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Dear Friends,

The Jackson Center works toward enabling a global society where the universal principles of equality, fairness, and justice prevail. Today, the need for education and dialog are more pressing than ever. With your support, we will reach the broadest possible audience with our dynamic programs and exhibits, facilitated dialog, innovative collaborations, and informed scholarship and research. Across these pages, we share examples of the important work accomplished by the Robert H. Jackson Center over the past year and planned for the future.

To serve as President of an organization whose work is so vitally important and necessary is a rewarding yet daunting task. And, what we accomplish is only possible with your philanthropic support. Please join me in making a gift to the Jackson Center in 2017. Your gift will make a meaningful impact, today and tomorrow.

Sincerely,

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A Word From Our President

There is an exciting project underway at the former Jackson homestead in Spring Creek, PA. In May, members of the Jackson Center staff, board, and supporters met with representatives of the property’s owner, a private corporation, and Mercyhurst College (Erie, PA) to walk the property and discuss educational opportunities. A plan for an archeological study was mapped out and approved. Volunteers have now cleared the overgrowth from the area inside and surrounding the various foundations, which are all that is left of the house, barn, and other out buildings. A professor of anthropology/archeology will design and lead the “dig” to be executed with colleagues and students. A command post, grid system, and aerial drone photography will be employed. The timing of the dig work will progress, subject to semester calendars and the corporation’s use of the grounds. The property will remain an asset of the corporate owner. All data and documentation will be shared with the Jackson Center for our archives. Follow the project’s progress on our Facebook page and website.

Spring Creek Jackson Homestead visit May 10, 2017

Susan Murphy at the Gala with Roger Conner, Greg Peterson, and Gala emcee Cole Stearns
In a Jackson Center symposium entitled “How ‘Far Gone’ Are We Now? Immigration, Security, & American Values, from Justice Jackson’s Time to Our Own,” lectures and panel discussions by leading immigration law professionals examined issues related to immigration law and current day challenges. The program takes its title, in part, from Justice Jackson’s own words, as follows:

“Congress has ample power to determine whom we will admit to our shores and by what means it will effectuate its exclusion policy. The only limitation is that it may not do so by authorizing United States officers to take without due process of law the life, the liberty or the property of an alien who has come within our jurisdiction; and that means he must meet a fair hearing with fair notice of the charges. It is inconceivable to me that this measure of simple justice and fair dealing would menace the security of this country. No one can make me believe that we are that far gone.” Justice Robert H. Jackson, dissenting in Shaughnessy, District Director of Immigration & Naturalization v. United States ex rel. Ignatz Mezei, 345 U.S. 206 (1953) (emphasis added)

The all-star lineup of immigration and civil rights law professionals and lecture topics is as follows:

- John Q. Barrett, St. John’s University Professor of Law, and Robert H. Jackson Center Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow and board member, on Robert H. Jackson on Immigrants, Citizens, Power & Liberty. This is the Jackson Center’s first Alan Y. Cole Memorial Lecture.
- Lucas Guttentag, Professor of the Practice of Law, Stanford Law School & Distinguished Senior Fellow and Lecturer, Yale Law School; former Senior Counselor to the Secretary, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; and founder and former director ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project, on Sweeping Power and Shallow Rights: An Historical Perspective on Immigration Regulation and Constitutional Protections.
- Rick Su, Professor of Law, University at Buffalo School of Law, on Sanctuary or Force Multiplier: Local Involvement in Federal Immigration Enforcement. Professor Su was a visiting professor at Harvard Law School in 2015 and will be a visiting professor at Washington University in St. Louis School of Law in 2018.
On August 27, the Jackson Center opened the 11th annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogs (IHLD), entitled “Changing Times: New Opportunities for International Justice and Accountability”, with a two-part program at the Jackson Center. The program featured the conferral of the Joshua Heinz Award for Humanitarian Achievement and an unprecedented interview with the former and current Chief International Co-Prosecutors for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), commonly referred to as the Khmer Rouge Tribunal.

