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Annual *Yankee Quill*



Awards Luncheon

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**The Academy of
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Recognizing achievement and distinction in New England journalism

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Awards Program

12 p.m. **Welcome
Luncheon**

1 p.m. **Presentation of Yankee Quill Awards**
*by George Geers, chairman,
Academy of New England Journalists*



The Yankee Quill Award and the Academy of New England Journalists

trace their roots to a 1950s meeting of newspaper editors looking for ways to honor the extraordinary contributions and achievements of New England journalists to a free press and to better the communities they serve. Each year members of the Academy, which is comprised of all Quill winners and representatives of various New England journalism

organizations, gather under the auspices of the New England Society of News Editors Foundation to select honorees.

This year marks the 62nd year of the program, though COVID-19 forced us to postpone the celebration. The selection committee chooses nominees solicited from throughout the region's journalism community, including newspapers, broadcasting and academia. While New England's numerous journalism associations bestow awards for individual and team achievement, only the Yankee Quill recognizes the effort and lifetime achievement of those who have had a broad influence for good, both inside and outside the newsroom.



Paul Bass

New Haven Independent

Paul Bass is the founder, publisher, and editor of the *New Haven Independent*, one of the country's leading nonprofit digital news organizations. Begun in 2005, the *Independent* today serves New Haven and neighboring Hamden with a vibrant mix of local politics, education coverage, investigative reporting, photography, and the arts.

Paul followed that up in 2015 by launching WNHH-LP, a low-power FM and internet radio station that features talk shows hosted by members of the community. The *Independent* and WNHH also partner with *La Voz Hispana de Connecticut*, a Spanish-language newspaper, and the *Inner-City News*, which covers the Black community. A satellite site, the *Valley Independent Sentinel*, covers the nearby lower Naugatuck Valley.

Born in White Plains, New York, Paul attended Yale University and remained in New Haven after receiving his degree. While he was a student he reported for the *Yale Daily News*, the *New Haven Register*, and the *New Haven Advocate*, getting to know his adopted hometown from the bottom up. Later, he contributed occasional pieces about New Haven to the *New York Times*.

In 1986, Paul co-founded the first iteration of the *New Haven Independent*, a free weekly newspaper. Although the paper had enough of an impact to warrant a glowing article in the *Columbia Journalism Review*, it folded within three years for lack of funding. Paul then joined the staff of the *Advocate*, an alternative weekly, where he quickly emerged as the most influential journalist in the city, exposing corruption in the police department and in the mayor's office.

Eventually, the *Advocate* began to fade, as did much of the alternative press nationally. Paul left in 2004 to write a book with Yale political scientist Douglas W. Rae called *Murder in the Model City: The Black Panthers, Yale, and the Redemption of a Killer*. Following the completion of that book, Paul started the *Independent* with the idea of

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writing a one-person blog. It quickly grew into a staff of about five, breaking important stories about the city's school-reform effort as well as police harassment of members of the public who were attempting to video-record them.

The *Independent* is among the very few online news organizations that have fulfilled the web's initial promise of engaging with the community through a lively comments section. Whereas many news organizations have allowed their comments to devolve into invective and hate speech, the *Independent's* staff screens each one before it's posted. The result is a civil conversation that enhances the journalism. "The way I see comments is a greatly enhanced and better op-ed section" is how Paul puts it.

The *Independent* is the principal subject of my 2013 book about hyper-local journalism, *The Wired City: Reimagining Journalism and Civic Life in the Post-Newspaper Age*.

Paul has won numerous awards for his journalism over the years, including Journalist of the Year as well as the Horace Greeley Lifetime Achievement Award from the New England Press Association, along with several dozen awards from NEPA, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the Association of Alternative Newsweeklies. In 2015, the Connecticut Council on Freedom of Information gave Bass a Champion of Open Government Award for his reporting about a legal battle over the right of police departments to withhold information from the public. He has also received a number of community awards, including recognition from Muslim and Jewish organizations.

In 2004 his papers and articles were acquired by Yale's Sterling Memorial Library. The collection is held in a dedicated research archive in his name.

Paul's journalistic contributions are immense. His work in charting a sustainable path forward for community journalism has shown the way for numerous other projects. And his dedication to New Haven has helped make that city a better place.

— Dan Kennedy



Tom Condon

Hartford Courant, CT Mirror

Tom Condon played rugby and wrote for the student newspaper at Notre Dame, and he wisely chose the latter as a career. He joined The Hartford Courant in 1968, left shortly thereafter for a stint in the Army that included a year as an intelligence officer in Vietnam, returned to The Courant in 1971 and stayed until he retired in 2015. Then he went to work part-time for the Connecticut Mirror online news bureau.

