About the Center
The primary focus of the Jackson Family Center for Ethics & Values is to cultivate awareness throughout the academic and surrounding communities of the importance and lifelong rewards of personal and professional integrity. In order to achieve its goals, the Jackson Center sponsors four cornerstones: the Jackson Scholars, Junior Scholars, the Jackson Resource Center and Visiting Ethicists. The Center is guided by a director, assistant director, as well as a board of directors in order to recognize and celebrate the rich history and example of Mary Emily and Nelson Jackson and their family.

Mission Statement
The mission of The Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values is to create opportunities for open conversations about how ethics and values affect the individual, the university, the region and the world.

Vision Statement
The vision of The Jackson Family Center for Ethics and Values is to inspire individuals to make ethical and value based decisions, and thus live lives of courage, compassion and integrity.

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Events:
Fall 2013

Java Jabber:
2 events

**Topic:** Coddling Goes to College: Are Colleges Spoiling Their Students?
**Panelists:** Debbie Conner (VP of Student Affairs), Julinna Oxley (Director of Women and Gender Studies), Jeremy Griffin (English Department), Courtney Mullis (Jackson Scholar)
**Date:** Wednesday, August 28, 2013
**Venue:** Bryan Information Commons
**Attendance:** 46

**Topic:** College Life: Why Are Women More Successful Than Men in College?
**Panelists:** Jeremy Griffin (English Department), Heather Huffman (First Year Adviser), Joseph Fleming (Jackson Scholar), and Chrissie Kline (Student)
**Date:** Wednesday, October 9, 2013
**Venue:** Edwards 166
**Attendance:** 21

Overview:
The Java Jabber events during the fall 2013 semester were very successful as they facilitated great conversation between faculty, staff, students, and community members. The majority of the audience at both events was students and, both times, they gave much input on the given topic. The second event which garnered less attendance allowed for better open conversation because the same people were able to speak multiple times as opposed to students at the first event who, for the most part, gave input only once. This may have been due to the smaller
amount of people or the fact that there was a greater disagreement on the second topic. We received positive verbal feedback from students in attendance at both events. The most common of this feedback was that students enjoyed discussing a controversial topic in a safe and open forum. Our second event was written about in the school newspaper *The Chanticleer*.

**Tea & Ethics:**

3 events

**Topic:** “Friendship” in the Age of Social Media  
**Panelists:** Jennifer Boyle (English Department), Clay Craig (Communications Department), David Killoren (Jackson Fellow), Kara Olsen (Jackson Scholar)  
**Date:** Thursday, September 12, 2013  
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium  
**Attendance:** 23

**Topic:** Sex and College Life: Hooking Up, STDs, and Consent  
**Panelists:** Chris Donevant-Haines (Assistant Director of Counseling Services), Angie Fitzpatrick (Assistant Director of Women and Gender Studies), Kaitlyn Bailey (Student), O’Shay Scott (Student)  
**Date:** Thursday, October 31, 2013  
**Venue:** Wheelwright Auditorium  
**Attendance:** 547

**Topic:** Morality and Religion  
**Speaker:** David Killoren (Jackson Fellow)  
**Date:** Thursday, November 14, 2013  
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium  
**Attendance:** 24

**Overview:**

Our Tea & Ethics events in fall 2013 provided us with the greatest variety of all of our event series’. Our first event had low attendance but we believe this was in part because the topic of the event changed at the last minute. The topic was advertised on our event schedules as Sports Ethics but, because we could not fill our panel with knowledgeable participates due to the ongoing sports seasons, there was a last minute topic change. This caused confusion and last minute flyers which we believe to be the source of the low attendance. Our second event took place as part of Homecoming Week where students received Homecoming points for their teams if they attended our event. Because we knew this event would garner high student attendance, we chose a topic that we felt needed to be addressed amongst students.
Philosopher’s Corner:
3 events

- **Topic:** The Interspecies Killing Problem  
  **Speaker:** Molly Gardner (University of North Carolina)  
  **Date:** Thursday, September 26, 2013  
  **Venue:** Johnson Auditorium  
  **Attendance:** 43

- **Topic:** The Cognitive Enhancement of Non-Human Animals  
  **Speaker:** John Basl (Northeastern University)  
  **Date:** Tuesday, October 22, 2013  
  **Venue:** Johnson Auditorium  
  **Attendance:** 54

- **Topic:** A Virtue Theoretic Approach to Religious Epistemology  
  **Speaker:** Ben McCraw  
  **Date:** Friday, November 1, 2013  
  **Venue:** Edwards 101  
  **Attendance:** 10

Overview:
Our Philosopher’s Corner events were mostly attended by faculty from the Philosophy Department at CCU. Some of our greatest on-campus supporters are from this department so these events allow us to provide events that directly meet their interests. Not only does this strengthen our relationship with CCU’s Philosophy Department, but the feedback from the department on the speaker’s topic strengthens our relationship with the speaker. Several students also attended the events and found the topics to be interesting.
Spring 2014

