into employer gift-matching programs and include that information at the time of the gift or by contacting Don Greenhouse, Executive Director, at (716) 483-6646 or by e-mail at dggreenhouse@roberthjackson.org.

Gifts may be mailed to the Robert H. Jackson Center, PO Box 879, Jamestown, NY 14702-0879. Credit card contributions may be made at www.roberthjackson.org or by calling 716.483.6646.

Upcoming Events

MAY 2, 2007
Annual Law Day Program
Judge Joseph Gerace will preside over an interactive mock trial from 9:30–11 a.m. Wednesday, May 2, 2007, at the Jackson Center. Co-sponsored by the Jackson Center and the Jamestown Bar Association, this program is geared to 11th grade students. Attorney Ken Lasker and associates will serve as prosecution and defense counsel and the jury will be selected from the audience. Contact Carol Drake at 716.483.6646 to reserve seating.

JUNE 10–11, 2007
“France, Nuremberg and the present International Criminal Tribunals”
Yves Beigbeder, who served as legal secretary to French Judge H. Donnedieu de Vabres at the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg (1945–46), will be at the Jackson Center on Sunday and Monday, June 10th and 11th. A private reception in his honor will be held at the Jackson Center on Sunday night. On Monday, June 11, Mr. Beigbeder will speak at a public event in the Carl Cappa Theater. Mr. Beigbeder currently serves as Senior Special Fellow, UNITAR, Geneva, Switzerland. He is the author of numerous publications including Judging War Criminals: The Politics of International Justice (New York: St. Martin's, 1999).

Thanks and Best Wishes to Rebecca Robbins

Friends and colleagues gathered at the Jackson Center recently for a reception to thank Rebecca Robbins, former director of development at the Jackson Center, for her tireless efforts on behalf of the Jackson Center and to bid her well in her new position as communications coordinator for the Jamestown Board of Public Utilities. Ms. Robbins was instrumental to the formation of the Jackson Society and the Annual Fund campaign, and she successfully secured grants that provided funding for growth and development in the Center’s formative years.

Our very best wishes go with her!