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## ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

**Sixty years** after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, what could *possibly* remain to be learned?

As it happens, quite a lot.

Even as the U.S. government continues to withhold files scheduled for release in 2017 and the mainstream media persists in disparaging those pursuing an answer to this mystery as “conspiracy theorists,” independent researchers around the world – including scientists, physicians, attorneys, educators and investigative journalists – are advancing lines of research ranging from criminalistic analysis of events in Dealey Plaza to Oswald’s intelligence connections to pedagogical and media strategies, and beyond.

Now, in keeping with a tradition initiated on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the assassination in 2003 and perpetuated on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, the Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law, in partnership with Citizens Against Political Assassinations, is pleased to be hosting a three-day, hybrid academic conference to coincide with the case’s 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Featuring expert and lay researchers from diverse fields, this symposium intends to advance and clarify our collective understanding not only of how JFK died, but *why*, as well as why it still matters today.

Whether you’re a professional interested in earning continuing education credits, an educator or student, or simply an armchair sleuth with an interest in the subject matter, we welcome you.

All sessions to take place in Union Ballroom unless otherwise noted. Please note that the Africa Room (AR) and Room 613 are located in the same building.

## AGENDA

### Wednesday, November 15

5:30 p.m.	<i>Reception</i>	
7:00 p.m.	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Benjamin E. Wecht, M.A.
7:10 p.m.	<i>Opening Remarks</i>	Cyril H. Wecht, M.D., J.D.
7:20 p.m.	<i>Keynote Introduction</i>	Ken Gormley, J.D.
7:30 p.m.	<b>Keynote Address: Why JFK's Camelot Endures – and Why It Still Matters</b>	Barbara Perry, Ph.D.
8:30 p.m.	<b>Why JFK's Assassination Will Not Go Away</b>	Alec Baldwin
9:00 p.m.	<i>Adjourn</i>	





## Thursday, November 16

### ***Criminalistics, Forensic Science and Medicine***

8:30 a.m.	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Benjamin E. Wecht, M.A. Pamela Marshall, Ph.D.
8:45 a.m.	<b>Converging Lines of Evidence in the Case for Two Head Shots</b>	Gary Aguilar, M.D. Josiah Thompson, Ph.D. Bill Simpich, Esq.
10:00 a.m.	<b>The Final Witness: A Kennedy Secret Service Agent Breaks His Silence After Sixty Years</b>	Paul Landis (USSS Ret.) with James Robenalt, Esq.
10:45 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
11:00 a.m.	<b>Forensic Reactions to an Historical Revelation</b>	P. Landis, C. Wecht with Ken Gormley, J.D.
11:30 a.m.	<b>Two Brain Exams Following JFK's Autopsy</b>	Douglas Horne (USN Ret.)
<i>Concurrent Session (613)</i>	<b>Forensic Modeling of Human Reactions and a JFK Assassination Timeline</b>	Brian Roselle, M.S.
12:30 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:45 p.m.	<i>Special Brownbag Session 1: Documenting the Authenticity of the Zapruder Film</i>	Robert Groden (by Zoom)
1:15 p.m.	<i>Special Brownbag Session 2: Who Killed JFK?</i>	Rob Reiner (by Zoom)
1:45 p.m.	<b>Acoustical Analysis of the JFK Assassination</b>	Donald B. Thomas, Ph.D.
<i>Concurrent Session (613)</i>	<b>A Closer Look at the Zapruder Film: The Case for Alteration</b>	David Mantik, MD, PhD
2:45 p.m.	<b>Analyzing the General Walker Shooting and Gauging the Authenticity of the Walker Bullet</b>	Lawrence Schnapf, Esq. Ben Cole (by Zoom)
<i>Concurrent Session (613)</i>	<b>The Oswald Letter: An Analysis of Dyslexia and How It Changes our Understanding of the Assassination</b>	Jerry Kroth, Ph.D. (by Zoom)
3:45 p.m.	<i>Break</i>	
4:00 p.m.	<b>Unmasking the Rockefeller Committee Medical Panel</b>	Russell Kent
5:00 p.m.	<i>Adjournment</i>	

