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Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends and Supporters,

The legacy of Robert H. Jackson, a leading political figure of the 20th Century, continues to be relevant in today's world. As our Annual Newsletter reports, Justice Jackson's impact and his work can be found in the American judicial world, international tribunals and classrooms around the nation.

As a part of the Center's recent Strategic Plan, this year we recommitted to pursuing innovative ways to present Jackson's legacy with a new defined tagline, "Promoting Liberty under Law." Within the phrase is a direct quotation from Justice Jackson's famous 1954 speech, *Liberty under Law*, addressing the New York State Bar Association. The speech historically traces and underlines why liberty cannot survive without the rule of law. The tagline focuses on the principles of free speech and how citizens cannot pursue the ideals of equality, fairness and justice that Jackson upheld throughout his career, without the protection of laws. The tagline also provides a defined strategic focus for the Center as we continue to promote these principles through our ongoing programs, events and exhibits.

This evening, as we come together for the 2015 Annual Dinner I am pleased to be able to report on yet another tremendous year for which many of you have been a part.

Some highlights include:

- Continued excellence in *programming* with a 75th Anniversary program this spring on Jackson's *Federal Prosecutor* speech, hosted by U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul; and the 11th annual Robert H. Jackson Lecture on the Supreme Court with Professor Laurence H. Tribe. Both programs underscored Jackson's relevance in today's judicial world.
- The completion and acquisition of the *feature-length documentary Liberty under Law: The Robert H. Jackson Story* that will now be able to serve as a tool to increase the Center's visibility and share Jackson's story with the world.
- The expanded reach of our *Youth Education Initiative* that provides programming for area students, regional educator workshops, an annual Teacher Fellowship Program and the National Award for Teaching Justice.
- Finally, this past month the Center launched a *redesigned website*. It will now be more interactive and host educational resources providing users a better experience when accessing our site.

Tonight we thank you, our supporters for your continued generosity and interest in our mission. The Center's excellence in programming and promoting Jackson's legacy is only made possible by our community of supporters and their gifts, large and small. As part of that community we look forward to embarking on the future with each of you, as we seek to carry out our strategic focus upholding Jackson's enduring principles of *equality, fairness and justice*.



Society Members ask us about tickets to the Mark Russell Fundraiser!
Dinner & Exclusive Performance— the only program scheduled
in Chautauqua this season!
Sunday July 26th at 6 p.m.

U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul Hosts Program at Jackson Center

The 75th Anniversary program on Attorney General Robert H. Jackson's Speech: *The Federal Prosecutor* was held on Thursday April 9th, 2015 at the Jackson Center. The event, hosted by United States Attorney William J. Hochul, Jr., examined the continued relevance of Attorney General Jackson's 1940 speech, *The Federal Prosecutor*. Delivered during the Second Annual Conference of the United States Attorneys in 1940, the speech



U.S. Attorney William J. Hochul

outlined the duties and role of the federal prosecutor and more importantly laid out Jackson's vision for their ethical and proper conduct. The evening featured a panel discussion with special guests William J. Hochul, Jr., Honorable John M. Cleland, Senior Trial Judge for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Mike Connelly, Editor and Vice President of The Buffalo News, and David W. Foley, Chautauqua County District Attorney.



Lisa Gensheimer, producer with Julia Craighill & Father Moritz Fuchs

Documentary Premiere: Liberty Under Law

This spring the Jackson Center secured ownership rights to the documentary titled, *Liberty under Law: The Robert H. Jackson Story*. This acquisition completed an ambitious project initiated several years ago by Lisa and Rich Gensheimer of Main Street Media to produce a feature-length film on Justice Jackson. In celebration of the documentary's completion, the Center hosted a world premiere of *Liberty Under Law* on May 4, 2015. A special introductory panel was held prior to the screening of the film with distinguished guests Julia Craighill, Jackson's granddaughter, Father Moritz Fuchs, Jackson's bodyguard at Nuremberg and David Crane, former Chief Prosecutor for the Special Court of Sierra Leone. The premiere notably coincided with the anniversary of Justice Jackson's appointment as Chief U.S. Prosecutor and begins the Center's 18 month commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the Nuremberg Trial.

Tribe Delivers Lecture on Supreme Court

The 11th annual Robert H. Jackson Lecture on the U.S. Supreme Court was delivered by Harvard Law School professor, Laurence H. Tribe. Tribe is a leading scholar, teacher and writer on the Constitution of the United States, the Supreme Court, and constitutional law and history. During his lecture Tribe shared his views and opinions on today's U. S. Supreme Court and their connection to Justice Jackson's legacy. Tribe joins a selective group of individuals who have headlined Chautauqua Institution's Robert H. Jackson Lecture on the Supreme Court.



Professor Laurence H. Tribe

Upcoming Events

July 26th 6 p.m.

Fundraiser: An Evening with Mark Russell
Dinner & Exclusive Performance
at Chautauqua Suites

August 31st– September 1st

9th annual International Humanitarian
Law Dialogs at Chautauqua Institution

September 17th

Constitution Day at the Buffalo Courthouse

70th Anniversary of IMT at Nuremberg

2015-2016 marks the 70th anniversary of the trial of major Nazi war criminals before the International Military Tribunal (IMT) at Nuremberg. The Jackson Center will commemorate this important historical anniversary with a series of programs and events. The Center will debut a new exhibit titled, *A Grave Responsibility: Jackson at Nuremberg*. The exhibit will feature a timeline of the Trial based on Jackson's own words with photographs from the Harry S. Truman Library and the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. Additionally, the Center's educational activities for the next year will focus on the 70th anniversary theme. Throughout the year the Center will be working in collaboration with local school districts in Warren County, Pennsylvania and Chautauqua County, New York to present *This Day in Nuremberg*, a project featuring historical content on the Trial prepared by area students

Youth Education Initiative

Through our Youth Education Initiative the Jackson Center continues to strengthen its mission and strategic focus, which aims to actively show the relevance of Justice Jackson's work in today's world. The Youth Education Initiative provides outreach and programming for students throughout the year, educator development with semi-annual teacher workshops and an annual fellowship program, as well as educator recognition with a National Award for Teaching Justice. It is through these activities the Center seeks to expand the knowledge and legacy of Justice Jackson by reaching today's youth in classrooms around the region, country and beyond. These activities have been made possible through the guidance of our Education Committee and Education Directors, Andrew Beiter and Joseph Karb, along with the continued support of the *Holmberg Foundation*, *Chautauqua Region Community Foundation*, *Community Foundation of Warren County* and our donors.

