Jackson Leadership Fellows take on Washington, D.C.

The Jackson Foundation’s Board of Governors several years ago made it a top priority to reach out to the next generation and ensure that young people understood the values that Senator Jackson embodied. Stemming from that mandate, the Foundation developed the Jackson Leadership Fellows Program, a nine-month curriculum for young professionals in the Pacific Northwest. We have just concluded our inaugural year with a culminating site visit to Washington, DC, to showcase the Fellows, introduce them to East Coast Board members, meet with the Washington State Delegation, and have them interact with other key policy leaders in their fields.

The 2016 Fellows are an extraordinary group—ranging in age from 23–40—who immediately grasped the essence of the Jackson legacy. When featured at a public forum at the Woodrow Wilson Center produced with Roger-Mark De Souza, Director of Population, Environmental Security, and Resilience, the Fellows were eloquent as to what they had learned about themselves as leaders. Laura Stewart said, “Your voice matters. Your voice is a necessary part of the conversation.” Tamara Power-Drutis emphasized that for her, “The Jackson legacy resonated around dialogue as an imperative.” Tom Bugert stressed that integrity, respect, and diligence were the qualities that he took away as central. He also noted “the responsibility to help unlock other voices toward a community dialogue.” Laura added, “You have to breech the uncomfortable conversations’ to get work done.

In the brief but packed agenda in Washington, Fellows had substantive discussions with Members of Congress, including Senators Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, and a glimpse into what motivates and inspires those who knew Senator Jackson well. They asked hard questions about leadership and values. They were joined in meetings by Jackson Foundation staff, Foundation Vice President Craig Gannett, and Secretary Anna Marie Laurence, who provided perspectives and insights on Senator Jackson from their own personal experiences.

We began this program because we believe that Senator Jackson’s values transcend the man and can translate to a generation of young people who did not know him. Our time with this group of leaders reaffirmed this belief. They embraced his principles and will carry on his work. We plan to stay connected with them in meaningful ways as we also look ahead to the 2017 incoming class.

The eight Fellows spent the year in monthly trainings on leadership, conversations with community leaders, and participation in Foundation events. Each was paired with a mentor. They also worked on an individual project that stemmed from their own work or a personal interest. To read about the Fellows’ individual projects and to watch video interviews about their experiences, go to the Foundation’s website at hmjackson.org and click on the Leadership Fellows tab.
Welcome to the special Annual Report issue of our newsletter.

Even in these challenging times, we have been greatly encouraged by our new program working with the Jackson Leadership Fellows—our next generation leadership project. They are such an engaged, vibrant and intellectually curious cohort! In this newsletter you’ll read about the productive trip they took to Washington, DC. They have absorbed the lessons of leadership provided by Senator Jackson and are ready to take on the world—and they have the selfies to prove it!

Equally important is our work on Russia. We’ve had a number of programs this spring on the current state of affairs in Russia, which is increasingly authoritarian. In today’s issue we’ve written about a conference which featured some of the best and the brightest young political activists who are struggling to create a democratic future in Russia.

We are proud to support these other initiatives in the Jackson tradition and hope to hear from you with your comments.

Lara Iglitzin
Executive Director

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**Millennials call for inclusion and greater diversity in American politics**

The Jackson Foundation joined forces in a new partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate to hold a first-ever youth town hall event in May in Boston, Massachusetts. Designed to engage the millennial generation in the political process and the current presidential election, the event showcased the Kennedy Institute’s remarkable full-scale replica of the U.S. Senate Chamber.

Mrs. Vicki Kennedy, President of the Institute’s Board and the Senator’s widow, and John Hempelmann, the Foundation’s President, offered welcoming remarks. Both highlighted the special relationship between Senators Jackson and Kennedy and the manner in which each man valued colleagues and worked to pass important legislation during their years in the Senate.

The two excellent young moderators, Lauren Dezenski from Politico and Mike Deehan of WGBH News, deftly got the crowd to discuss the interactive survey of views of the political landscape.

