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UPCOMING EVENTS

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FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES
TEA & ETHICS + PANEL DISCUSSION
JOHNSON AUDITORIUM, WALL 116

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FAITH WITH BENEFITS?
TEA & ETHICS + CHRISTIAN MILLER
WALL BOARDROOM, WALL 222

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE ETHICS OF FUTURE WARFARE
TEA & ETHICS + PANEL DISCUSSION
JOHNSON AUDITORIUM, WALL 116

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CAN VINDICTIVENESS BE A VIRTUE?
PHILOSOPHER’S CORNER + KEVIN GUILFOY
WALL BOARDROOM, WALL 222

November

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INTERFAITH DIALOGUE: THE STORY OF ABRAHAM
TEA & ETHICS + PANEL DISCUSSION
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A MESSAGE FROM
THE DIRECTOR

This academic year brought some unforeseen challenges. After the departure of Brian Edgerton as assistant director in January, we have not been able to immediately rehire a replacement. We hope to do so during the summer months of 2017. Naturally, we had to change our mode of operations. However, Kaitlyn Powalie, a Jackson Scholar alumna, signed on as a student worker and helped the center accomplish its goals during the spring semester. Ethics Fellow Dave Holiday also took on additional duties and helped fill the void that was created by Brian’s departure. Thank you Kaitlyn and Dave for stepping up and going beyond the call of duty!

Our annual After School Ethics and Leadership Academy for rising sixth-graders attracted 49 students from seven different middle schools in Horry County, including Aynor, Conway, St. James, Ocean Bay, Forestbrook, Whittemore Park and Black Water Middle. The theme of this year’s academy was sustainability. Professor Till Hanebuth from the Department of Marine Science was a guest speaker, and the CCU Office of Sustainability helped us organize the campus tour.

This year’s visiting ethicist was Professor Mark LeBar from Florida State University who gave a memorable lecture on the topic “Equality as an Ideal.” In addition, LeBar met with the Jackson Scholars. As a result of that meeting, several Jackson Scholars will attend a weeklong seminar in Prague (Czech Republic) during the summer of 2017.

The center also continues to strengthen our connections to the wider community. In the spring, the Jackson Center worked closely with the Coastal Samaritan Counseling Center to help select this year’s Business Ethics Award winners. We look forward to continuing our work with the Samaritan Counseling Center.

I am fortunate to be in the position to guide the Jackson Center during a time when so many opportunities are available. I am aware, however, that none of the exciting developments could take place without the continued generous support of the Jackson Family. I want to express my deep-felt gratitude for the support the center has received. I am confident we will see continued growth and success of the center in the coming years.

Best wishes,
Nils Rauhut
Director
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Race in the Classroom

The Tea and Ethics discussion “Race in the Classroom” continued a Jackson Center tradition of organizing campus talks about controversial topics that are important for a vibrant campus life. Professors Christian Smith, Emma Howes and Tripti Pillai (Department of English); Jackson Scholars Krystina Millar and Taylor Gresham; and Assistant Director of Multicultural Student Services Franklin Ellis discussed their experiences with race while teaching or taking classes at Coastal Carolina University. The discussion generated a lively response to the sensitive issues of race and racism in classrooms and many other campus settings from the 80 students, faculty and community members who participated.

Left to right: Christian Smith, Emma Howes, Tripti Pillai, Krystina Millar, Taylor Gresham, Franklin Ellis

The Ethics of Buddhism

On Thursday, March ‘16, Ron Green of the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies presented a Tea and Ethics discussion on “Ethics of Buddhism.” He compared Buddhism to other world religions such as Catholicism and Islam. Topics included the denial of bodily pleasures and modesty. The presentation prompted open discussion of Buddhist ideals between the 45 students, faculty and community members who were present.
The Scholars Present Undergraduate Research

Each year, Coastal Carolina University hosts an Undergraduate Research Competition. This year's event took place on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, and Wednesday, April 12, 2017. There were more than 68 students across many disciplines who shared oral presentations and 41 students who shared poster presentations. Jackson Scholars Carlie Todd and Yaicha Ocampo submitted their research abstracts and were invited to share oral presentations in their respective fields of study: history, intelligence and national security studies, English, and philosophy.

Carlie Todd presented a study of how gender concepts were altered through women's involvement in the world wars. Her work was titled “The ‘Subtle Change in the Wind’: The Lives and Influence of GI Jane and Rosie the Riveter.” Her faculty mentor was Maggi Morehouse (history). Todd is a junior, double-majoring in history and intelligence and national security studies at CCU.

Yaicha Ocampo presented on expressions of faith in the military. Her oral presentation, “Dishonored Rights in the Military,” explored tensions between the freedom to express religious beliefs and strict military appearance codes, and their possible resolution. Her faculty mentors were Amy Tully (associate dean, music), and David Holiday (Jackson Center, philosophy and religious studies). Ocampo is a sophomore English and philosophy major with a minor in women's and gender studies at Coastal Carolina University.
Mark LeBar is a professor in the Department of Philosophy at Florida State University. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of Arizona; M.A. from the University of Washington; MBA from Pepperdine University and B.A. from Westmont College. LeBar has conducted research in moral philosophy, social and political philosophy, ancient Greek philosophy, philosophy of law, and applied ethics. He has written on many topics, most notably equality and public policy and the value of living well.