## Friday, November 17

### **History, Politics and the Future**

8:45 a.m.	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>	Benjamin E. Wecht, M.A. Pamela Marshall, Ph.D.
9:00 a.m.	<b>The Assassination of President Kennedy: Understanding the Cold War Context</b>	John Newman, Ph.D.
10:00 a.m.	<b>The CIA and JFK: What 30 Years of Reporting Tell Me</b>	Jefferson Morley
<i>Concurrent Session (AR)</i>	<b>Carousel Contortionista: Jack Ruby, His Strippers, and their Moving Horses</b>	Mark de Valk, Ph.D., M.A.
11:00 a.m.	<i>Break</i>	
11:15 a.m.	<b>New Findings about TSBD Building Owner David Harold Byrd</b>	Daniel Alcorn, Esq.
<i>Concurrent Session (AR)</i>	<b>J. Edgar Hoover and Lyndon Johnson and How They Obstructed Justice</b>	R. Andrew Kiel
12:15 p.m.	<i>Lunch</i>	
12:30 p.m.	<i>Special Brownbag Session: Four Died Trying (Film Screening)</i>	Libby Handros John Kirby
1:30 p.m.	<b>The Death of JFK and the Rise of the Neocons in U.S. Foreign Policy</b>	James DiEugenio, M.A.
<i>Concurrent Session 1 (AR)</i>	<b>An Inside Perspective on the Relationship between Lee Oswald and the Paines</b>	Robert Manz, M.A.
<i>Concurrent Session 2 (613)</i>	<b>Lee Oswald: The Patchwork Kid</b> <i>(Pre-recorded by Zoom)</i>	Greg R. Parker
2:30 p.m.	<b>Lessons from the ARRB: The Value of Investigative Research into National Security</b>	David Montague, Ph.D.
<i>Concurrent Session 1 (AR)</i>	<b>Our Method of Teaching the Assassination: Inspiring the Next Generation of Researchers</b>	Ronald Burda, J.D. and Michael Vollbach, MA, MS
3:30 p.m.	<i>Break</i>	
3:45 p.m.	<b>Why Our Side is Winning/Losing the Media War</b>	David Talbot <i>(by Zoom)</i>
4:45 p.m.	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	Ellen Gawalt, Ph.D.
5:00 p.m.	<i>Adjournment</i>	



## ABOUT OUR FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Gary L. Aguilar** is a practicing ophthalmologist in San Francisco and a clinical professor of ophthalmology at the University of California, San Francisco. He is among the few physicians outside the government ever allowed to see the still-restricted JFK autopsy materials, including X-rays and photographs. Dr. Aguilar has lectured and written widely on the subject of the JFK assassination. In addition to numerous articles and chapters that have appeared in the popular press, his publications include a 14,000-word article (with co-author Dr. Cyril H. Wecht) that was published in the peer-reviewed journal, *Neurosurgery*, and a 9,500-word review of Vincent Bugliosi's book, *Reclaiming History*, that was published in *The Federal Lawyer*, the official journal of the Federal Judiciary.



**Daniel S. Alcorn** is an American lawyer specializing in the field of federal litigation and federal administrative practice. Born in Missouri, he attended the University of Virginia, where he earned a B.A., with distinction, in 1977, and the University of Virginia School of Law, where he earned his J.D. in 1980. Mr. Alcorn served as a partner with the Tysons Corner, Va. firm of Fensterwald & Alcorn, PC from 1985 to 1999, specializing in litigation, constitutional law and Freedom of Information Act requests. Admitted to both the Virginia and District of Columbia bars, he served as director of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority from 1990 to 1996, and as its vice chairman beginning in 1994. Mr. Alcorn founded the Dulles Corridor Rail Association in 1998 and has served as a director of the Assassination Archives and Research Center since 1992, assuming the presidency this year. He has been listed as an AV lawyer by

Martindale-Hubbell, and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers Executive Director Stuart Statler called him "a lawyer's lawyer" after his work on the FBI Crime Lab FOIA case. Mr. Alcorn is featured on three videos in the C-SPAN Video Library, his first appearance occurring in 1997 as a Counsel for the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers in a House of Representatives Committee.



**Alec Baldwin** has appeared in numerous productions on stage, in films and on television since 1980. He received a Tony nomination (*A Streetcar Named Desire*, 1992) an Oscar nomination (*The Cooler*, 2004) and has won three Emmy awards, three Golden Globes and seven consecutive Screen Actors Guild Awards for Best Actor in a Comedy Series for his role on NBC-TV's *30 Rock*, making him the actor with the most SAG Awards of all time. Mr. Baldwin's films include *Miami Blues*, *The Hunt for Red October*, *Glengarry Glen Ross*, *Malice*, *The Edge*, *It's Complicated*, *Blue Jasmine*, *Still Alice*, *Mission Impossible: Rogue Nation*, and *The Boss Baby*, among many others. He earned a bachelor of fine arts degree from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts in 1994 and has received honorary doctorates from NYU (2010) and the Manhattan School of Music (2012). Mr. Baldwin has served on numerous boards related to