The Joshua Heinz Award for Humanitarian Achievement was conferred to Zainab Hawa Bangura for distinguished service to mankind and achievement in the field of international justice. Dr. Bangura was the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict from June 2012 to April 2017. Bangura has worked in the pursuit of justice for victims, of war crimes and crimes against humanity, both in her native Sierra Leone and around the world, for two decades. University at Buffalo School of Law Dean Aviva Abramovsky accepted the award on behalf of Dr. Bangura, who was unable to receive her award in person due to the massive flooding and mudslides causing the loss of hundreds of lives in Sierra Leone in mid-August. Bangura shared her gratitude and reflections via video and Abramovsky spoke passionately about the crucial importance of Bangura’s work and leadership.

The group interview with Andrew Cayley, Robert Petit, and Nick Koumjian, the former and current Chief International Co-Prosecutors for the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, followed the award presentation. Each participant discussed the unique challenges they have faced as a Chief International Prosecutor. The ECCC was established by the United Nations and the Cambodian Government. Its mission is to bring to trial those responsible for atrocities committed during the Khmer Rouge regime, during which an estimated 1.7 million people were killed.

The 2017 IHLD continued with seminars, lectures, and small group discussions on August 28 and 29 at Chautauqua Institution. David Crane, Professor of Law, Syracuse University Law School, Jackson Center board member and former board chair, and Jim Johnson, Jackson Center International Law Fellow and former President, were among the presenters and participants. A highlight of this year’s Dialogs was the largest ever student participation in its history, at approximately 75 students ranging in age from high school through college, graduate, and PhD candidates. David Crane expressed great pleasure with this turnout, and observed that student participation was one of the original goals set for the dialogs. Plans are already underway for the 2018 IHLD program.
The Priceless Art of Free Expression

Hundreds of supporters from near and far enjoyed a benefit gala to support the Jackson Center’s mission and programs held at the Chautauqua Suites Meeting & Expo Center, Mayville, NY, in August. Attendees enjoyed mingling, live entertainment, dancing, and refreshments while previewing a wide selection of silent auction items and live auction artwork, memorabilia, and collectibles. Justice Robert H. Jackson’s judicial legacy is often best appreciated by examining his views on the right to free expression. Jackson witnessed, first-hand, how democracy was dismantled in Germany’s culturally rich society when the right to free artistic expression through fine art, literature, radio broadcast, music or theatrical presentation was subjugated to the promotion of one national objective. Our gala’s theme, “The Priceless Art of Free Expression,” celebrates the variety of artistic expression permitted in a free society and supports the Jackson Center’s work to explore and appreciate just how priceless is freedom. Visit our website, www.roberthjackson.org, to learn about the Jackson Center’s mission and the impact of our programs.

Immigration Law continued

• Theodore M. Shaw, Julius L. Chambers Distinguished Professor of Law & Director of the Center for Civil Rights, University of North Carolina School of Law; and former Director-Counsel & President of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., luncheon keynote speaker.

• Margo Schlanger, Henry M. Butzel Professor of Law, University of Michigan; former U.S. Department of Homeland Security Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties on Civil Rights at the Border: National Security, Border Screening, and the Muslim Ban.

• Joyce White Vance, recently retired U.S Attorney for the Northern District of Alabama, having served under the Obama administration since 2009, served on Attorney General Eric Holder’s Advisory Committee from 2009-2011, 18 years in the federal prosecutor’s office, last serving as chief of its Appellate Division, former appellate lawyer and criminal prosecutor, on Security and Civil Rights and specifically The Role of the Prosecutor in Protecting Civil Rights and Keeping Communities Safe.

A “Legal Lion” Lost

With the passing of E. Barrett Prettyman, Jr. on November 4, 2016, the world lost a giant in the legal community and the Jackson Center lost a revered friend. Elijah Barrett Prettyman, Jr., served on the Robert H. Jackson Center Board of Directors for 10 years beginning in 2006. Board member and co-founder, Greg Peterson recalled fond memories of Mr. Prettyman, calling him “a legal lion.” Prettyman was the only person to have clerked for three Supreme Court justices in succession, beginning in 1953 with Justice Robert H. Jackson, and he worked closely with Justice Jackson during the deliberations which led to the Supreme Court’s unanimous decision in Brown v. Board of Education in 1954. Many years later, Mr. Prettyman shared that he enjoyed “working on a case together with [Jackson], because he loved to talk matters through and he always wanted to know my view, even though he might then pay no attention to it. He was just fun to work with. I respected him tremendously.”
Six Chautauqua County Executives, serving since the county adopted this form of government in 1975, came together at the Jackson Center in May for a reception followed by a group interview conducted by Jackson Center co-founder and board member, attorney Gregory L. Peterson. This rare opportunity to hear collectively from each of these individuals explored how the County Executive position has evolved over the past 42 years, its challenges and rewards, and the benefits and pitfalls of this form of governance.


