Michigan Journalism
Hall of Fame
Induction Ceremony

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East Lansing, Michigan
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Tonight’s Program

Welcome and Introductions
Dr. Tim Vos
Director, School of Journalism, Michigan State University

Wade H. McCree Jr. Advancement of Justice Awards
Presented by James Tarrant
Heather Catallo, Kimberly Craig, Johnny N. Sartin Jr., Randy Lundquist
WXYZ-TV
Elisha Anderson, John Wisely, Cary Junior II, Darcie Moran, Tad Davis
Detroit Free Press
Benjamin Simon, Greg Chandler, Scott Harmsen, Fred Jacobs
Hastings Banner

Dinner

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Hall of Fame Inductees
Robert Ankeny
Jeannette Phillips speaking on his behalf
Nominator: Susan Whitall
Greg Dorsett
Joni and Scott Dorsett speaking on his behalf
Nominator: Kathy Kieliszewski
Marguerite Gahagan
Anne and Stephen Gahagan speaking on his behalf
Nominator: William Rapai
Tim Kiska
Nominator: Jim Schaefer
Beth Konrad
Nominator: Margaret Trimer

Wade H. McCree Jr. Awards for the Advancement of Justice

Sponsored by the Michigan Press Association Foundation

The Wade H. McCree Jr. Awards for the Advancement of Justice are named for one of the most distinguished lawyers and judges in Michigan history. The Hon. Wade H. McCree (1920-87) served as a circuit, federal and U.S. Appeals court judge and as solicitor general of the United States from 1977-81, arguing in that capacity 25 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. He was a champion of equal rights and accountable government and was dedicated to advancing a greater understanding of the vital role of journalists in a free society. This is the 48th year these awards have been presented to Michigan journalists. The winners:

- Reporters Heather Catallo, Kimberly Craig, Videographer Johnny N. Sartin Jr. and Video Editor Randy Lundquist of WXYZ-TV for their investigation “Probate Problems: Reforming Michigan’s Guardianship Laws.”
- Reporters Benjamin Simon, Greg Chandler, Photojournalist Scott Harmsen and Publisher Fred Jacobs of Hastings Banner for their columns “Family faces crisis under insurance reforms.”

The Michigan Press Association Foundation was established in 1980 to support, encourage and recognize the quality, vigor and fairness of journalism and a free press in the State of Michigan. The Foundation provides college scholarships for journalism students and sponsors the Michigan Journalist of the Year award. To donate or learn more, visit michiganpress.org/mpafoundation.
Robert Ankeny

Robert Ankeny spent 45 years covering some of the most important stories of his time, including the disappearance of Jimmy Hoffa; the life and legal times of the Giacalones and the Detroit underworld; auto executive John DeLorean’s trials for investment fraud and drug dealing, and former governor John Swainson’s fall from grace on charges of perjury and accepting bribes.

Ankeny explained complicated legal issues including his reporting on the legal situation that allowed prosecutors to grant probation to the killers of Vincent Chin in 1983, and still enlightens writers and scholars.

Ankeny so enraged Dearborn mayor Orville Hubbard with stories about corruption that he was barred from city hall. Hubbard suggested that Ankeny should be thrown from an upper story window “to see how high he’d bounce,” but then reversed himself a few years later, offering Ankeny a job.

Ankeny spent 26 years at The Detroit News, which touted him as its “courtroom authority.” After declining to cross the picket line during the 1995 newspaper strike, he finished his career with 13 years at Crain’s Detroit Business. There, he led reporting on Detroit mayors Dennis Archer, Kwame Kilpatrick and Kenneth Cockrel Jr.; downtown development, and a beat he created, the business of law.

The Detroit Bar Association gave Ankeny its Liberty Bell Award for public service by a non-lawyer, citing his “reputation among lawyers for his fair treatment of sensitive legal stories and for his ability to write about complicated legal issues in a form understandable to the general public.”

Ankeny also earned UPI and AP awards for a series on workers’ compensation law in Michigan. He helped revive the Detroit Press Club Steakout in the mid-2000s, raising funds for journalism scholarships and Detroit Goodfellows projects. He also served as adviser to the University of Michigan-Dearborn student newspaper.

Ankeny died March 7, 2022.
Under the watchful eye of photo editor Greg Dorsett, photojournalism took center stage in the pages of the Muskegon Chronicle. A fierce proponent of visual storytelling, Dorsett believed in the power of photography. He supported, directed and fought for impactful photography that reflected the community and told important stories.