the arts, the environment and public policy, including the Hamptons International Film Festival, Bay Street Theater, The Actors Studio and the Roundabout Theatre Company. He currently serves on the board of People for the American Way and the New York Philharmonic. Mr. Baldwin has authored three books: *A Promise to Ourselves*, his memoir, *Nevertheless*; and, with Kurt Andersen, the Donald Trump parody, *You Can't Spell America Without Me*. Mr. Baldwin is the host of a podcast, *Here's the Thing*, for iHeartRadio. He is married to author and wellness expert Hilaria Thomas Baldwin, with whom he has seven children (as well as his eldest, Ireland Baldwin) and oversees The Hilaria and Alec Baldwin Foundation, which focuses on funding the arts.





**Ronald B. Burda** graduated from the University of Michigan's Honors College (B.A.) and Wayne State University Law School (J.D.). He has maintained a general law practice since 1978, working in the areas of elder Law, domestic relations law, criminal and traffic defense law, estate planning and probate law, business and collections law and citizens group law. Mr. Burda has also served as an adjunct instructor at Oakland Community College (OCC) in Royal Oak, MI since 1983, teaching "Communications and the Law," "Radio and TV Station Management," "Mass Media and Society," "Legal Aspects of Aging," the Vietnam War, the 1960's and the JFK Assassination. Previously, he served as an instructor for the American Institute for Paralegal Studies, and as a lecturer for OCC's Orchard Ridge Orientation, Homemakers in Transition and for William Beaumont Hospital's Ophthalmic Photography Conference and Workshop.



**Benjamin Cole** has been reading about the JFK assassination since the event, digesting the weekly *LIFE* magazine subscriptions that came in the mail. A lifetime financial journalist, he discovered the online world of assassination research 10 years ago, and dove back in. Cole is deeply impressed with the best elements of the research community, and hopes to play a small role going forward.



**Mark de Valk** received his Ph.D. in practice-led-research (Film) from Oxford Brookes University. His experience in film production includes a strong background in social justice storytelling via documentary and experimental docu-drama forms. Dr. de Valk is a continuing indie-practitioner currently working with "essay film" techniques. He has taught B.A. and M.A.-level film production and scriptwriting courses for over 20 years. Additionally, Dr. de Valk has co-authored *The Film Handbook* (Routledge) and edited an essay collection examining authoritarian subjugation as portrayed via a range of cinematic texts and film directors, *Screening the Tortured Body: The Cinema as Scaffold* (Palgrave Macmillan). He also contributes a chapter to the collection, *JFK 2.4: Mr. Stone Goes to Washington*, in which he explores Stone's *JFK* as a "non-war, war film" and hypothesizes that the November 22, 1963

recording of the travesty, captured on 8mm film, can be read as congruent to "CCTV footage." Consequently, this public visual evidencing and witnessing, arguably, parallels outcomes of those individuals who succumbed to the pre-Enlightenment "public execution scaffold." Dr. de Valk's work on the case includes editing Dealey Plaza Echo (UK), 2011–2013, Vols. 15-17; interviews with BlackOp Radio; and a topographical research video, "Dealey Plaza/Oak Cliff," with music by Bob Dylan.



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**James DiEugenio** is the author of *JFK Revisited: Through the Looking Glass* and wrote the screenplays for Oliver Stone's documentaries, *JFK Revisited* and *JFK: Destiny Betrayed*. He co-edited and published *Probe Magazine* from 1995 to 2000 and was a contributor to Robert Parry's online magazine, *Consortium News*. Mr. DiEugenio has also been a regular guest on Len Osanic's Black Op Radio program. In addition to *JFK Revisited*, he has written or co-edited four books on the assassinations of the 1960s: *Destiny Betrayed* (1992), *The Assassinations* (2003), the revised and expanded edition of *Destiny Betrayed* (2012), and *Reclaiming Parkland* (2013). A former educator who taught economics and U.S. history at a Los Angeles high school, Mr. DiEugenio has an M.A. in contemporary American history from California State University, Northridge.