Among his leadership posts at the paper, Tom directed major projects including a 12-day series on the future of Hartford, and served as captain of its softball team.

Through his reporting and investigative efforts, Tom stopped illegal shell-fishing in Long Island Sound, helped free three wrongfully convicted men from state jail cells, and got the state to require police to tape custodial interrogations.

He initiated regular coverage of New Haven as The Courant's first New Haven bureau chief, obtained a law degree and taught First Amendment law at the University of Connecticut, and was a member of the paper's first investigative team.

His reporting and testimony in Washington, D.C., helped turn Sam Colt's iconic 19th-century factory complex, Coltsville, into a national park.

Tom returned to Vietnam in 1989 to report on U.S. veterans groups carrying out humanitarian missions, the damage done by Agent Orange, the plight of Amerasian children and unexploded ordnance. He was asked to testify before Congress on ending the embargo against Vietnam. He opened by saying, "Ladies and gentlemen, 20 years ago it was illegal not to go to Vietnam. Now it is illegal to go."

He joined The Courant's editorial page staff in 2003, writing award-winning columns and editorials and taking over the paper's groundbreaking weekly Place section. Place brought some of the best planners, architects and preservationists together on issues of sprawl, poor zoning and the need for better mass transit. The Brookings Institution called it "one

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of the most focused, thoughtful and sustained responses to these issues going on in the media right now.” Place was a prime mover in the state’s adoption of “smart growth” planning and legislation in 2008.

That same year, Tom won the Allen B. Rogers Award for editorial writing. Among many other awards, he has won the New England Society of News Editors Master Reporter Award, the national SPJ Sigma Delta Chi award for editorial writing, the National Headliners Award for editorial writing and the Gene Burd Urban Journalism Award. In 2016 he was inducted into the NENPA Hall of Fame.

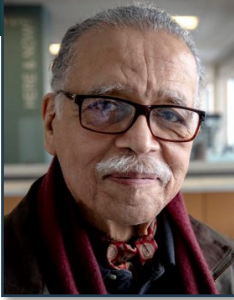
Tom has served the profession for 45 years as a columnist, editorial writer, investigative reporter, wit and conscience at the Hartford Courant. He’s a Connecticut institution,” said his former boss, Carolyn Lumsden. “Tom is beloved by readers for his keen moral sense, his extraordinary command of the English language, his humor and his humanity.”

Tom and his wife Anne Condon, a former AP reporter, have two grown children who, they are happy to report, are on someone else’s payroll.

- Carolyn Lumsden

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Melvin B. Miller

Bay State Banner

Melvin B. “Mel” Miller, a proud native of Boston, has lived his whole life in the Roxbury neighborhood where he grew up. A graduate of the Boston Latin School, Harvard College and Columbia Law School, he was raised in a vibrant, multi-cultural milieu with a strong work ethic, inspiring role models and an abiding belief in the possibilities of social and economic progress for all.

Active in political and community affairs as a young man, Mr. Miller was working as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Massachusetts in the early 1960s during a period of turbulent social change. In 1965, he founded the *Bay State Banner* weekly community newspaper as a way of serving the Commonwealth’s Black population with up-to-date news about urgent social and political developments from the community’s own perspective.

For Mr. Miller, the key event in the creation of the paper was receiving the blessing of Charles “Doc” Steward, the brother-in-law of crusading journalist and *Guardian* newspaper founder William Monroe Trotter. After Trotter’s untimely death, Steward continued to publish the *Guardian* until infirmities rather than will stopped the presses.

Covering everything from civil rights, quality schools, political activism, anti-war protests, police abuse, and urban renewal to affirmative action, economic development, Black history, sports and the arts, the *Banner*, under Mr. Miller, has provided its readers with a record of Black struggle and achievement in the community, the Commonwealth, and the country. Mr. Miller has served as the publisher and editor of the award-winning newspaper since its inception, guiding the *Banner* over the last five decades.

The demands of running the paper forced Mr. Miller early on in the paper’s history to choose between public service as a lawyer and public service as a journalist. He chose the *Banner*, ushering it through financial challenges and often not taking a salary in order to keep afloat

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what he viewed as an invaluable community resource. From the start, he also made the *Banner* a family business, with his brother John E. “Jack” Miller serving as associate publisher. His sister Karen E. Miller currently serves as the paper’s business manager and his nephew Yawu Miller as the senior editor. For many years, his wife Sandra Casagrand ran the *Banner*’s business operations.