Born in Missouri in 1948, Dorsett attended Kansas State College, where he received a degree in biology. With the Vietnam War raging, Dorsett enlisted in the United States Marines Corp. He returned home to Kansas City in 1973 to work for a few years before his passion for journalism led him to the University of Missouri.

After graduation, he joined the staff of the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel and won numerous state and national photography awards including runner-up Indiana Photographer of the Year in 1977.

In 1980, Dorsett became a photographer at the Muskegon Chronicle. Within a few years he was made chief photographer and then photo editor.

Dorsett knew great photography can move and inform people, and he provided unwavering support for photographers to create that type of work. He also championed dynamic photo display resulting in the Michigan Press Photographers Association awarding him Photo Editor of the Year awards in 1990 and 1991. He won numerous Best Use of Photography awards from both the Michigan and national press photographer associations.

The Muskegon Chronicle became a coveted internship for aspiring photojournalists. Dorsett possessed a gift for seeing potential and passion – giving young photographers a chance to work in an environment that valued documentary photography. He inspired and mentored dozens of photographers.

Dorsett died in October 2021. His legacy is dozens of photographers and editors doing great work all over this country because of the lessons they learned from that tough but kind editor in that little lakeshore town in west Michigan.
Marguerite Gahagan was a pioneering journalist who in the 1930s and '40s blazed a path for women to report hard news. She also started a newspaper that would become a guiding light for Michigan’s environmental movement.

Gahagan began her career at the Toledo (Ohio) Morning Times in 1930. She was 23 and straight out of journalism school, but immediately showed the courage and drive for justice that would become hallmarks of her career. In her first assignment she went undercover to write an exposé about Toledo’s home for “derelict” women.

Gahagan was hired in 1934 as a staff writer and features editor at The Detroit News. In the early 1940s, she attempted to unionize the newsroom and was stripped of her byline and reassigned to cover courts and police. Gahagan said she believed her bosses thought she would quit. But they underestimated her.

She covered the beat with distinction for 12 years and her reporting resulted in the exoneration of two men convicted of murder during the Detroit race riot of 1943. Gahagan found evidence that Detroit Police had intimidated the accused and withheld information about a witness who could provide an exoneration.

In 1953, Gahagan moved to northern Michigan to start The North Woods Call, a weekly newspaper that helped raise the alarm about the impact DDT was having on the environment. The Call became the moral compass for Michigan’s growing environmental movement. In 1966, she was presented the Edward J. Meeman Award for distinguished newspaper writing on conservation. In 1967 she was presented the Outstanding Conservation Communication Award from the National Wildlife Federation.

In 1947, when Gahagan won the Newspaper Guild’s Heywood Broun Award, Detroit Mayor Edward Jeffries said she “always fights for what she believes in, and usually the thing she believes in is right.”
In 1970, Tim Kiska attended Wayne State University classes in the morning and caught the Woodward Avenue bus to the Detroit Free Press for his 2-11 p.m. shift as a copy boy. He sharpened pencils, filled glue pots, ripped the Associated Press and United Press International wire machines and ran errands.

Kiska took to the newsroom and was promoted to the newspaper’s Action Line column in 1974. In 1976, he was promoted to write the Tipoff column, a feature focused on political insiders. In 1978, Kiska moved to cover Wayne County Circuit Court and the Wayne County Board of Commissioners.

Kiska learned to make election night projections when the field was in its infancy and was put in charge of Free Press indicator precinct operations. He led a nationwide poll about whether the revelry and rioting in the wake of the 1984 World Series had harmed Detroit’s image. It had.

In 1987, Kiska moved to The Detroit News where he wrote a gossip column and about radio and television.

Kiska enrolled in Wayne State University’s MA program 1991, once again juggling newsroom and classroom while helping his wife, Patricia Anstett, raise three children. He earned a PhD in history at Wayne State in 2001 and became a journalism professor at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He has published three books: “Detroit’s Powers and Personalities,” “From Soupy to Nuts” and “Detroit Television.” In 2004, he became a producer/writer at WWJ-AM.

Most recently, Kiska developed the Detroit History Podcast, which has been downloaded by more than 150,000 listeners. Podcast topics have included the 1943 Detroit riot, the rise of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra in the 1920s, and the life of Jeff Montgomery, who vigorously advocated for LGBTQ rights when few were doing so. The podcast won the sole media award in 2020 from the Historical Society of Michigan. It all adds up to six decades of immersion in Detroit and its news media. But Kiska still has the enthusiasm found in the adolescent entranced by the Free Press newsroom at first sight in 1970.
Passion, ethics and impact have driven Beth Konrad’s career in journalism and communication for more than 40 years.