**Ken Gormley** is president and professor of law at Duquesne University. He previously served for seven years as dean of the now-Thomas R. Kline School of Law of Duquesne University. He joined the faculty in 1994, after teaching at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and engaging in private practice. Gormley earned his B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh and his J.D. from Harvard Law School. His work has earned him a reputation as a highly-respected Constitutional scholar and presidential historian, in Pennsylvania and nationally. Gormley is the author of six highly-acclaimed books, including the *New York Times* bestseller, *The Death of American Virtue: Clinton vs. Starr*. His earlier work, *Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation*, was awarded the Bruce K. Gould Book Award for an outstanding publication relating to the law. His most recent nonfiction book, *The Presidents and the Constitution*, has likewise received national acclaim. Gormley has testified in the United States Senate three times. He formerly served as president of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the first academic to hold that position in the organization's 137-year history, and, from 1998-2001, served as mayor of Forest Hills, Pa. He lives there with his wife Laura. They have four children.



**Robert Groden** has been researching the assassination of President Kennedy since 1964 and has been considered a leading critic of the Warren Report since 1969. He has been accepted as the world's leading authority on the photographic evidence in the case since 1973, and has been an expert in the medical evidence since 1979. In 1975, while appearing on ABC's *Goodnight America*, Mr. Groden was the first person ever to show the Zapruder film on national television. As a result of that showing, he was invited to Washington, D.C., to address the U.S. House of Representatives' Virginia delegation, where he presented the case for conspiracy with photographic and other evidence of JFK's murder. With the creation of the House Select Committee on Assassinations in 1976, Mr. Groden was appointed staff photographic consultant, where he served for the entire life of the committee, until 1979, and authored the dissenting opinion report for the HSCA photographic panel. He has authored eight books on the subject of the JFK assassination, and has been a consultant to many television documentaries on the subject in the U.S., England, Canada, Japan, Italy and Germany, including *The Men Who Killed Kennedy* (Central Independent Television, England) and *JFK: An Unsolved Murder* (KRON/NBC-TV). Mr. Groden was also technical consultant on four major motion pictures – Oliver Stone's *JFK* (1991), *Ruby* (1992), *Executive Action* (1973) and *Forrest Gump* (1994).





**Libby Handros**, producer of the feature documentary series, *Four Died Trying*, joined forces with director John Kirby 20 years ago, after a long string of award-winning productions for major broadcast outlets, to make the festival-darling BBC classic, *The American Ruling Class*, starring *Harper's Magazine* editor Lewis Lapham. Most recently, they defied the censors to produce *Perspectives on the Pandemic*, a series of interviews with epidemiologists and physicians who had questions about the science behind the COVID response.



**Douglas Horne** graduated *cum laude* from The Ohio State University in 1974 with a B.A. in History. He spent 10 years on active duty service with the U.S. Navy as a surface warfare officer, and 10 more years in a civil service position with the Navy, retiring from the Naval Reserves in 1996. Mr. Horne served three full years on the staff of the JFK Assassination Records Review Board, from 1995 to 1998, where he worked with, and later supervised, the Military Records Team. In 2016, he completed 40 years of combined service with the federal government and relocated to a suburb of Cleveland, OH, where he is now retired. Mr. Horne has published two books about the JFK assassination: his 5-volume memoir, *Inside the ARRB* (2009), and a collection of essays, *JFK's War with the National Security Establishment* (2014).



**Russell Kent** has a B.Sc. degree from the University of London in physiology, which describes how the anatomy and systems of the body work to keep us alive. In the 1980s, he became a published scientist and wrote several technical manuals for IBM. Mr. Kent went on to manage two IT consultancies providing technical authoring and training services to some of the largest companies in the world. His 2022 book, *JFK Medical Betrayal*, looks closely at reviews of the John F. Kennedy assassination medical evidence. Mr. Kent lives with his wife in Cambridgeshire, England, and alone in the archives.



**R. Andrew Kiel** R. Andrew Kiel is a longtime educator, having taught social studies and AP U.S. history in the Wooster (OH) city schools for 25 years, as well as serving as an adjunct professor of U.S. history at the University of Akron for two years. He was also granted a two-year leave from his position in Wooster to teach international baccalaureate business and economics at the American International School in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Mr. Kiel also served as director of the Tri-County (Ashland, Wayne and Holmes) International Baccalaureate program for three years after his retirement in 2016. Beginning in 1982, he has conducted in-depth research into the JFK assassination at the National Archives, the JFK Library, Dealey Plaza, the LBJ ranch in Johnson City, TX, and the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum in Dayton, OH. Mr. Kiel complete his master's thesis on J. Edgar Hoover in 1997 and published *J. Edgar Hoover – The Father of the Cold War: How His Obsession with Communism Led to the Warren Commission Cover-up and Escalation of the Vietnam War* in 2000. He has also interviewed numerous Parkland Hospital doctors, Navy Corps members who assisted in the autopsy of JFK, eyewitnesses to the assassination, and individuals who knew Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby, presenting his research at various conferences, historical societies and schools. Mr. Kiel is a graduate of Culver-Stockton College in Canton, MO, and earned his master's degree in U.S. history from the University of Akron.