Java Jabber:
2 events

**Topic:** College Life: How Dry and Smoke-Free Should Our Campus Be?
**Panelists:** Sherer Royce (Health Promotions Department), Mark Flynn (Communications Department), Kay Hungerford (Theatre Department) Jillian Ditch (CCU Student), Darcy Barr (Jackson Scholar)
**Date:** Wednesday, January 22, 2014
**Venue:** Bryan Information Commons
**Attendance:** 43

**Topic:** Online Ethics
**Panelists:** Jennifer Boyle (English Department), Corinne Dalelio (Communications Department), Kara Olsen (Jackson Scholar)
**Date:** Tuesday, March 18, 2014
**Venue:** Bryan Information Commons
**Attendance:** 46
Tea & Ethics:
3 events

**Topic:** Edward Snowden and the Ethics of Whistleblowing  
**Speaker:** Cynthia Storer (Former CIA analyst and current CCU lecturer)  
**Date:** Thursday, January 30, 2014  
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium  
**Attendance:** 41

**Topic:** Sun Tzu’s Art of War: What Does Ancient Chinese Thought Have to Do with Contemporary America?  
**Panelists:** Emily Crookston (Philosophy Department), Chanju Mun (Religious Studies Department), Ray Moye (English Department)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 5, 2014  
**Venue:** Wall Auditorium  
**Attendance:** 39

**Topic:** What is Wrong with Politics Today?  
**Speaker:** Emily Crookston (Philosophy Department), David Killoren (Jackson Fellow), Jonathan Trerise (Philosophy Department)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 26, 2014  
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium  
**Attendance:** 43

Philosopher’s Corner:  
2 events

**Topic:** Can Religious Faith Be Rational Given the Evils of History?  
**Speaker:** Robert Audi (John A. O’Brien Professor of Philosophy at the University of Notre Dame and former Jackson Center Visiting Ethicist)  
**Date:** Monday, March 17, 2014  
**Venue:** Johnson Auditorium  
**Attendance:** 187

**Topic:** What’s So Bad About Blackface?  
**Speaker:** Christy Mag Uidhir (University of Houston)  
**Date:** Wednesday, April 8, 2014  
**Venue:** Edwards Recital Hall  
**Attendance:** 33
Ethics & Religion:
4 events

**Topic:** The Life Stance of Humanism and Ethical Dilemmas  
**Speaker:** Michael Werner (Former American Humanist Association President)  
**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2014  
**Venue:** Lackey Chapel  
**Attendance:** 36

**Topic:** The Hindu View of Poverty in Terms of Duty and Reincarnation  
**Speaker:** Ron Green (Religious Studies Department)  
**Date:** Monday, February 24, 2014  
**Venue:** Lackey Chapel  
**Attendance:** 27

**Topic:** Buddhism, Wealth, and Poverty: Buying the Stairway to Nirvana  
**Speaker:** Chanju Mun (Religious Studies Department)  
**Date:** Monday, March 31, 2014  
**Venue:** Lackey Chapel  
**Attendance:** 41

**Topic:** St. Anthony, Poverty, and the Origins of Christian Monsticism  
**Speaker:** Jeffry Halverson (Religious Studies Department)  
**Date:** Monday, April 16, 2014  
**Venue:** Lackey Chapel  
**Attendance:** 24

Brown Bag Lunch: Ethics & Animals:  
3 events

**Topic:** Descartes  
**Moderator:** Eva Kort (Philosophy Department)  
**Date:** Tuesday February 11, 2014  
**Venue:** Edwards 101  
**Attendance:** 16

**Topic:** Locke  
**Moderator:** Eva Kort (Philosophy Department)  
**Date:** Tuesday March 4, 2014  
**Venue:** Edwards 101  
**Attendance:** 13
Topic: Kant
Moderator: Eva Kort (Philosophy Department)
Date: Tuesday April 1, 2014
Venue: Edwards 101
Attendance: 11

Plans for Fall 2014

August
8/20  Java Jabber: How to Survive the Trials and Tribulations of Freshman Year
8/26  Bridging Cultures: “When Asia Was the World” Book Discussion

September
9/9  Bridging Cultures: “How Arabic Science was Saved” Book Discussion
9/17 Tea & Ethics: Smartphone and Location Privacy
9/23 Bridging Cultures: “Culture of Tolerance in Spain” Book Discussion
9/25 Roundtable Discussion: Current Issues in the Middle East
October
10/1  Java Jabber: Is College Worth the Money?
10/7  Bridging Cultures: “Traveler and Scholar: Leo Africanus” Book Discussion
10/8  Roundtable Discussion: Current Issues in the Middle East
10/15 Philosopher’s Corner: Life on Other Planets: Philosophical Implications of Astrobiology
10/21 Bridging Cultures: “In an Antique Land” Book Discussion
10/23 Tea & Ethics: Is the University a Business?