From the beginning, Judge Gerace has been an integral part of the Jackson Center, our mission and our work, sharing his own dedication to educating people about our country’s constitution, laws, justice system, and rights. Throughout the years, he has played an integral role in innumerable Jackson Center programs. In a 2000 interview, Judge Gerace said of Robert H. Jackson, “I always looked up to him, always wanted to emulate him. I heard so much about him, and as a Democrat he was one of my heroes.” In 2014, he remarked regarding Justice Jackson that he “would love to have had nine of him on the US Supreme Court. He really was a model judge. His decisions were not based on politics, but on what he thought was right. I’ve read all of his decisions and there isn’t one that I would disagree with.”

In March, the Jackson Center brought the community together to celebrate Judge Gerace’s 90th birthday and to pay tribute to this modest giant of Chautauqua County history. In addition to wishing him a happy 90th birthday, we also saluted him for the crucial role he has played in cementing the history of the center and recognition of Robert H. Jackson in the minds and hearts of people all over the world during the past 16 years. Judge Gerace’s role will be sustained into the future through an endowment fund established in his honor by the Jamestown Bar Association at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation to support the Jackson Center.

Full Complement of Chautauqua County Executives Brought Together

Chautauqua County Executives
In June, members of the Jackson Society were treated to a presentation by Duquesne University’s President Ken Gormley, at the Jackson Society Dinner, the Jackson Center’s annual celebration of leadership giving. Gormley is currently the 11th President of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. A former Dean and Professor at Duquesne University School of Law, Gormley earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh in 1977, summa cum laude, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1980, serving as a teaching assistant to Professor Archibald Cox. Gormley is a widely published author and editor. He has appeared on NBC’s Today Show, The Charlie Rose Show, Hardball with Chris Matthews, NPR’s Fresh Air, and hundreds of television and radio shows in the United States and worldwide.

Each year, supporters of the Jackson Center who give at the Jackson Society level of $1,000 or more are invited to take advantage of special educational opportunities and experiences, such as this one, made available by the Jackson Center. To join the Jackson Society for 2017, please visit www.roberthjackson.org/support and make your gift today!

Corporate Environmental Responsibility

The Jackson Center joined several area attractors to create relevant programming as part of the “GreenUp Jamestown” events leading up to Earth Day 2017. For its part, the Jackson Center presented “How Vital is Corporate Environmental Responsibility?” in April. Julia Craighill, Jackson Center board member and granddaughter of Justice Jackson, and an architectural expert on “green building,” opened the program with reflections on the importance of the environment to Jackson’s formative years and how it shaped his perspective that the preservation of the environment relies on a commitment from the business community and its citizens. The program then moved to a panel discussion joined by representatives from Cummins, Inc. and UPMC (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) Chautauqua-WCA to explore the business opportunities and risks inherent in environmental sustainability. The former Special Prosecutor of environmental crimes for both the Office of Attorney General and the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Pennsylvania joined the panel to address symptoms of non-regulation and the federal government’s response.
In February, at the Warren County Courthouse, an examination of Jackson’s tie to Cobham Castle was led by North Penn Pipe and Supply, Inc. President Robert D. Metzgar, discussing Justice Jackson’s inspirational story as a ‘son of Warren’ who enjoyed a remarkable career on the national, as well as international stage. The evening’s keynote address, “Jackson’s Cobham Castle: Fact or Fiction?” was presented by Kathy Lang, former president of the Warren County Historical Society, who has spoken extensively about her research on the history of the Cobham family and the fabled castle.