The diverse audience, made up of young people from colleges and programs throughout the Boston area, shared their opinions. At times they seemed to reflect some of the well-known stereotypes of their generation—

> “Ted Kennedy and Scoop Jackson served together in the United States Senate for twenty years. They hailed from different coasts, they shared many views, and they respectfully differed on others. I do believe they would love this collaboration.”

– Vicki Kennedy

they want their voices to be valued and heard. They feel optimistic about the future, but cynical about politics. They have a fresh, unadulterated take on society and are not afraid to speak up. Various audience members expressed support for each of the major presidential candidates. A common thread throughout the discussion was the desire for more diversity in American political life, including bringing in the younger generation. According to one participant, “Our view of how we see the world is legitimate—we are not just an age group.”
The Jackson Foundation has continued to explore the challenges for democratic civil society in Russia under President Vladimir Putin. At a June event in Washington, DC, a dynamic group of activists—many of whom have been forced into involuntary exile from Russia—discussed the current state of affairs. Panelists included current and former Russian State parliament members, political opposition leaders, exiled journalists, and American analysts. Lara Iglitzin, the Foundation’s Executive Director, moderated a panel assessing threats and opportunities in Putin’s Russia, in which panelists described the difficulties of making any headway in an electoral and political system controlled and manipulated by Putin. Ilya Yashin, Deputy Chairman of the opposition Parnas political party, said that Putin’s methods include removing the most powerful candidates who could inspire political opposition—and he named the well-known cases of those who are imprisoned, facing charges, or forced to flee the country, culminating in the murder of the leading liberal politician, Boris Nemtsov. “We can’t change Putin’s system with Putin’s elections,” Yashin argued. “Nevertheless we should take part, but we should also think about how to change the system.”

Ilya Ponomarev, a Russian parliament Deputy until he was removed from his post on June 13, 2016, now lives outside of Russia out of fear for his safety and potential incarceration. Ponomarev lamented what he saw as the lack of a “unifying vision” of the opposition that would inspire an anti-Putin movement. “Ideas drive society and motivate people,” Ponomarev said. “It is not enough to be anti-Putin, or even anti-corruption. We need to find and promote new values that people can rally around,” Ponomarev concluded.

The ability for technology and innovation to drive democratic change emerged as an important theme. Many activists both within Russia and living in exile view the Russian diaspora tech community as a bright spot for potential leadership going forward. “Everyone else is compromised,” one speaker said, and the Russian people need to have models of successful, creative, professional people to look up to. Furthermore, the Russian state has tried to control the flow of information—social media and the internet—and while it has closed down many free press outlets, it has not succeeded in shutting down information. “The internet law [promulgated by the Russian government] has failed spectacularly,” said investigative journalist Andrei Soldatov, an expert on state control over the digital space. “The Kremlin uses intimidation—criminal investigations, surveillance, and censorship—but technology can still be an effective tool, particularly during a crisis.”

How can the West be supportive? “Global tech companies refused to comply with Russian government attempts to censor them,” said Anton Merkurov, a leading specialist on new media now living in London. “When the Russian government pressured Wikipedia, threatening a ban, and Wikipedia did not back down, the Russian government banned the site—for two hours.” “The more you try to ban, the more people will use circumvention tools,” he and others predicted.

Participants found some optimism in the vibrant and active Russian diaspora community in eventually seeing a time when Russia is free. “There are two Russias now: one, smart, educated, with a passport, Apple gadgets, using Facebook; and another, without a passport, who watches Putin-controlled State television, and is brainwashed. Our challenge is to figure out a way to reach and influence this second audience,” one panelist argued.

The Jackson Foundation worked with the Free Russia Foundation to develop this program as part of its continued interest in civil society and political reform in today’s Russia.
The Henry M. Jackson Foundation is a public charity. As of fiscal year-end 2015, total assets were $14.5 million, built over the years by private contributions from donors and a generous Congressional appropriation. The Foundation’s assets decreased $1.2 million during fiscal year 2015 primarily as a result of unrealized losses on investments. Liabilities at year end include grants payable of $161,750 and other accrued expenses of $21,352. A summary of assets and liabilities of the Foundation over the last five years is shown below (Figure 1).

