

JOHN MERROW

Now education correspondent for the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer on PBS, John Merrow began his career as an education reporter with National Public Radio in 1974, when he created 'Options in Education.' That weekly series received more than two-dozen broadcasting awards, including the George Polk Award in 1982. His first television series, 'Your Children, Our Children,' earned an Emmy nomination for Community Service in 1984.

From 1985 to 1990, he was education correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour. In 1993 he created The Merrow Report for PBS, followed by the NPR series of the same name in 1997. In 2000 he returned to the NewsHour to provide reports on education.

Merrow has received two George Foster Peabody Awards (2000, 2006), the George Polk Award, several Hugo Awards from the Chicago International Film Festival, four CINE Golden Eagles, Emmy nominations (1984, 2005 and 2007), and more than a dozen reporting awards from the Education Writers Association.

A frequent contributor to the op-ed pages of many newspapers, including USA Today, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times and Education Week, Merrow is the author of "Choosing Excellence" (Scarecrow, 2001) and co-editor of "Declining by Degrees" (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2005).

He earned an AB from Dartmouth College in 1964, an MA in American Studies from Indiana University in 1968, and a doctorate in Education and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education in 1973.

He was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters by Stockton State College in 1989 and an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Paul Smith's College of the Adirondacks in 2007. In 2000 he received the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and in 2006 he received the HGSE Alumni Council Award for Outstanding Contributions to Education.

Merrow has been a teacher in junior high school, high school, college, graduate school, and federal prison. He is a Trustee of Teachers College, Columbia University, former chair of the Alumni Council of the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and a Director of the Education Writers Association and the Rural School and Community Trust.

He is president of Learning Matters, the non-profit organization he founded in 1995, and a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching at Stanford.