The Robert H. Jackson in Warren Day is celebrated annually in recognition of Jackson’s birth in nearby Spring Creek, Pennsylvania. The day begins with a presentation to all Warren County School District 10th grade students, featuring James C. Johnson, former Chief of Prosecutions for the Special Court of Sierra Leone and Robert H. Jackson International Law Fellow. Mr. Johnson links Justice Jackson’s contributions to international law and the relevance of his ideals of justice and fairness in dealing with crimes against humanity, both today and in the past. In particular, Mr. Johnson compared and contrasted the recent peaceful transition of the presidency of the United States with recent conflicts faced in Gambia where troops were brought in to ensure its long-time leader Yahya Jammeh relinquished power after losing elections. Each student received a revised edition of “Off the Pedestal: Jackson in Jamestown 1909 -1934” by author Helen G. Ebersole, compliments of the Community Foundation of Warren through the efforts of the Jackson Center.

Partnering with Erie County Bar Association

The Erie County Bar Association (ECBA) hosted “The Isis Age: From Nuremberg to Religious Freedom for All,” a Continuing Legal Education seminar in Erie, Pennsylvania, in March. The seminar examined elements of the Free Speech and Equal Protection Clauses of the Constitution through the life and legacy of Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson. The ECBA used several of the Jackson opinions discussed in the documentary film, “Liberty Under Law: The Robert H. Jackson Story,” to examine religious freedom in West Virginia State Board of Education v. Barnette, 319 U.S. 624 (1943); racial profiling as a defensive tactic in Jackson’s notable Korematsu v. United States, 323 U.S. 214 (1944) dissent; due process as it relates to Jackson’s role in the creation of the first International Military Tribunal (IMT) at Nuremberg; and, the scope of Executive powers in Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co. v. Sawyer, 343 U.S. 579 (1952). A panel discussion with Jackson Center board members Gregory L. Peterson and the Hon. Sean J. McLaughlin, former federal judge in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, concluded the seminar.
From Jackson to SuperFund

In April, a series of expert presentations at the Jackson Center spanned from Jackson, through Superfund, to brownfield and adaptive reuse development, in a program titled, “How Superfund Changed the World: Initial Response to a National Emergency and its Evolution.” The program was part of the Jackson Center’s regular Continuing Legal Education (CLE) series. Beginning with a presentation on Robert H. Jackson’s successful representation of the Forbes family in a nuisance lawsuit brought against them by the City of Jamestown, Mary Dee Martoche, an attorney and former Chief Clerk of the Erie County Surrogate’s Court, and the Honorable Joseph Gerace, retired justice from the 8th Judicial District, Supreme Court, Chautauqua County delved into details of this case. The seminar continued with an interview of the Hon. John LaFalce, former U.S. Congressman from New York, conducted by Gregory L. Peterson, Esq., Jackson Center co-founder, board member, and Phillips Lytle LLP partner. The discussion surrounded LaFalce’s notable achievements during his 28 years in Congress, including the congressman’s initiation of the Competitiveness Policy Council to advise the president and the Congress on more effective policies to promote U.S. competitiveness. A panel discussion followed, featuring LaFalce with David Flynn, Esq., Phillips Lytle partner and Practice Team Leader for the firm’s Energy, Environment and Nanotechnology Practice Teams, and Paul Neureuter, President and CEO of The Krog Group. Together, they addressed the impact of the congressman’s efforts to create a Superfund to finance the cleanup of contaminated areas in Western New York and the development of brownfield sites. The program concluded with a luncheon and guest speaker Dennis J. “Denny” Lynch, Public Relations Director for the Buffalo Bills and author of Olympic Members from Western New York.

First Fifteen Years of the Jackson Center Chronicated

Begun in 2013 and published in 2017, author Kathleen Evans’ book The History of the Robert H. Jackson Center: From Grassroots to Global Recognition 2000-2015 documents the genesis and evolution of the original idea to preserve the legacy of Justice Robert H. Jackson into an organization which consistently and faithfully brings the lessons of Jackson’s life and work to today’s issues and challenges. Through her painstaking research and meticulous writing, Kathleen Evans chronicles the history of the Jackson Center and the execution of its mission. This publication documents the key initiators, supporters, leadership, visitors, events, programs, and accomplishments of the center’s first 15 years. It is a definitive record of the selfless efforts of the many people whose work toward achieving that vision, through the examination of Jackson’s legacy, set the future trajectory of the Jackson Center. The book is available for purchase at the Jackson Center and the Chautauqua Institution Bookstore.