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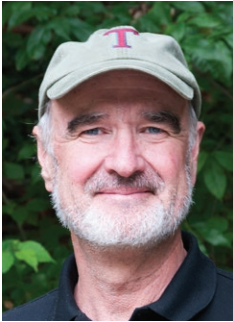
**Jerry Kroth** is an associate professor emeritus in the graduate counseling psychology program at Santa Clara University in California. His academic assignments included courses in psychotherapy and personality theory, dreamwork and research methods. Dr. Kroth has an abiding therapeutic interest in working with dreams, personal oracles and the applications of dream theory to psychohistory and collective psychology. He is also a member of the International Psychohistorical Association and a frequent contributor to the *Huffington Post*. Dr. Kroth's 17 prior books are in the areas of counseling, psychology, child sexual abuse, learning disorders, metapsychology, transpersonal psychology and research methodology. In addition, he has written and presented over 75 papers on anxiety, child development, mass psychology, synchronicity, experimental studies of the dream process, the psychology of propaganda and collective psychology. Dr. Kroth lives in California with his wife and two daughters. He maintains a website, <http://collectivepsych.com> and has made numerous academic videos for YouTube, which 3.3 million viewers have seen. He has 27,000 subscribers on his channel. Dr. Kroth's most recent books are *The Kennedy Assassination: What Really Happened* (Genotype, 2022) and *The Psychic Immune System: A Hidden Epiphenomenon of the Physical Immune System* (Lexington Books, 2015).



**Paul Landis** was a 28-year-old United States Secret Service agent in President Kennedy's Dallas motorcade on November 22, 1963. Although he was a witness to the events of that day, he was never interviewed by the Warren Commission, and has kept his recollections – including details surrounding a key piece of evidence – private until now.



**David W. Mantik** is a board-certified radiation oncologist who served on the tenure-track physics faculty at the University of Michigan. He directed the residency training program at Loma Linda University, where he used proton beams to treat cancer. Dr. Mantik received his Ph.D. in physics from the University of Wisconsin and his M.D. from the University of Michigan, completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Stanford University, and held an American Cancer Society Faculty Fellowship at the University of Southern California. He has reviewed the JFK artifacts at the National Archives on nine separate days, and his findings have been summarized in multiple venues, including one recent book, *The JFK Assassination Decoded: Criminal Forgery in the Autopsy Photographs and X-rays* and one coauthored, pending book, *The Assassination of President John F. Kennedy: The Final Word*, with Jerome R. Corsi.



**Robert Manz** is a writer and artist with a background in management consulting, accounting and medieval European History. He grew up outside of Philadelphia and has lived in the Boston area most of his adult life. Mr. Manz has joint American and Irish citizenship and has lived in Ireland, Hungary and Iran for brief periods. He currently lives on Cape Cod. For 25 years, he was married to a first cousin of Lee Harvey Oswald acquaintance Michael Paine. Mr. Manz is working on a novel and a motion picture screenplay about the assassination, *The White Gloves, Legend*.



**David Montague** is the associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, as well as a tenured, full professor of criminal justice. He completed federal investigations for 14 years in law enforcement and intelligence capacities working for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) as a federal drug diversion investigator, the U.S. Assassination Records Review Board (ARRB) as the agency's senior investigator, and later, as a consultant on national security matters with U.S. Investigations Services, Inc. During his time at the ARRB, Dr. Montague was head of the investigations division and authorized to identify, acquire and declassify information and records pertaining to the assassination of President John F. Kennedy. This work involved national security functions within intelligence and law enforcement, including interviewing hundreds of people connected to the assassination. He has presented on these experiences at scholarly conferences and in the news media, and was an expert panelist at the 50th Anniversary in Dallas. Dr. Montague also served as a keynoter in Los Angeles (along with former Parkland Hospital Nurse Phyllis Hall) for a teaching event to introduce students to the importance of education's impact on careers. He has used these experiences to create a UALR course on criminal justice anomalies, and has delivered over 250 presentations at academic conferences and community events, including research presentations in Austria, Slovenia, Germany, Holland, Trinidad and Canada. Dr. Montague has testified before two state legislatures on prospective policies, served as a keynote speaker nationally, and lectured on asset forfeiture at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. He has served on several discipline-related boards, including the board of directors for the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, and is active in the community volunteering as a reserve police officer in Bryant, AR. Dr. Montague earned a Ph.D. at Howard University in political science, an M.A. at The George Washington University in crime and commerce, and a B.A. at Morehouse College in political science.



