

Jeff Shesol's Jackson Lecture & Supreme Court Week at Chautauqua Institution, August 2010

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On behalf of [Chautauqua Institution](#) and the [Robert H. Jackson Center](#), I am pleased to announce that historian, presidential speechwriter and author Jeff Shesol will deliver Chautauqua Institution's sixth annual Robert H. Jackson Lecture on the Supreme Court of the United States. Jeff Shesol will give the Jackson Lecture on Wednesday, August 18, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. in Chautauqua's Hall of Philosophy.

[Jeff Shesol](#) is author of this year's widely acclaimed book SUPREME POWER: FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT VS. THE SUPREME COURT (W.W. Norton). SUPREME POWER tells, in gripping prose based on deep, new and likely definitive research, the story of the Supreme Court aggressively interpreting the Constitution during the mid-1930s to invalidate many New Deal laws, President Roosevelt responding in 1937 with his call for "Court-packing" legislation, the battles over that proposal, its ultimate defeat and, in the process, FDR's success in bringing the Court back to the Constitution and constitutional interpretation into the modern era. SUPREME POWER is both vital history and a deeply contemporary book—for anyone who seeks to be engaged with public life in the United States, it is a must-read. For more information about Jeff Shesol, [click here](#). To buy a copy of SUPREME POWER, [click here](#).

Chautauqua Institution, a special venue of arts, education and recreation in western New York State, was a very significant part of Robert Jackson's life, his broad and self-directed education, his public speaking training and experiences, and his thinking.

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The Jackson Lecture at Chautauqua Institution is a leading annual consideration of the Supreme Court, on which Justice Jackson served from 1941-1954, in the weeks following the completion of its annual Term. Chautauqua's Jackson Lecturers have been:

- 2005: [Professor Geoffrey R. Stone](#), University of Chicago;
- 2006: [Linda Greenhouse](#), THE NEW YORK TIMES;
- 2007: [Seth P. Waxman](#), WilmerHale and former Solicitor General of the United States;
- 2008: [Jeffrey Toobin](#), staff writer at *The New Yorker* magazine, CNN senior legal analyst, and author of *THE NINE: INSIDE THE SECRET WORLD OF THE SUPREME COURT*; and
- 2009: [Paul D. Clement](#), King & Spalding and former Solicitor General of the United States.

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This summer, Jeff Shesol's Jackson Lecture at Chautauqua Institution will be an extraordinary event in its own right. It also will set the stage for further, multi-faceted considerations during the following week of the Supreme Court of the United States. The week—Week Nine, the final week, of Chautauqua's summer season—will feature morning lectures on the Supreme Court, afternoon lectures on issues of justice, personal rights and Supreme Court history, and other special programming. The speakers will be:

Monday, August 23, 2010

- 10:45 a.m.: Academic Associate Dean [Elizabeth Magill](#), University of Virginia School of Law
- 2:00 p.m.: Professor [Michael Klarman](#), Harvard Law School

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

- 10:45 a.m.: [Lisa S. Blatt](#), Arnold & Porter
- 2:00 p.m.: Professor [Katherine M. Franke](#), Columbia Law School

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

- 10:45 a.m.: [Theodore B. Olson](#), Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher
- 2:00 p.m.: Professor [Richard H. Pildes](#), New York University School of Law
- 4:00 p.m.: Professor [John Q. Barrett](#), St. John's University School of Law
- 8:15 p.m.: Justice [Sandra Day O'Connor](#), Associate Justice (Retired), Supreme Court of the United States

Thursday, August 26, 2010

- 10:45 a.m.: Vice Dean [Barry Friedman](#), New York University School of Law
- 2:00 p.m.: Professor [Ronald J. Allen](#), Northwestern University School of Law
- 3:30 p.m.: Dean [Ken Gormley](#), Duquesne University School of Law

Friday, August 27, 2010

- 10:45 a.m.: [Adam Liptak](#), Supreme Court correspondent, THE NEW YORK TIMES
- 2:00 p.m.: [Paul D. Clement](#), King & Spalding