Jackson Center Awarded $1.5 million for Facilities Renovation and Enhancement

The Jackson Center was among 10 projects awarded funding, out of an initial 78 requests submitted, from the $10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative Strategic Investment Plan funds granted to the City of Jamestown in 2016 by New York State. We learned on May 30 that the Jackson Center was awarded $1.5 million requested for facilities renovation/enhancement. The capital investments identified are critical to the maintenance of our facilities, advancement of programming and partnerships to deliver on our mission, and attraction of increasing numbers of visitors to Jamestown.
In June, the Jackson Center debuted a new exhibit depicting a scene from Justice Jackson’s chambers in the Supreme Court. In the display, the flags of the allied nations of World War II, the United States, France, the Soviet Union, and the United Kingdom, flank a photograph of these national flags flying at half staff outside the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg, Germany in 1945. Below the display, on the desk Jackson used during the Nuremberg Trial, rests a photograph of a nearly identical display in his Supreme Court office in Washington, D.C. The significance of this display goes far beyond aesthetics.

Visit the exhibit at the Jackson Center, or www.roberthjackson.org, to learn the intricate details recounted by Alan Y. Cole, a World War II veteran and law clerk to Justice Jackson, of his discussions with Jackson of the flags at Nuremberg and the subsequent action Jackson apparently took to remind himself of that exchange. This tribute to the legacy of Robert H. Jackson was made possible by the generous gifts of our donors and of Thomas Loftus III, Robert Loftus, and Julia Craighill, three of Jackson’s grandchildren, who provided replica World War II Allied Flags, and Gloria Cole, widow of Alan Cole, who provided the original photograph of the flags flying at half staff outside of the Palace of Justice in Nuremberg.
Strategic Affiliation with St. Bonaventure University Brings Together Lee Coppola and Michael Hill

Students, faculty, and the general public packed the Jackson Center’s Cappa Theatre in April to hear Lee Coppola interviewed about “The Anti-Media Mentality.” Coppola is an award-winning print and TV journalist, a former federal prosecutor and a former dean of St. Bonaventure University’s Journalism School from 1996 to 2011. In 2012, he was inducted into the Buffalo Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame. Coppola was interviewed by his former student Michael Hill, 18th president of Chautauqua Institution, along with Jackson Center co-founder and board member Greg Peterson. During the interview, Coppola noted that because the public is “inundated” with information, both accurate and inaccurate, journalists are now more important than ever. He encouraged journalists to consistently apply traditional practices: “gather information, analyze information and communicate information.” He also observed that a polarized political atmosphere can actually motivate journalists to approach their craft more seriously and with greater skill.

First Amendment Trial Lawyer Addresses Free Expression

As part of our ongoing series of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars presented in partnership with Phillips Lytle LLP, the Jackson Center presented “Free Expression and the Scope of the First Amendment: A Conversation with Floyd Abrams.” The legal education seminar began with a comprehensive overview by subject experts of real estate law basics for attorneys, paralegals, office administrators, brokers, and individuals with an interest in New York State real estate transactions. Samantha Barbas, Professor of Law, University at Buffalo School of Law, addressed free expression and the scope of the First Amendment in her remarks introducing featured presenter Floyd Abrams. Dr. Barbas researches and teaches legal history, First Amendment law and mass communications law. Following Barbas’s remarks, Floyd Abrams, Esq., was interviewed by Robert H. Jackson Center co-founder and board member Gregory L. Peterson, Esq., Phillips Lytle LLP. A recognized First Amendment trial lawyer, Floyd Abrams is currently Senior Counsel in Cahill Gordon & Reindel LLP’s litigation practice group. Mr. Abrams’s numerous appearances before the U.S. Supreme Court as a First Amendment advocate have placed him in a rare class of still-practicing attorneys who have shaped how Americans understand their fundamental rights under the United States Constitution.
As he retires from his post, the Jackson Center thanks Randall J. Sweeney for his huge impact on Chautauqua County during his 20-year leadership of the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Randy has served the community in countless ways and leaves his own legacy of support for the many organizations and initiatives he has been involved with over the decades. We are eternally grateful for his expertise lent to the Jackson Center as a founding board member and in leadership roles on our Board of Directors from 2001 to 2016. During that time, 25 endowment funds were established at CRCF for the benefit of the Jackson Center. The net asset value of these funds collectively totaled $1,052,469 as of June 30, 2017. They will continue to support the Jackson Center’s important work on into the future. We thank Randy and the many generous donors who made these funds possible:

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The Jackson Center will host a community reception at the Jackson Center on Tuesday, December 12, 2017 to pay tribute to Randy and recognize his enormous contributions. If you would like to support the Jackson Center with your own gift in recognition of Randy’s great service, you may make a donation in his honor to the Robert H. Jackson Center, Inc. Endowment Fund, held at CRCF, or make a gift to the newest fund established for the benefit of the Jackson Center at CRCF, the “Robert H. Jackson/Randall J. Sweeney Education Fund”. Please call us if we can provide assistance with your gift intentions.
The 2016 Annual Fund Campaign “Robert H. Jackson: Now More Than Ever” was a major success due to the generosity of our donors. Our supporters made it possible for us to meet our goal for 2016 and deliver the kind of programming, exhibits and events you have grown to expect from the Robert H. Jackson Center. We cannot thank our donors enough for contributing toward our mission to advance the legacy of Justice Robert H. Jackson in ways that are meaningful and relevant to every generation. Please help us meet our 2017 Annual Fund Campaign goal by making or increasing your gift today. You can do so online at www.roberthjackson.org/support, by mailing a check payable to the Robert H. Jackson Center to 305 E. 4th St., Jamestown, NY 14701, or by calling 716-483-6646. Our ability to impact the future is made possible through your support!

2016 Interns

Historical Journey Offered to 1000+ Area Students

For a second year in a row, we brought Living Voices to present a total of six performances over two days in June to area school children in the Jackson Center’s Cappa Theatre. Living Voices combines dynamic solo performances with archival film and sound, turning history into a moving and personal journey. Two historical dramatizations, Through the Eyes of A Friend (young people during the Holocaust) and New American (immigrants arriving in New York City through Ellis Island), were featured. Nearly 1000 elementary and middle school students in person, and hundreds more via live-streaming to their classrooms, experienced a unique multi-media combination of theater, digital, and live interaction that creates a high impact experience and unforgettable journey through history. Overwhelming enthusiasm for this learning opportunity from students, teachers, and curriculum coordinators last year lead the Jackson Center to expand the offering from one to two days in 2017.

Youngest of “Little Rock Nine” Reaches Thousands of Students and Educators

Carlotta Walls LaNier was our featured speaker for the Jackson Center’s 13th annual Young Readers program in May. Each year, the Jackson Center brings a notable author to Jamestown to speak with area students and educators, and co-sponsors a student essay contest with the Law, Youth and Citizenship Program of the New York State Bar Association. Ms. LaNier shared her journey, as the youngest of the nine students who pioneered the integration of Little Rock High School 50 years ago, in person with 1500 students and educators, from 12 public schools, one independent school, and a number of home schooled students. Thousands more were reached via livestreaming to BOCES (NY) participating schools and to schools in neighboring Pennsylvania.

Carlotta Walls LaNier signs her book for John Felton of event sponsor Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union
Kudos to our 2017 College Interns!

Many thanks to Dr. Greg Rabb, Professor of Political Science at Jamestown Community College and SUNY Buffalo State for serving as our academic research coordinator for these fine students:

- Aaron Borger, Warren, PA, Pennsylvania State University, Rising Senior, Major: Psychology, Research focus: Jackson’s views on Executive Power
- Nicholas Cordova, Youngstown, OH, Waynesburg University, Rising Senior, Major: Political Science, Research focus: Jackson’s interpretation of the Fourteenth Amendment
- Michele Gerring, Jamestown, NY, University of Nebraska, Omaha, PhD student, Major: Public Administration, Experiential focus: nonprofit operations, grant writing, social media, and archival translations
- Cameron Hurst, Jamestown, NY, St. Bonaventure University, Rising Sophomore, Major: Journalism/Music, Research focus: Jackson’s beliefs on the First Amendment
- Abigail Johnson, Jamestown, NY, Allegheny College, Rising Junior, Major: International Studies, Research focus: A Jacksonian approach to modern day international law
- Alexis Ruedinger, Bemus Point, NY, Jamestown Community College, Jamestown, NY, Major: Undecided, Experiential focus: nonprofit administration

