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Mary W. Jackson is the Federal Women's Program Coordinator in the Office of Equal Opportunity Programs at NASA's Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. In this position, she serves as the Center's representative in consulting with public and private groups and individuals concerned with improving employment opportunities for women and develops programs to meet the special training needs of women.

Jackson began her NASA career in 1951 as a research mathematician in the West Computers Section. In 1953 she was assigned to the Compressibility Research Division. From 1958 until her appointment to her present position in 1979, she served as an aerospace engineer in the Compressibility Research Division, Full-Scale Research Division, High-Speed Aerodynamics Division and Subsonic-Transonic Aerodynamics Division. She has specialized in boundary layer roughness, aeronautical and space engineering and human relations.

Prior to coming to Langley, Jackson was a clerk in the Office of the Chief, Army Field Forces at Fort Monroe, Virginia in 1951. From 1947 to 1948, she was a receptionist and clerk at Hampton Institute; from 1943 to 1945, she served as a bookkeeper for the National Catholic Community Center in Hampton; and from 1942 to 1943, she taught mathematics in Calvert County, Maryland. Since 1942, Jackson has tutored high school and college students in mathematics and science.

A native of Hampton, Virginia, Jackson graduated with highest honors from George P. Phenix Training School, having served during her senior year as the first president of that school's chapter of the National Honor Society. She earned a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and physical sciences from Hampton Institute in 1942. She continued her education at the Hampton Center of the University of Virginia and is working toward a master of science degree in public administration at Golden Gate University.

Jackson is the Past President of the Newport News-Hampton Chapter and the National Financial Secretary of Continental Societies, Inc.; Chairman of Youth Activities, Hampton Roads Chapter of the National Technical Association; Treasurer, Board of Directors, King Street

Community Center; City of Hampton representative, Peninsula Area Committee of the Commonwealth of Virginia Governor's Committee on the Hiring of the Handicapped; and Women Liaison to the Trustee Board Bethel A.M.E. Church. She is on the Board of Directors, Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Regional Center, Peninsula Association for Retarded Citizens and Board of Directors, Madam Daniels School of Beauty Culture. She is a member of the Langley Research Center Speakers Bureau; Hampton Institute Alumni Association; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Citizens Boys Club; and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

The author or co-author of 12 technical papers, Jackson received an Apollo Group Achievement Award in 1969; Daniels Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to Disadvantaged Youth; National Council of Negro Women, Inc., Certificate of Recognition for Outstanding Service to the Community; Distinguished Service Award for support of Combined Federal Campaign representing Humanitarian Agencies in 1972; and Langley's Outstanding Volunteer Award for "outstanding leadership and untiring efforts in public service and charitable organizations devoted to improving the quality of life," in 1975.

She has also received the Iota Lambda Sorority Award for the Peninsula Outstanding Woman Scientist in 1976; King Street Community Center Outstanding Award for promoting excellence in education for deprived youth; National Technical Association's Tribute Award in 1976; Exchange Club, Hampton Roads Chapter, "Book of Golden Deeds," given to persons in the community who merit special honor for selfless service; and Langley's Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding support and unselfish service, 1976-1977 Combined Federal Campaign.

Jackson is listed in the 1975 through 1979 editions of Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans and was featured in Ebony magazine special issue "The Black Woman," August 1977.

Jackson and her husband, Levi, live in Hampton. They have a son, daughter and granddaughter.

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