**Jefferson Morley** is the editor of the JFK Facts Blog on Substack. He has been reporting on the role of the CIA in the JFK assassination story since 1994. He is the author of three books about the CIA in the 1960s, *Our Man in Mexico*, *The Ghost*, and *Scorpions' Dance*. Mr. Morley was the plaintiff in *Morley v. CIA*, a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit which forced disclosure of previously unseen CIA files related to the surveillance of Lee Harvey Oswald. He has worked as editor or reporter at *The New Republic*, *The Nation*, *The Washington Post* and *washingtonpost.com*. Mr. Morley's reporting and essays on the CIA have been published by *The Washington Post*, *Rolling Stone*, *New York Review of Books*, *Slate*, *Salon*, *Atlantic.com*, *Readers Digest*, *ARRP Monthly*, and *SpyTalk*, among many others. He won the 2022 PEN Oakland/Gary Webb Anti-Censorship Award for his JFK reporting. NBC anchor Chuck Todd said, "Morley is the man to go to separate fact from fiction in the JFK story."





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**John M. Newman** is the author of *JFK and Vietnam* (1991; 2<sup>nd</sup> edition 2017); *Oswald and the CIA* (1995; 2008); *Where Angels Tread Lightly: The Assassination of President Kennedy, Vol. I* (2015; 2017); Vol. II: *Countdown to Darkness* (2017); Vol. III: *Into the Storm* (2019); Vol. IV: *Uncovering Popov's Mole* (2022). Volumes V-VI: *Armageddon* (a two-volume series scheduled for 2025); and *The CIA, FBI and MLK, Vol. I*, scheduled for 2024. He earned his B.A. in Chinese Studies in 1973, his M.A. in East Asian Studies in 1976, and his Ph.D. in Modern Far Eastern History in 1992, all from The George Washington University. Dr. Newman served in U.S. Army Intelligence from 1974 to 1994; assistant to the director of the National Security Agency from 1988 to 1990; and U.S. Army attaché in China from 1990 to 1992. He has been a professor at the University of Maryland since 1981, including an honors professor from 1994 to 2012; an adjunct professor at James Madison University since 2013; and a certified yoga instructor since 2006.



**Greg R. Parker** is the great-great-grandson of George Parker, one of 270 convicts on an overcrowded *Bengal Merchant* sent to the colony of Australia from England in 1834. His alleged crime was the theft of some fabric. He was 18 years old at the time. Mr. Parker is retired after a varied career in public service and as a small business owner. He also worked in remote indigenous communities in the north of the country, dealing with housing issues in those outposts. In 2019, Mr. Parker ran for a senate seat in the federal parliament under the Science Party banner. He is the author of *Lee Harvey Oswald's Cold War*, and the proud father of twin sons. Mr. Parker has been writing about the case since 2000, and his research is cited in numerous books published since then.



**Barbara Perry** is the Gerald L. Baliles Professor of Presidential Studies and co-chair of the Presidential Oral History Program at the University of Virginia's Miller Center. She is the author of 17 books, including *Jacqueline Kennedy: First Lady of the New Frontier*, *Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch*, and *Edward Kennedy: An Oral History*. Prof. Perry is also a contributor to *The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History*, edited by Duquesne University President Ken Gormley. She is a member of the JFK Presidential Library Foundation's Advisory Board.