Read-In Features Family Activities and Story Time

The Jackson Center hosted a “Read-In” with activities and story times for children and their families in December 2016. Children and families learned about the concepts of the constitution, judicial system, and Supreme Court of the U.S. through story time readings of Marshall, the Courthouse Mouse: A Tail of the U. S. Supreme Court, written and illustrated by the award winning and bestselling writer/illustrator team of Peter and Cheryl Barnes. This delightful book follows the Supreme Court of the United Mice of America and its Chief Justice Marshall who, with his fellow mice justices, consider the constitutionality of a long-standing mouse law which requires mice to eat certain types of cheeses only on specific days of the week. This engaging tale, told in verse, introduces children to the Supreme Court of the U.S. in a fun and relatable way. Hands on activities included creating book marks, building mini ‘scales of justice’, and taking photos in our Supreme Court Justice Photo Booth. To support public library access to books for all students, the Jackson Center sought and received a generous grant from the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation in order to donate two copies of Marshall, The Courthouse Mouse to each of the thirty-eight library branches within the Chautauqua-Cattaraugus Library System. The book is a new entry to the system.
Local Historian and Author Updates Jackson in Jamestown Book

Local historian and author Helen G. Ebersole recently published a revised edition of her book *Off the Pedestal: Jackson in Jamestown 1909 – 1934*. The book offers a fascinating personal look at Justice Jackson, Chief Prosecutor at the principal trial against leaders of the Third Reich after World War II. Ms. Ebersole engaged in extensive research, using the Robert H. Jackson Center and Fenton History Center archives, to uncover intriguing aspects of Justice Jackson’s life in the Frewsburg and Jamestown area. Her book delves into how our local communities influenced Jackson to become an eloquent speaker and brilliant writer; and, what experiences helped shape his world view. The Jackson Center hosted a celebratory evening in January, beginning with a meet and greet reception with the author, including birthday cake to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Justice Jackson’s birth. Following the reception, the gathering moved to the Jackson Center’s Cappa Theatre, where Robert H. Jackson Center co-founder and board member, attorney Gregory L. Peterson, interviewed Ms. Ebersole about her work and research for the book and her experiences with those who knew Justice Jackson personally. Ms. Ebersole’s book is available for sale at the Jackson Center.

In September, 50+ community members gathered at the Jackson Center to “Meet Bob Jackson” and were treated to a historical dramatization created and presented by local theatrical performer Bob Terreberry. The imaginary scenario took the audience back in time to 1933, as “Jackson” answered questions posed by attendees about his life, career, and involvement in community organizations to date. Based on Ebersole’s recently updated book, this dramatization enables audience members to learn about Bob Jackson’s early years, professional, and community pursuits before his career took him to Washington, D.C.

Volunteer Spotlight: Mel Feather

Mel Feather has been a docent at the Jackson Center for five years. He is a graduate of Jamestown Community College and SUNY at Fredonia. He is retired from teaching history at Frewsburg Central School. For 34 years, he included Jackson in his teaching of the law, the Supreme Court, and the Nuremberg Military Tribunal after World War II. In addition to volunteering as a tour guide at the Jackson Center, Mel volunteers for many other organizations. He is president of the Board of Directors of Southern Chautauqua Federal Credit Union, president of the Board of Trustees at Myers Memorial Library in Frewsburg, Chairman of Trustees at Christ First United Methodist Church, and a trail guide at the Audubon Community Nature Center. A frequent traveler, Mel has led many student trips to Germany and other locations abroad, and joined the Jackson Center in Nuremberg in October 2016 for the 10th annual International Humanitarian Law Dialogs and the 70th anniversary of the conclusion of the Nuremberg Trial for which Jackson served as architect and Chief U.S. Prosecutor. Mel provides enlightening tours of the Jackson Center, expounding upon Jackson’s life and accomplishments and our unique historic facilities.
“A Loaded Weapon”-WW II Japanese American Internment Camp Exhibit Opened