National Teaching Justice Award



David Sherrin

In partnership with the National Council for the Social Studies (NCSS), the Jackson Center presented the second annual National Robert H. Jackson Center Award for Teaching Justice to **David Sherrin**, a ninth grade history teacher at Harvest Collegiate High School in New York, NY. This prestigious award was created to recognize individuals who have made an outstanding contribution toward teaching the concept of justice in creative and inspiring ways. Sherrin

was presented with the Award for Teaching Justice on November 21, 2014 at the NCSS Annual Conference in Boston, MA.

With over 10 years teaching experience, Sherrin is a dynamic and dedicated educator who brings history and philosophical concepts of justice to life in his classroom. Sherrin embeds his history lessons into conversations about current issues, interjects his students into lessons through role playing activities, and develops their critical thinking skills through examining primary sources and exploring multiple perspectives.

The 2015 National Award Winner will be presented at this year's NCSS Conference in New Orleans, LA, November 13th -15th.

The recent passing of Miss Mary R. Willard sets her apart in our thoughts today as one who upheld the best traditions of the teaching profession. There are men and women in many walks of life who acknowledge proudly that their inspiration to good reading, or to writing, and to living on a higher plane of culture, came from this earnest and modest woman. None owes her a greater debt or would make more prompt acknowledgment than I.

Robert H. Jackson
Tribute to Mary Willard
June 10, 1931

Teacher Fellows

The Jackson Center hosts an annual Teacher Fellowship program that aims to develop a community of skilled educators who collaborate with the Center to create quality educational materials to be used in the classroom. Educators work closely with the Center's staff to create new teaching materials using the Center's primary resources. In turn, the participants go on to share Justice Jackson's legacy with their students, colleagues, and communities. Below is an update on 2014 Fellows:

Melissa Becker is a 12th grade social studies teacher and Department Chair at Warren Area High School in Warren, PA. In her Fellowship project, "Jackson: Roots, Memory, and Legacy," Ms. Becker's 12th grade students studied Jackson's biography and created projects to teach 5th and 7th grade students about his life and achievements.



Caroline Hayes is a 6th grade Social Studies and English Language Arts educator at Youngsville Elementary Middle School in Warren County, PA. Her Fellowship project for the Center linked the past to the present by having her students write, produce, perform and publish speeches on Justice Jackson's life and legacy affectionately nicknamed "Bob Talks."

Daiman Parinella is a 7th and 8th grade Social Studies teacher at Washington Middle School, Jamestown, NY. His Fellowship project titled Youth Leadership Summit worked on students building their skills in public speaking, critical writing and community service while learning about the life of Justice Jackson.



Strategic Plan Update

The Center reports that our Board of Directors has approved and is now aggressively implementing a Strategic Plan for 2015-2017. The strategic planning process was initiated in early 2014, along with a series of “first steps,” including a situation analysis and the drafting of expanded mission and vision statements. The goal of this process is to ensure the long-term financial health and sustainability of the Center and our contributions to society as

The mission of the Robert H. Jackson Center is to advance public awareness and appreciation of the principles of justice and the rule of law as embodied in the achievements and legacy of Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Chief U.S. Prosecutor at Nuremberg.

thirteen years ago. Over the next three years we will focus on leveraging our past while we strive to create a new, sustainable and thriving future.

the Center expands in reaching a wider national and international audience. The staff and Board of Directors are excited about the direction of this strategic plan and what it means to the future of the Jackson Center and the constituents we serve, a path that started

Launch of the Redesigned Website

In July 2015, the Robert H. Jackson Center launched a redesigned website. The Center hired Michael Joslyn with the design company, *Robot of the Future*, to integrate our mission and vision into a storytelling platform, with a content-first, user-friendly design. The redesigned site allows the Center to focus on the regular creation of high quality content, and creates opportunities across multiple channels to put the Center's website on a national and international stage. With this redesign, not only will the website be more interactive, it will also have the capacity to host educational resources and provide a better user experience for those accessing the site. The Center is pleased with the redesign, and would like to thank Michael Joslyn of *Robot of the Future*, and the *Chautauqua Region Community Foundation* for making this transition happen. Please visit www.roberthjackson.org, and tell us what you think!



Welcome Our 2015 Summer Interns

This summer, the Robert H. Jackson Center welcomes six interns; Thomas Campion from Hobart College, Ryan Schutte from Dickinson College, Megan Feeney, Ashley Mulryan and Emily Rajakovich from Allegheny College and 2015 Jackson Fellow, Molly White from Syracuse University College of Law. The Summer Internship Program is a vital part of the Center's educational programming, allowing students to learn about the life of Robert H. Jackson, the work of the Jackson Center, and the operations of a nonprofit organization. The Center encourages each intern to take an active role through hands-on learning opportunities in research and collections, educational initiatives, public programs and non-profit management.



Class of Summer 2015 Interns posed at the Jackson Center

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150

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over 2,000

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