**Rob Reiner** first came to fame as a two-time Emmy Award winning actor on the landmark television series *All In The Family*. He went on to become an acclaimed director of some of the most popular and influential motion pictures. His work ranges from the satire *This Is Spinal Tap* to dramas like *Stand By Me*, *Misery*, *A Few Good Men*, and *Ghosts of Mississippi* to romantic comedies like *When Harry Met Sally*, and *The American President*, to the enduring classic, *The Princess Bride*. His now 20 films also include *The Bucket List*, *Flipped*, *LBJ*, *Shock and Awe*, and most recently two documentaries – one about his good friend Albert Brooks and another called *God and Country* about the rise of Christian Nationalism. He's also hosting a podcast commemorating the 60th anniversary of the assassination of John F Kennedy, called *Who Killed JFK?*. Reiner is also a dedicated political activist. In 1998 he passed a tobacco tax

initiative in California to fund early childhood development and for seven years, chaired California's First Five Commission to oversee the implementation of the initiative. In 2003 he led the effort to save Ahmanson Ranch from an environmentally harmful development in the Santa Monica Mountains. In 2008 he and his wife Michele helped form The American Foundation for Equal Rights, which filed a federal lawsuit to overturn California's Prop 8. Their victory at the Supreme Court paved the way for marriage equality nationwide. Reiner, along with his wife, Michele, and Matthew George, continues to run his Castle Rock film company.



**James D. Robenalt** is the author of four nonfiction books: *Ballots and Bullets, Black Power Politics and Urban Guerrilla Warfare in 1968 Cleveland* (2018); *January 1973, Watergate, Roe v Wade, Vietnam, and the Month that Changed America Forever* (2015); *The Harding Affair, Love and Espionage During the Great War* (2009); and *Linking Rings, William W. Durbin and the Magic and Mystery of America* (2004); as well as a contributor to *The Presidents and the Constitution: A Living History*, edited by Duquesne University President Ken Gormley. He lectures nationally with John Dean, Nixon's White House counsel, on legal ethics and the legacy of Watergate. Together, they have spoken to tens of thousands of lawyers across the country in one of the most acclaimed continuing legal education programs. Mr. Robenalt is a partner at the law firm of Thompson Hine LLP and lives in Shaker Heights, OH. He has written extensively on the presidency, Article II, impeachment, Watergate, abortion and the Progressive Era. Mr. Robenalt also advocates for an Ohio Presidential Center and speaks on racism and implicit bias. His great-grandfather was the register of the United States Treasury under President Franklin Roosevelt and the first elected president of the International Brotherhood of Magicians.



**Brian Roselle** was in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade at John J. Pershing elementary school in Lincoln, NE on 11/22/1963. Later, he attended college at the University of Nebraska and then graduate school at the University of Missouri, studying chemical engineering. After college, Mr. Roselle worked in manufacturing and chemical process design in Ponca City, OK before a career change to research and development in a large consumer products company in Cincinnati, OH. He is retired, living outside of Cincinnati and enjoying volunteer work including mentoring, outreach in astronomy, and part-time work as a tour guide. Mr. Roselle enjoys outdoor activities and travel with his wife and family, and plans to visit Africa for the second time in 2024.



**Lawrence P. Schnapf** is an environmental attorney based in New York City with 40 years of national environmental experience, and is the principal of Schnapf LLC. He advises clients on environmental issues associated with business transactions, federal and state environmental litigation, enforcement actions, administrative proceedings and private cost recovery actions. Mr. Schnapf is also an adjunct professor at New York Law School. He has been interested in the JFK assassination since he heard about it in his 5<sup>th</sup> grade class, and in college, he completed an independent study project on the subject and wrote a series of early articles on the flawed Warren Commission investigation. Mr. Schnapf is a longtime member of the Mary Ferrell Foundation and is former board member of Citizens Against Political Assassinations, chairing its legal committee. He organized the 2-day 2017 mock trial of Lee Oswald held at the South Texas College of Law and the 2019 CAPA mock Court of Inquiry. In both of these proceedings, Mr. Schnapf served as co-defense counsel. He also has lectured on various legal and evidentiary issues concerning the assassination. Along with Bill Simpich, Mr. Schnapf is co-counsel for the plaintiffs in *Mary Ferrell Foundation et. al. vs. Biden*. He has a website devoted to the assassination (<https://jfkcsi.com>) and a Facebook page, "JFK- The Hard Evidence or Junk Science" available at: [//www.facebook.com/groups/337920816220010](https://www.facebook.com/groups/337920816220010)





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**William Simpich** is a civil rights attorney in the San Francisco Bay Area who appreciates the challenge posed by suits against large government entities. He was with the legal team chosen by Public Justice as Trial Attorneys of the Year in 2003, for winning a verdict of \$4.4 million for environmental activists Judi Bari and Darryl Cherney against FBI agents and Oakland police officers for framing them as suspects in the bombing of their car while on an Earth First! organizing tour. Most of the dollars were awarded for violating their First Amendment rights as political organizers. Other prominent cases include suits against corporations for toxic exposures to communities and acquittals in criminal cases for urban outreach workers using needle exchange to stop the spread of AIDS by using the defense of necessity. Mr. Simpich and attorney Larry Schnapf are currently involved in a federal suit against the president and the National Archives to release the last of the JFK documents in the possession of the Archives, and to order the Archives to stop the stonewalling and acquire additional assassination records from the agencies.