Her passion for the profession began by accident. As a child in the 1950s, college women were often encouraged to pursue elementary education. Konrad took a communication course at Indiana State University and interviewed Nancy Dickerson, White House reporter and host of “The Washington Cloak Room.” Inspired, Konrad immediately changed majors, started working for the college radio station and became a stringer for the Associated Press.

Konrad has been a reporter, anchor, news director, editorialist, business owner, corporate executive and college professor. She champions for Freedom of Information and the Society of Professional Journalists.

She has worked with ABC Radio in Detroit and Chicago, NBC radio in San Francisco, and as news director at WCAR-AM, Detroit. In 1979, she became director of public affairs and editorials at WDIV-TV and later vice president PBS-WTVS, Channel 56 in Detroit.

Konrad took her experience into the classroom after earning her master’s in communications from Wayne State University in 2001. She taught and served as journalism program director at Loyola University-Chicago for many years. In 2016, she came back to Detroit and became an adjunct and professor of practice at Wayne State University. She joined the university’s alumni board of directors.

Konrad is the principal of Konrad Communications, LLC, a communications consulting firm that works pro bono with non-profit organizations. She is co-chair of Wayne State University’s proposed Midtown Media Center and president of SPJ’s Detroit Chapter.

Konrad has received three Emmys, the National Headliner Award, the Society of Professional Journalists Distinguished Service Award, numerous AP, UPI and Detroit Press Club awards. She maintains her greatest awards are her children, Samantha and Abigail, granddaughter August Ruth and husband, Frank Wilberding.
Hall of Fame Inductees: 1985-2022

