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MEDIA RELEASE

**17th Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council Hosts
National Speaker Jackson Katz**

ROCKFORD, IL – Chief Judge John S. Lowry announces that the 17th Judicial Circuit Court Family Violence Coordinating Council will welcome nationally renowned speaker, Dr. Jackson Katz, on Friday, March 22 for its Spring Symposium. The symposium entitled, *The Macho Paradox: Why Some Men Hurt Women and How All Men Can Help* will highlight strategies communities can employ to combat gender-based violence including domestic violence.

This free, daylong program is sponsored by the Family Violence Coordinating Council and supported by funds from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority. 250 professionals from across the state are registered to attend. The event begins at 9:00am and is held at Northern Illinois University Rockford Campus.

Judge Jennifer Clifford, Chair of the Family Violence Coordinating Council commented, “We are thankful for the opportunity provided by the work of Family Violence Coordinating Council to allow such a quality program and speaker to come to our community. We hope that attendees are challenged to by Dr. Katz’s teachings and walk away with ways in which to improve our community and statewide response to domestic violence.”

For more information about Dr. Katz and the symposium please see the enclosed biography and flyer.

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SAVE THE DATE

JACKSON KATZ

PRESENTS

THE MACHO
PARADOX: WHY SOME
MEN HURT WOMEN
AND HOW ALL MEN
CAN HELP

MARCH 22, 2024

8:30AM- 4:30PM

**NIU - ROCKFORD
8550 E. STATE ST.**

TO REGISTER VISIT:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/JACKSONKATZ](https://bit.ly/jacksonkatz)

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THIS EVENT IS HOSTED BY THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY
VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL AND IS FREE TO ATTEND

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Jackson Katz, Ph.D., is an educator, author, and global thought leader who is renowned for his pioneering scholarship and activism on issues of gender, race and violence.

He is the creator of the award-winning Tough Guise documentary film series, and has appeared in numerous other popular films, including Miss Representation, The Mask You Live In, and Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes. His TED talk, "Violence against Women is a Men's Issue," has been viewed more than 4 million times.