**David Talbot** is the author of the *New York Times* bestsellers, *The Devil's Chessboard: Allen Dulles, the CIA and the Rise of America's Secret Government* and *Brothers: The Hidden History of the Kennedy Years*. He is the founder and former editor-in-chief of *Salon*, the pioneering web publication, and a former senior editor of *Mother Jones* magazine. Mr. Talbot's articles have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *Time*, *Rolling Stone*, *The New Yorker* and other publications. His blog, *The David Talbot Show*, can be found at <https://www.thedavidtalbotshow.com>



**Josiah Thompson** received his Ph.D. from Yale University in 1964. For the next 12 years, he taught philosophy at Yale and Haverford College. In 1976, Dr. Thompson resigned his full professorship at Haverford and took up work as a private investigator in San Francisco. In 1979, he opened his own agency, specializing in criminal defense. In a 35-year career, Dr. Thompson has investigated numerous high-profile murder cases, including work for the Symbionese Liberation Army defendants in a bank robbery/murder in Carmichael, CA; and for Timothy McVeigh in the Oklahoma City bombing. He has written two books on the Danish thinker Soren Kierkegaard, and a memoir of his jump from professor to detecting, *Gumshoe* (1988). His book on the JFK assassination, *Six Seconds in Dallas*, was published in November 1967. In 2021, Dr. Thompson published a follow-up book, *Last Second in Dallas*.



**Michael T. Vollbach** is a graduate of Muskegon Community College, the University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University. He earned his B.S. and master's degrees in history and a master's degree in geography. Mr. Vollbach is the author of *The Genesis of Urban Centers in the Ancient World*. He has taught at Oakland Community College in Michigan full-time since 1990, including courses on world history, U.S. history, Michigan's history, geography, native American studies, the 1960's and the JFK Assassination.



**Cyril H. Wecht** is a medical-legal and forensic science consultant, author and lecturer who served the people of Allegheny County as their elected coroner for 20 years. He has performed approximately 19,000 autopsies and reviewed or been consulted on approximately 39,000 additional postmortem examinations, including cases in several foreign countries. Dr. Wecht has held various faculty positions at Duquesne University, the University of Pittsburgh and Carlow University, and has served as chairman of the advisory board of Duquesne's Cyril H. Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law since its founding in 2000. Dr. Wecht is the author or co-author of more than 585 professional publications and editor or co-editor of 46 books, as well as co-author of the popular non-fiction books *Cause of Death*, *Grave Secrets*, *Who Killed JonBenet Ramsey?*, *Mortal Evidence* and *Tales from the Morgue*, among others. His life story,

*The Life and Deaths of Cyril Wecht*, co-authored with journalist Jeff Sewald, was published in 2020. Dr. Wecht has frequently appeared as a guest on national TV and radio shows to discuss various medical-legal and scientific subjects. He has served as president of the American College of Legal Medicine and the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS), as well as chairman of the boards of trustees of the American Board of Legal Medicine and the American College of Legal Medicine Foundation. In 1966, Dr. Wecht was called upon by the AAFS to critique the medical aspects of the report of the President's Commission on the Assassination of President Kennedy for the *Journal of Forensic Sciences*, launching a nearly 60-year odyssey of research, writing, lecturing and testifying on the subject that continues to this day. In 1972, he became the first non-governmental pathologist to be granted access to evidentiary materials held at the National Archives, revealing to the world in a front-page *New York Times* story that the president's brain, among other items, was missing. In 1975, he testified before the President's Commission on CIA Activities, and in 1978, he served as a member of the forensic pathology panel of the U.S. House Select Committee on Assassinations. In 1991, Dr. Wecht consulted with director Oliver Stone on the making of *JFK*. Most recently, in 2021, he shared his analysis of the case in *The JFK Assassination Dissected*, co-authored with journalist Dawna Kaufmann. Dr. Wecht is certified by the American Board of Pathology in anatomic, clinical and forensic pathology, and is a fellow of the College of American Pathologists, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and the National Association of Medical Examiners. Formerly chairman of the Department of Pathology and president of the medical staff at St. Francis Central Hospital in Pittsburgh, he received his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh and his law degree from the University of Maryland.



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