Opened in June, this new exhibit entitled, “A Loaded Weapon: Photographic Perspectives on the Japanese American Internment Camps of World War II,” is part of the Jackson Center’s ongoing series of rotating exhibits exploring current events and challenges through the lens of Justice Jackson’s life and work. The exhibit examines the experience of the 120,000 Japanese Americans forced to leave their homes, businesses, careers, and friends and detained by Executive Order in ten internment camps across the U.S. following the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the United States’ entry into World War II. The exhibit features photographs of two distinctive photographers, Dorothea Lange and Ansel Adams, and examines how these two photographers, each with different perspectives, portrayed the evacuations and life within the internment camps. The exhibit also features the story of Fred Korematsu, a Japanese American who refused to comply with the Executive Order that authorized his evacuation and internment. Eventually, he was arrested and detained in one of the internment camps with his family. Attorneys for the American Civil Liberties Union argued Korematsu’s case in court several times, eventually reaching the Supreme Court; however, the Court upheld the Executive Order in a 6-3 decision. Justice Robert H. Jackson was one of the three dissenters. Korematsu, who died in 2005, visited the Robert H. Jackson Center in 2002. His Jackson Center interview is one of three videos featured in the exhibit.

Nine Key Exhibits Currently on Display:

Flags at Nuremberg – a depiction of a scene from Justice Jackson’s chambers in the Supreme Court

A Loaded Weapon: Photographic Perspectives on the Japanese American Internment Camps of World War II – includes 18 photographs by Ansel Adams and Dorothea Lange and three video interviews featuring Fred Korematsu and Kristy Yamaguchi

Jackson Timeline – a chronicle of Jackson’s life (1892-1954) and the Jackson Center’s founding (2001)

Say I Taught Thee: Mary R. Willard – an exhibit featuring Jackson’s high school teacher, mentor, and friend

Vintage WWII Poster Collection – 13 World War II era graphic design posters purchased by the donor in Paris where he served as a soldier at the close of World War II

Perpetrators – 38 lithographs by Sid Chafetz of individuals who carried out the policies of the Third Reich during World War II, the artist’s purpose being “to provoke the audience to think critically about the present by remembering a past when a single tyrant was joined by a cadre of men in perpetrating evil across the world”

Nuremberg Photographs – 18 photographs by Ray D’Addario, assigned by the Army Pictorial Service in 1945 to document the International Military Tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, of the judges, prosecutors, defendants, defense counsel, and the city of Nuremberg which had been destroyed by Allied bombing


U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice Signatures – a display of signatures of the 16 U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justices, to date
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Securing a solid base of endowment creates a “foundation for the future” on which to build sustainability for the Jackson Center. In addition to annual fund gifts, we ask supporters to consider also making an endowment gift to help ensure their impact continues to be felt through the work of the Jackson Center. Gifts may most readily be made to the established Robert H. Jackson Center Endowment Fund held at the Chautauqua Region Community Foundation. Alternatively, donors may wish to set up a named endowment fund for the benefit of the Robert H. Jackson Center at CRCF or a community foundation in their own area, such as the Erie Community Foundation, the Community Foundation of Warren County, or any number of other such foundations around the country. Please call us if you would like assistance with your endowment gift in support of the Jackson Center.
Jackson Center Notables and Friends Speak at Chautauqua Institution

John Q. Barrett, Professor of Law, St John’s University, Robert H. Jackson Center Elizabeth S. Lenna Fellow and board member, lectured at the Hall of Philosophy in July on “Robert H. Jackson and his Brethren.”


David M. Crane, Syracuse University College of Law, chief prosecutor of the Special Court of Sierra Leone, Jackson Center board member and former board chair, spoke at the Hall of Philosophy in July addressing Journalism and International Justice with Brian Rooney, television and newspaper journalist, winner of four Emmy Awards and two Edward R. Murrow Awards.
A Huge Thank You to Our Fabulous Cummins Volunteers!

Cummins employees lent their skill, abilities and expertise to the Jackson Center on two dates in July and September. We are grateful for their tireless efforts, relocating furniture, boxes and other materials in advance of our upcoming facilities renovations. These generous volunteers provided an invaluable resource, allowing our staff to focus on program development, project management, and strategic plan execution in support of our mission along with attending to our visitors and day to day operations.

Visitors are Always Welcome!

Come explore the enduring impact of Jamestown’s U.S. Supreme Court Justice! Tour the Jackson Center’s exclusive collections, exhibits, and facilities housed in an historic 1850s mansion. The center is open for self-guided, individual, and group tours Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:30pm, with docents available to lead tours and provide fascinating facts from 10am to 2pm. The center is also open on Saturdays from 10am to 2pm during summer months and otherwise by appointment. There is currently no entry fee. Voluntary donations are appreciated.

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