Revenue for the year includes contributions from private donors for the Jackson Leadership Fellows program ($90,000), general operating donations ($10,503) and earned investment income ($1,001,692). This income was reduced by unrealized market losses of $1,295,409. Total expenses of $989,622 include grantmaking and program activities, and operating and fundraising expenses (Figure 2). Net loss for fiscal year 2015 was $1,182,836. The Foundation’s financial statements are audited on an annual basis by independent auditors and are available from the Foundation upon request.

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**Total Assets and Liabilities by Year**

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*Unaudited Summary*
The Henry M. Jackson Foundation was founded in 1983 to continue the unfinished work of the late Senator Henry M. “Scoop” Jackson in the areas in which he played a key leadership role: international affairs education, human rights, environment and natural resources management, and public service. Through its grantmaking and strategic initiatives, the Foundation seeks to make a lasting impact and perpetuate the Jackson legacy for the benefit of future generations. Strategic initiatives address critical and timely needs, and leverage additional resources for issues that are central to the Jackson legacy by:

- partnering with other organizations;
- convening leaders in the field from nonprofit, foundation and government sectors;
- providing opportunities for public dialogue; and
- organizing forums for in-depth analysis on critical and timely issues.

Participation in strategic initiatives is primarily conducted on an invitation-only basis; however, interested individuals may contact the Foundation’s program officer to discuss potential partnership ideas that are consistent with Foundation interests and priorities.

In fiscal year 2014-15, the Foundation committed $256,107 for new grants and strategic initiatives, and paid $129,150 in prior year commitments.

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<td><strong>Jackson Legacy Video Project</strong> Seattle, WA</td>
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- Barbara Fudge & Jere Bacharach
- Cynthia & Craig Gannett
- Shirley Goldstein
- Slade Gorton
- Carol & Andrew Harris
- Edie Hilliard & Herb Bridge
- Eileen & David Hillson
- Mary S. Humelsine
- Ann Kalberg
- Phyllis R. Kiehn
- Ann & Jeffrey Kinard
- Anna Marie & Daniel Laurence
- Sue Long
- Mary Ann & John Mangels
- Rhoda & Nelson Marans
- Keith Martin
- Irene & Egon Marx
- Katherine Savers McGovern
- Diane & John Merkel
- Sandra & Denny Miller
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- Joel Sherman
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- Susan Wickwire & Karl Cherepanya
- Linda Mason Wilgis & Herbert E. Wilgis III
- J. Karyl Winn
- Ann Wyckoff

## Organizations
- Jewish Federation of Cleveland (recommended by Albert B. Ratner)
- United Way of the Capital Region

## In Memoriam
- Debra Munro
- by Jenn & Mark Edwards
- by Margaret & Andrew Schwartz
- D. Michael Harvey
- by Benjamin S. Cooper
Experts team up to counter Russian propaganda

Earlier this year, the Jackson Foundation and Human Rights First convened a group of experts and scholars in New York to discuss where and why Russia’s influence across Europe is taking hold. Speakers made concrete recommendations for the U.S. and EU governments on ways to impede growing Russian influence.

Following up on that program, the Foundation and Human Rights First hosted an interactive, pragmatic seminar at Stanford University’s Law School to examine Russia’s sway on far-right groups in Europe and to develop solutions to hinder the proliferation of hatred. Unfortunately, Russian propaganda and disinformation is working; it is deeply emotional and effectively whips up a climate of hate. The “traditional values” narrative that Russia promotes internally and externally plays to such emotions. During the discussion, participants shared expertise and worked together in small groups to determine actionable ideas and policy recommendations on how to counter Russia’s propaganda and exploitation of societal fears and divisions, including using technology-driven solutions.

Save the Date

November 29, 2016, 7 pm
The Jackson Foundation will host University of Washington President Ana Mari Cauce as the next Henry M. Jackson / William Van Ness Lecturer on Leadership. Please mark your calendars to join us for this special event at UW in Seattle.

Photo courtesy of University of Washington