Susan Ager, columnist, Detroit Free Press (2018)
Al Allen, Broadcast Journalist (2021)
Frank Angelo, managing editor, Detroit Free Press (1987)
Robert Ankeny, reporter, The Detroit News (2022)
Patricia Anstett, medical journalist, Detroit Free Press (2017)
Albert A. Applegate, chairman, School of Journalism, Michigan State University (1986)
Roberta Applegate, groundbreaking AP reporter in the 1940s; educator (2008)
Judd Arnett, columnist, Detroit Free Press (1998)
Edmund C. Arnold, editor and publisher, Frankenmuth News; newspaper designer (1987)
David Ashenfelter, reporter and editor, Detroit Free Press (2002)
Ray Stannard Baker, magazine journalist and author (1986)
Don Ball, reporter, Detroit Times, The Detroit News (1991)
Bill Black, (George Martin), reporter, WJR Detroit (1993)
Bill Bonds, anchor and reporter, WXYZ-TV, Detroit (2010)
Jane L. Briggs-Bunting, director, journalism programs, Oakland University and Michigan State University (2003)
Peter Brown, editor and publisher (2019)
Benjamin J. Burns, reporter, editor, teacher (2001)
Mary Lou Butcher, advocate for women in the newsroom; journalist and PR specialist (2006)
Susan C. Cain II, reporter and editor, Associated Press (2001)
Julie Candler, columnist, magazine journalist (1999)
Sue Carter, broadcast journalist; documentarian, Michigan State University educator (2007)
Richard Cheverton, news director, WOOD AM - FM -TV, Grand Rapids (1990)
Cheryl Chodun, writer, producer, WXYZ-TV, Detroit (2014)
Mary Conway, automotive and business reporter (2019)
Keith Evans Crain, publisher, editor, columnist, Crain Communications (2008)
Mattie Gay Crump, adviser, Saginaw’s Arthur Hill High School (2005)
Ding Darling, Pulitzer Prize-winning cartoonist (1988)
Edward Deeb, association executive, award-winning writer (2014)
Lawrence DeVine, theater critic, Detroit Free Press (1999)
Anne Doyle, pioneering female TV sports broadcaster for WJBK Detroit (2007)
Greg Dorsett, photo editor, The Muskegon Chronicle (2022)
Albert J. Dunmore, editor, Michigan Chronicle (1994)
Ron Dzwonkowski, editorial page editor, Detroit Free Press (2010)
Charles Eisendrath, director, Knight-Wallace Fellows, University of Michigan (2014)
Marvin “Sonny” Eliot, pioneer radio and television weather forecaster, WWJ (2005)
Nolan Finley, reporter and special projects editor, The Detroit News (2012)
Brian Flanigan, reporter, Detroit Free Press (1992)
Dixie Franklin, freelance travel and outdoor writer (2016)
Tom Gage, baseball writer, The Detroit News (2020)
Marguerite Gahagan, environmental journalist (2022)
John Gallagher, business journalist, Detroit Free Press (2017)
Mary Gardner, professor, School of Journalism, Michigan State University (1998)
Joanne C. Gerstner, sports journalist, Michigan State University educator (2021)
Robert Giles, broadcast journalist, WXYZ-TV Detroit (2011)
David P. Gilkey, combat photographer, Detroit Free Press (2017)
Julian H. Gonzalez, photographer, Detroit Free Press (2016)
Hugh Grannum, photojournalist, Detroit Free Press (2013)
Joe Grimm, college professor, national recruiter, ombudsman, editor, Detroit Free Press (2009)
Edgar A. Guest, syndicated poet; columnist, Detroit Free Press (1988)
Fran Harris, pioneer broadcast journalist, WWJ Detroit (1986)
Angelo B. Henderson, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter (2020)
Tom Henderson, Journalist (2021)
W. Kim Heron, editor, Metro Times (2013)
Dawn Hertz, lawyer, staunch supporter of Michigan journalism (2010)
Jerry Hodak, science and medical reporter, weather and news announcer, WXYZ-TV Detroit (2010)
Donald Hoenshell, newspaper journalist (1986)
Kathy Barks Hoffman, investigative journalist (2019)
Arthur M. Horwitz, executive editor and Publisher, Detroit Jewish News (2020)
Grant Howell, editor, Royal Oak Tribune (1996)
Guy H. Jenkins, Lansing bureau chief, Booth Newspapers (1991)
Jean Jennings, automotive journalist (2021)
Ed Kearney, news director, WLUC-TV 6 Marquette (2006)
Luther Keith, assistant managing editor, The Detroit News (1995)
Tim Kiska, multimedia journalist, educator (2022)
Ken Kolker, reporter, WOOD-TV 8, Grand Rapids (2014)
Beth Konrad, broadcast journalist, (2022)
Mary L. Kramer, editor and publisher, Crain’s Detroit Business, Crain’s Cleveland Business (2017)
Jack Kresnak, reporter, Detroit Free Press (2009)
William C. Kulsea Sr., Lansing bureau chief, Booth Newspapers (1988)
Ring Lardner, sports journalist and author (1986)
Edward Lapham, automotive journalist (2021)
Swift Lathers, publisher, Mears Newsz (1986)
Diana Lewis, television news broadcaster, WXYZ-TV Detroit (2012)
Mike Lloyd, editor, Grand Rapids Press (2020)
Glenn MacDonald, editor, Bay City Times (1996)
Lawrence I. Mack, adviser, Jackson High School (2003)
Gilbert O. Maienknecht, founder and chairman, Department of Journalism, Central Michigan University (1997)
Wesley H. Maurer Sr., publisher, St. Ignace News; chairman, Department of Journalism, University of Michigan (1987)
Jeanne May, copy editor and staff writer, Detroit Free Press (2007)
Mick McCabe, sports reporter, Detroit Free Press (2014)
Nancy McCabe, investigative journalist, WJBK (2013)
W. Cameron Meyers, professor, School of Journalism, Michigan State University (1991)
Richard Milliman, publisher, Milliman Newspapers, Inc. (1994)
Jennifer Moore, business reporter, broadcast reporter, WDIV-TV, Detroit (2014)
Bob Myers, publisher, Lapeer County Press (1985)
Gloria Olman, adviser, Utica High School (1997)
Harvey Kurek Ovshinsky, producer (2015)
Cheryl McCarty Pell, executive director of Michigan Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA); educator, Michigan State University (2007)
Phil Power, journalism entrepreneur, (2012)
Bill Proctor, reporter, producer, anchor (2020)
Longworth Quinn, publisher, Michigan Chronicle (1985)
Betsy Rau, educator, H.H. Dow High School, Central Michigan University (2013)
Martha Rayne, founder, first school of journalism in the world; associate editor, Detroit Free Press (1998)
Sylvia Rector, food writer and restaurant critic (2019)
Tim Richard, co-founder, Michigan Freedom of Information Committee and director, news services for Suburban Communications Corp. (1998)
Dwayne X. Riley, radio, TV, and documentary news storyteller, WDIV-TV Detroit (2012)
Rochelle Riley, columnist, Detroit Free Press (2016)
David A. Rood, editor and publisher, Upper Peninsula Newspapers (1997)
Carrie Jackson Rowe, publisher, The Milford Times (1990)
Daniel Ryan, editor and publisher, Kalamazoo Gazette (1994)
John Schneider, reporter and columnist (2019)
Mary Schroeder, photographer and picture editor, Detroit Free Press (2019)
Neal Shine, publisher, Detroit Free Press (1990)
Tim Skubick, TV, radio and print capitol political reporter and columnist (2008)
Philip Slomovitz, editor and publisher, The Jewish News (1993)
Stan Soffin, director, School of Journalism, Michigan State University (1999)
Linda Solomon, photojournalist (2011)
Marjorie Sorge, automotive journalist (2021)
Tony Spina, chief photographer, Detroit Free Press (1989)
Dale Stafford, publisher, Greenville Daily News (1985)
Barbara Stanton, editorial writer and reporter, Detroit Free Press (2001)
Joe Stroud, editor, Detroit Free Press (1998)
Mark Stryker, arts reporter/critic, Detroit Free Press (2020)
Joe Swickard, investigative journalist, Detroit Free Press (2012)
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Bob Talbert, columnist, Detroit Free Press (2001)
Ted Talbert, documentary producer, WDIV-TV Detroit (2000)

