

ADVANCING HUMAN RIGHTS AT HOME FUND

Peter Hardin Jackson and Laurie Ann Werner have established the Advancing Human Rights at Home Fund to support the University of Washington's Center for Human Rights in their work focused on human rights in the U.S. The Center was established by an initiative of the Washington state legislature in 2009, with a hands-on research mission and in partnership with organizations on the front lines of global human rights struggles. It is the only university-based human rights organization in the nation with a legal mandate to catalyze collaboration between academic researchers and frontline human rights advocates.

Peter has been an avid supporter of the Center since before its inception and participated in the process to create the Center, helping to usher it through the legislative process in partnership with UW professors and staff. He served as the first president of the Center's advisory board, and actively promoted the work done over the past ten years since the Center's creation. In recent years the work has evolved beyond research related to human rights violations internationally to also look closer at home, such as research related to immigrant rights in Washington state to support community partners as they work to address inequities and abuses.

And this work has made tangible impact: in response to community advocacy drawing on our research, in April 2019 King County decided to stop all deportation flights at its public airport, becoming the first locality in the nation to take this step; and in March 2020, the WA state legislature passed a law banning civil immigration enforcement at courthouses in our state.

Peter and Laurie have created this fund to support any work done by the Center staff and students to further the pursuit of justice and equality for all who live within our borders. They believe deeply in the significance and importance of this type of academic research, student education, and community engagement to further the truth and make significant contributions to the work to make fundamental changes in our world, and in our country and region.

Peter Hardin Jackson was born in Washington, D.C., with close ties to the Pacific Northwest through his family (his father was Senator Henry M. Jackson). He graduated from St. Albans School in Washington D.C., attended the University of Washington, and then graduated from Georgetown University with a degree in government. Peter dedicated his life to writing, including in the 2000s working as the speechwriter for Govs. Gary Locke and Christine Gregoire. He was the editorial page editor at The Daily Herald in Everett, Washington, and a regular contributor to the Seattle-based, online-only enterprise, Crosscut.com. He wrote the Daily Scan, a compendium of local news, as well as original stories on local, state and national politics for Crosscut. For five consecutive years, he won awards for online commentary or editorial writing from the NW chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists. He was a VISTA Volunteer in Port Townsend, WA, after college and served for 8 years as a Commissioner on the Washington Commission for National and Community Service. Jackson sat on the Advisory Board of the University of Washington Center for Human Rights and was a board member of the North Cascades Institute and HistoryLink.org.

Laurie Ann Werner was born in Casper, Wyoming, and grew up in Idaho. She graduated from Whitworth University with degrees in sociology and religion, and then spent two years working with orphaned and abandoned children in Central America. She moved to Seattle in 2000 to attend the Evans School at the University of Washington and graduated in 2002 with her master's in public administration with a focus

on international development and non-profit management. Since that time, she has focused her career on seeking sustainable solutions to global poverty and health. She has experience in a variety of areas of international development, including holistic community development, global health, land ownership, agriculture, microfinance, and gender issues. Laurie served in the leadership of Agros International, as Director of Program and a member of the Executive Leadership Team. She led a multi-faceted program across multiple countries, managing the program implementation and operations in five country offices in Central America and Mexico. She then moved to work at the global health organization, PATH, in 2011 and is the Director Program of PATH's Center of Digital and Data Excellence. She leads a portfolio of work focused on improving data collection, quality and use for better decision-making around health service delivery in African countries, among other digital and data work at PATH. Laurie was a board member for the Krista Foundation of Global Citizenship for many years.