On Thursday, March 30, 2017, LeBar spoke about equality as an ideal. He highlighted previous and past philosophical theories of equality and argued that much of what we consider to be a problem is rather a concern about other things, for example, poverty. LeBar defended a theory of moral equality in which we all deserve to be treated in a morally equal way. This Tea and Ethics event generated many engaging questions and afterthoughts. We were thankful to have LeBar join us and share his work here at Coastal Carolina University.
Agrarian Ethics: Perspectives and Prospects

The Jackson Family Center was eager to join with CCU’s Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies to host “Agrarian Ethics” on Feb. 15, 2017. This event consisted of an interdisciplinary panel that discussed the norms, values and practices of land cultivation, animal husbandry and global food distribution. Panelists included Dennis Earl from the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, Dan Abel from the Department of Marine Science, Alan Todd from the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, and Julinna Oxley from the Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies. The presentation cultivated discussions among the 100 faculty, students and community members who attended about how current agricultural methods can be improved.

Can Virtue Be Taught?

As a part of the center’s Tea and Ethics series, the session “Can Virtue Be Taught?” featured CCU faculty members, athletes, students and administrators. The following questions were discussed: Are programs for teaching virtues effective? Are they realistic? Are students’ moral characters improving as a result? The following three CCU faculty members were on the panel for this discussion: George Glenn, chief of staff for football; Jamie McAllister Deitrick, assistant professor of kinesiology; and Edward Jadallah, dean of the Spadoni College of Education and vice president for Online Education and Teaching Excellence. CCU Trustee Oran Smith joined the CCU faculty on the panel. One hundred and twenty members of our campus and extended community attended.
Mark Rogers presents: Can Art Help Create a Better Society?

The center’s final Tea and Ethics session of the semester was a presentation and discussion led by visiting speaker Mark Rogers. Rogers is the principal of the Clapham Group, a creative consulting business which aims to use the arts as a vehicle for caring, conservative activism on social justice issues. This position has involved him in collaborations with highly influential contemporary artists such as Bono and Martin Scorsese. Rogers gave an engaging lecture and audio-visual presentation that explored the ways in which a positive cultural and social vision can be communicated through popular culture. In particular, he focused on possible tensions between truth, goodness, and beauty in drama and music, and their potential to yield genuinely transformative ethical experiences when harmoniously aligned. A lively discussion, led by questions from Coastal students, followed. Fifty-five members of the University and surrounding communities attended.
“I loved the ethics academy because I don’t interact with kids much, and it gave me a great opportunity to talk about ethics and values, especially regarding sustainability, with kids. I was blown away by how interested and engaged the kids were in learning about how to protect the environment. The ethics academy also helped me recognize some of my shortcomings when it comes to living a sustainable lifestyle.”

~ Krystina Millar
Jackson Scholar 2017-2019
This year’s Ethics Academy began on Jan. 30, 2017. Over the following three Mondays, rising sixth-graders came from all over Horry County to Coastal Carolina to discuss the ethics of sustainability. The participating middle schools included Aynor, Conway, St. James, Ocean Bay, Forestbrook, Whittemore Park and Blackwater. Each group of students had been nominated by the faculty at their school as having qualities of leadership and strong moral character. The students were led by the members of the Jackson Family Center. On their last day at the Ethics and Leadership Academy, the students enjoyed a campus tour and were presented with a certificate of completion.

“The kids were very well behaved and seemed eager to learn about sustainability. As far as my experience, I enjoyed listening to how they were applying what they learned to their everyday lives, influencing both their families and friends.”

~ Jason Renne
Jackson Scholar 2016-2018

Guest speaker Professor Till Hanebuth from the Department of Marine Science presents on sustainability.
Graduating Scholars

My experience in the Jackson Scholar program was one that has taught me the fundamentals of ethics and has also taught me how to articulate my beliefs on different ethical questions. I appreciate this program for that and more.

~Austin Nichols

My time in the Jackson Center has been one of profound personal and interpersonal growth. The center makes up a large part of the memories that I have made here at Coastal. I am beyond grateful to the professors who encouraged me to apply and to the Jackson Family for taking the time to afford us students such rich and inspiring opportunities.

~Kaitlyn Powalie
2017-2019 JACKSON SCHOLARS

**Sonja Bayer**
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**Brittany Colston**
Durham, N.C.
Finance

**Rachael Cormier**
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Exercise and Sport Science

**Kaitlyn Dallis**
Murrells Inlet, S.C.
Communication

**Taylor Gresham**
Upper Marlboro, Md.
Hospitality, Resort and Tourism Management

**Joshua Jenkins**
Summerville, S.C.
Biology

**Krystina Millar**
Murrells Inlet, S.C.
Sociology

**Madison Nowlin**
Davidson, N.C.
Intelligence and National Security Studies

**Jeannette Pryor**
Sumter, S.C.
Graphic Design

**Emily Thibeault**
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Communication

**Heather Wozniak**
Murrells Inlet, S.C.
Information Systems
The Scholars Attend the Seventh Annual WIPL Conference

On Feb. 8, 2017, a group of current Jackson Scholars and Jackson Scholar alumni attended the seventh Annual Women’s Leadership Conference. This is the third year that the Jackson Scholars have attended the conference. The event is hosted each spring by Women in Philanthropy and Leadership at CCU and it strives to bring together successful and influential women from all different backgrounds to provide them with development and empowerment. This year’s speakers included authors Julissa Arce and Samantha Ettus; former president of McDonald’s USA Jan Fields; co-founders of Nailing Hollywood Management Inc. Vanessa Gualy and Jenna Hipp; and vice president of global audit services, Wal-Mart Stores Inc., Lynnette Richmann. For more details about presenters and information, go to: coastal.edu/wipl/wiplconference.

“This is my second year attending the Women in Leadership and Philanthropy Conference, and it has become a source of inspiration for me. To be in a room full of powerful women gives me the motivation to continue working hard, especially in the face of adversity.”

~Yaicha Ocampo, Jackson Scholar 2016-2018