After the *Banner* made it through its challenging early years, Mr. Miller resumed outside professional work. In 1973, the State Banking Commissioner appointed him as the Conservator of the Unity Bank and Trust Company, Boston’s first minority bank. The Mayor of Boston appointed him in 1977 as one of the three original commissioners of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission. He became Chairman in 1980.

Mr. Miller later became a founding Partner of Fitch, Miller & Tourse, a primarily corporate law firm, and he engaged in the practice of law there from 1981 to 1991. He was also vice president and general counsel of WHDH-TV, Channel 7, in Boston from 1982 until 1993.

A long-term Trustee of Boston University, Mr. Miller is now an Honorary Trustee. He is a director of OneUnited Bank. He was a member of the National Advisory Council to American companies doing business in South Africa under the Sullivan Principles during the apartheid period. He served as a director of the United States South Africa Leadership Exchange Program. He is also a trustee of the Huntington Theater Company and MassInc, a public policy think-tank.

To mark the *Banner*’s 50th anniversary, Mr. Miller served as the lead author and editor of the book *Boston’s Banner Years, 1965-2015: A Saga of Black Success*, which showcases Boston’s history as an incubator of social and political change and a showcase of Black success going back to colonial times.

— Brian Wright O’Connor

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Marianne Stanton Inquirer and Mirror

Marianne Stanton first became active in her family's newspaper at age 11, navigating Nantucket Island's roadways and cobblestone streets to deliver the weekly *Inquirer and Mirror*.

Her second job occurred at age 13, when a couple of workers operating the printing press folder left for higher paying jobs. Marianne's mother conscripted her -- and two 13-year-old friends -- to take over the task at the summer job wage of \$1.25 per hour. She later also gained experience in ad sales and circulation.

It wasn't until 1981 -- after working for a regional airline on the island and at Boston's Logan Airport -- that Marianne joined the *Inky*, the paper's affectionately known nickname, as a reporter, covering every aspect of island life and government. In 1985, she was appointed editor.

It can only be termed an act of grace for a journalist who is a 13th generation islander, a direct descendant of Tristram Coffin, an original Nantucket settler. Marianne also traces her ancestry to Peter Folger, grandfather of Benjamin Franklin and Timothy Riddell, a famous whaling captain.

In 1990, her parents, local owners of the paper for years, sold it to Ottaway Newspapers, a division of Dow Jones. Ottaway promptly promoted her to general manager as well as editor, and three years later to publisher and editor. Then a parade of other chain owners took over. Dow Jones sold its newspaper assets, including the *Wall Street Journal* and the *Inky*, to Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation. In 2013, News Corp. sold the *Inquirer and Mirror* to GateHouse Newspapers, which in 2019 acquired media giant Gannett, keeping its name.

Enough, said Marianne. She and a fellow descendent of early Nantucket settlers, David Worth, announced in October of 2020 that they had acquired the paper from Gannett, returning it to its original local ownership, with the help of a small group of civic-minded island residents.

Stanton pursued local ownership because she believed the newspaper would be in a better long-term position to carry on its mission of serving island residents and tourists with content they wanted, needed and valued.

Worth, a longtime financial adviser, said at the time of the acquisition he rec-

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ognized the value a newspaper plays in a community, and wanted to ensure the Inky remained a strong enterprise serving Nantucket Island.

Marianne Stanton re-established the solidity of local control of one of the nation's oldest newspapers, having first published 200 years ago, when Nantucket wore the crown as whaling capital of the world.

Under her leadership, the Inky has won numerous journalism awards, including national and regional newspaper of the year for non-dailies by industry associations. The newspaper is notable for its reporting, photography, community involvement and environmental coverage. Marianne is also active in the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association, serving as an officer and, later this year, president of the organization.

She is excited about the return to local ownership. And optimistic about the value for year-around residents of the island -- as well as the herds of summer tourists. She believes it can play a more robust role in informing citizens about island news and holding public officials accountable with editorial independence – in print and online.

In addition to the Inky, she started an award-winning full-color, glossy lifestyle magazine (Nantucket Today) to celebrate island life and create a forum for freelance writers and photographers to contribute their best work. She moved smartly into the digital era, creating a website featuring in-depth and breaking news as well as the culture and ample artistic talent on the island.

Importantly, for present and future island journalism, Marianne helped make the Nantucket High School newspaper, Veritas, a successful enterprise by instructing students on production functions, how to build ads and price them, design pages and produce newsworthy stories.

