

Melissa Murray's Jackson Lecture at Chautauqua Institution

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On Thursday, July 22, 2021, Melissa Murray, Professor of Law at New York University, was Chautauqua Institution's 17th annual Robert H. Jackson Lecturer on the Supreme Court of the United States.

Because of the pandemic, this year's Jackson "lecture" occurred online, in the format of Professor Murray speaking with me, followed by her answers to audience questions.

For video of the program, in which Professor Murray discussed the U.S. Supreme Court, the Justices, and some leading decisions from the Court's most recent term, [click here](#).



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Melissa Murray is the Frederick I. and Grace Stokes Professor of Law at New York University, where she teaches constitutional law, family law, criminal law, and reproductive rights and justice. Her writing has appeared in a range of legal and lay publications, including the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Yale Law Journal*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Nation*. Prior to joining the NYU Law faculty, Murray was the Alexander F. and May T. Morrison Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, where she received the law school's Rutter Award for Teaching Distinction, the Association of American Law School's Derrick A. Bell Award, and, from March 2016 to June 2017, served as interim dean of the law school. Murray serves as a legal analyst for MSNBC and is a co-host of [Strict Scrutiny](#), a podcast about the U.S. Supreme Court and the legal culture that surrounds it. A graduate of the University of Virginia and Yale Law School, Murray clerked for Sonia Sotomayor when she was a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, and for Stefan Underhill of the U.S. District Court for the District of Connecticut. She is a member of the American Law Institute and the New York bar.

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Chautauqua Institution's Robert H. Jackson Lecture is named in honor of the former Chautauquan, Jamestown lawyer, New Dealer, U.S. Solicitor General, U.S. Attorney General, U.S. Supreme Court justice, and Nuremberg chief prosecutor.

The Jackson Lecture at Chautauqua Institution is a leading expert's annual consideration of the U.S. Supreme Court, its Justices, signal decisions, and related topics in the weeks following the completion of the Supreme Court's annual Term.

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- 2005: Geoffrey R. Stone, University of Chicago professor;

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- 2006: Linda Greenhouse, *New York Times* journalist and Yale University lecturer and research scholar;
- 2007: Seth P. Waxman, WilmerHale partner and former U.S. Solicitor General;
- 2008: Jeffrey Toobin, CNN senior legal analyst;
- 2009: Paul D. Clement, Kirkland & Ellis partner and former U.S. Solicitor General;
- 2010: Jeff Shesol, historian, communications strategist, and former White House speechwriter;
- 2011: Dahlia Lithwick, senior editor at *Slate*;
- 2012: Pamela Karlan, Stanford University professor;
- 2013: Charles Fried, Harvard University professor and former U.S. Solicitor General;
- 2014: Akhil Reed Amar, Yale University professor;
- 2015: Laurence H. Tribe, Harvard University professor;
- 2016: Tracey L. Meares, Yale University professor.
- 2017: Judge Jon O. Newman, U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit;
- 2018: Justice Rosalie Silberman Abella, Supreme Court of Canada;
- 2019: Donald B. Verrilli, Jr., Munger, Tolles & Olson partner and former U.S. Solicitor General;
- 2020: Ruth Marcus, Deputy Editorial Page Editor, *The Washington Post*; and, now,

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- 2021: Melissa Murray, New York University professor.