Helen Thomas, UPI White House Correspondent (1993)
Vickie Thomas, city beat reporter and mentor (2019)
Esther Van Wagoner Tufty, newspaper, broadcast reporter (1987)

Jerome Vaughn, radio news director, WDET (2018)
Werner Veit, president, Booth Newspapers (1996)
Susan Whitall, music journalist, The Detroit News (2021)
Ken Winter, publisher, the Petoskey News-Review; educator (2011)
James Wojcik, educator, Central Michigan University (2018)

Michigan Newspaper Hall of Fame: 1952-1968

The Michigan Press Association and the MSU School of Journalism established the original Michigan Newspaper Hall of Fame in 1952. The MSU School of Journalism has been the home of the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame since 1985, repring the Michigan Newspaper Hall of Fame, the insignia of first newspaper in the Upper Peninsula, The Lake Superior News, and the Mining Journal.

Fred Keister Sr., founder, Ionia County News
Gen. James H. Kidd, publisher, Ionia Sentinel
Col. Wm. Franklin Knox, publisher, Sault Ste. Marie Evening News
Schuyler L. Marshall, publisher, Clinton County News-Republican
Ernest James McCall, publisher, Grand Haven Daily Tribune
J.N. McCall, founder, Gratiot County Herald
Wallace Webb McCall, publisher, Mount Pleasant Times-News
Floyd J. Miller, publisher, Royal Oak Daily Tribune
Chase Salmon Osborne, publisher, Sault Ste. Marie News and Saginaw Courier-Herald

Stuart H. Perry, publisher, Adrian Daily Telegram
Elihu B. Pond, publisher and editor, Ann Arbor Argus; first president, Michigan Press Association
Phillip T. Rich, publisher, Midland Daily News
The Rev. Gabriel Richard, founder, Michigan Essay, first newspaper west of the Alleghenies (1809)
James Edmund Scripps, founder, The Detroit News
J.P. Sheldon, co-founder, Detroit Free Press
Arthur Stace, editor, Ann Arbor News
Louis A. Weil Sr., president, Port Huron Times Herald
Harry Whiteley, general manager, Dowagiac Daily News

Induction criteria

The Hall of Fame recognizes journalists and educators who have established their professional reputations predominately in the state of Michigan. The Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame welcomes nominations. This checklist is intended to assist you in submitting a nomination to the Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame Committee. The Committee will base its decision primarily on the material supplied by the nominators.

Nomination material must include:

- A typed statement that clearly demonstrates how the nominee satisfies the criteria and is therefore qualified for membership in the Hall of Fame. This statement should emphasize the nominee’s professional journalism career, and document how the nominee directly made a difference with journalism in Michigan. It is not expected that all criteria will apply or apply equally.

- A completed nomination form signed by the nominator. The Hall of Fame Committee will consider any nomination received before the January deadline.

- Clips, photos, video, audio or online samples documenting a nominee’s work as a journalist and demonstrating his or her impact. These materials become part of the historical record of the Hall of Fame, justifying the nominee’s selection.

- Testimonial letters. This material may be presented in the nomination statement or in testimonial letters.

- Other relevant documents that support the nomination such as clips, tapes, etc.

- A 400-word summary of the nominee’s accomplishments that can be placed in the ceremony program.

- Nominators should submit electronic copies of all materials except for books, etc.

More information can be found at: https://mijournalismhalloffame.org/
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