November
11/6  Philosopher’s Corner: TBA
11/13 Tea & Ethics: Living Well: What Do Pleasure and Happiness have to do with it?

Jackson Scholars

2012 Class
Cheryl Anthony  Philosophy  Graduated May 2013
Amber Eckersley  History  Graduated May 2014
Miranda Frederick  Theater  Graduating May 2015
Kara Olsen  Communication  Graduated May 2014
Kaitlin Page  Political Science  Graduated May 2014
Caitlyn Rhodes  History  Graduated December 2013

2013 Class
Shelby Dangerfield  Musical Theater
Joseph Fleming  Political Science
Nicklaus McKinney  History
Courtney Mullis  English
Sarah Robinson  Early Childhood Education

2014 Class
Darcy Barr  Philosophy & Health Promotion
Suzanna Grindle  Theater
Korina Koci  Philosophy & Intelligence
Julietta Marks  Political Science
Meagan Sharp  Musical Theater
Breakdown of 2014 Jackson Scholar applicants:

- Juniors: 1 (non-traditional student)
- Sophomores: 7
- Freshman: 12
- COHFA majors: 7

Interviewed: 10 (6 COHFA majors)
Accepted: 5 (3 COHFA majors)

Jackson Center Conference

Thinking About Poverty in Horry County

The Jackson Family Center held its first community conference entitled “Thinking about Poverty in Horry County” on April 24 and 25, 2014. The main idea behind a community conference is to bring community members, faculty members, and students together to reflect on a topic that is important for Horry County and its citizens. “Our goal for these community conferences is to help establish connections between community stakeholders, academics and students and to encourage a public discourse that is open, interdisciplinary, and instrumental in advancing solutions to important social issues,” said Nils Rauhut in his opening remarks to the conference.

Daniel Hausman, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Madison presented the keynote address “Why Should we Care about Poverty?” This presentation was followed by a lively question and answer session and a reception in the Wall Board Room. Professor Jason Eastman from the CCU Sociology Department and Professor William Danaher from the College of Charleston provided an authentic musical frame for the reception by playing and singing songs by Woody Guthrie.

The second day of the conference featured a variety of panel discussions and academic papers. Professor Holley Tankersley and Professor Rob Salvino presented the session “Some Facts and Figures about Poverty in Horry County.” This was followed by the panel discussions “The Challenge of Poverty for Public Education in Horry County Schools,” “Homelessness in Horry County,” and “Fighting Illiteracy in Horry County.” Professor Jason Eastman led the session “The Past and Future of the Culture of Poverty Thesis” and the conference concluded with the session “Kirk vs. Spock on Charitable Giving,” which was presented by the Jackson Center Ethics Fellow, David Killoren.

The conference was attended by 153 visitors. Many of them were community members who had not been to the campus of Coastal Carolina University in years. Director Nils Rauhut said in this context: “Through the poverty conference we have succeeded in bringing new community members to our campus who were able to interact with faculty and students. This is exactly what we set out to do and I look forward to our next community conference in 2015.”

Conference Schedule

Thursday, April 24

4:30PM- 5:30PM  Keynote Address: “Why Should We Care About Poverty?”
Dr. Daniel Hausman, University of Wisconsin-Madison

5:30PM -6:30 PM:  Reception in Wall Board Room

Friday April 25

8:30 AM – 09:00 AM  Registration, Coffee and Refreshments in Foyer of the Johnson Auditorium
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<td><strong>Panel Discussion: The Challenge of Poverty for Public Education in Horry County</strong>&lt;br&gt;Panelists- Superintendent Dr. Cindy Elsberry and Chief Academic Officer, Cindy Ambrose&lt;br&gt;Counselors - Dr. Renn Dominguez and Mrs. Cookie Goings&lt;br&gt;Principals – Ms. Ann Hall and Mr. John Washburn</td>
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After School Ethics and Leadership Academy

The annual Junior Leadership and Ethics Academy was held February 19 until March 5, with 54 students from Conway, Loris, Whittemore Park and Ocean Bay middle schools participating. The academy gives promising sixth-grade students the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and to learn about ethics. During the leadership academy, the middle school students have the opportunity to interact with Jackson Scholars who serve as group discussion leaders. For many students, this is their first experience with college life.

This year’s academy featured three sessions which focused on three separate topics. The first session provided an introduction to the importance of character and virtue for future success. The second session, taught by Dr. Holley Tankersley, chair of CCU’s Department of Politics and Geography, focused on leadership. The final session gave junior leaders the opportunity to develop skills in discussing controversial questions.