She's also active in island civic life as a trustee of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation, past vice president of the Nantucket Boys and Girls Club, and former president and a longtime leader of the town's Two Centre Street Restoration Project.

Under Marianne's leadership, the Nantucket Inquirer and Mirror radiates integrity and devotion to readers in order to secure their trust. She is a fighter for transparency and press freedom, a content innovator, an inspiration for journalism that serves the public interest.

- Bill Ketter

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Terrence L. Williams Keene Sentinel

Throughout his 40 years as a journalist, Terrence ‘Terry’ Williams has been the type of renaissance man who has made huge impacts on the newspaper and media organizations he has worked for, and in the communities he has served.

His keen insights have made him one of the region’s most innovative leaders in generating new revenue while also leading award-winning newspapers that deliver the news coverage that is the foundation of strong communities.

A 1980 graduate of UNH in environmental conservation, he joined the Lowell Sun, starting in 1981 as a reporter covering national and state parks, the housing authority and other government agencies. He moved to city hall reporter, to general assignment reporter, to city editor in 1987.

Recognizing Terry’s talent, the Telegraph Publishing Co. hired him as managing editor in 1988. His high standards earned him a big promotion in 1994 and he became president and publisher, a position he held until 2013.

During those almost 19 years, he was responsible for more than what would seem possible, including overall management of The Telegraph, nashuatelegraph.com, and NH.com; four weekly newspapers, plus the Telegraph’s digital media department, operated Digital Marketing Services and NH Daily Deals. Terry also helped start and lead The Telegraph’s Events division, which produced the weekly entertainment guide, Encore, and under Terry’s leadership, the Telegraph initiated custom publishing.

During that time, the Telegraph won numerous awards for journalistic excellence, including several ‘Newspaper of the Year’ honors.

Consolidation in the industry, and of the Telegraph Publishing Company, led Terry to join the Keene Sentinel in 2013, where he became the president and chief operating officer, a position he has held for the past 9 years. Always looking for opportunities to spread his knowledge and influence, Terry teamed his staff at The Sentinel with the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship in 2018 to launch Radically Rural, a summit focusing on rural America, at which experts in the arts, downtowns, entrepreneurship, land use, clean energy, healthcare and journalism gather and share thoughts on sustainable, thriving rural communities. The summit has grown exponentially, even during the pandemic when it was held remotely, reaching 24 states in 2018 to 43 states in 2021. Today, Radically Rural has moved beyond a summit to year-round programming and now it has its own full-time director. It’s another in a long stream of accomplishments that boosted the newspaper Terry has led, and also the larger community, region and nation.

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Not only did Terry achieve journalistic honors throughout his career, but from the get-go he was involved in organizations to make the industry stronger and better. He worked on the merger between NENA and NEPA to become NENPA, and was president of NENPA in 2014, and is again serving on the executive team in line to be NENPA's president in 2023. He has served on numerous other boards including the Hannah Grimes Center for Entrepreneurship, the New England First Amendment Coalition, the Publisher's Advisory Board to the military publication *Stars and Stripes* and the New England Associated Press News Executives Association.

Throughout his career, he has also received numerous honors for community service, including Citizen of the Year Award in 2012 and Journalist of the Year award in 2013, both from Nashua; the Innovator Award in 2016 from the New England Newspaper and Press Association and dozens of individual press honors and community honors in Keene.

Anyone who has worked with Terry expresses awe of his unfaltering belief in the role journalism plays in the nation's democracy and within the community.

Mary Ann Kristiansen, Executive Director, Hannah Grimes Center, wrote:

"Forty years into his journalism career, he is still on fire with a love for the field, a deep understanding of the impact it has on the community, and a clear vision of where it needs to go. He has been a forward leaning and creative thought partner as we created, developed and grew the Radically Rural Summit... His outreach has helped build a more cohesive network of rural newspapers and a greater awareness of the value of rural journalism to a broader audience."

Dan Cotter, former executive director of NENPA, and current publisher of the Vermont Standard, summed up Terry's impact with high praise:

"During the past 40 years of unprecedented change and challenge in our industry, the situation has called for smart, resilient leaders who have the courage to embrace the moment, experiment and take risks in an effort to find ways to keep our news organizations alive and competitive, and to position them for a very different future. Terry Williams has been one of the most prominent figures in the region doing just that.... he has been one of this generation's most distinguished newspaper leaders in New England."

A renaissance man for his times — reporter, enterprising editor, innovative CEO/ publisher, board member and industry leader — Terry is an inspiration and a trusted colleague whose example resonates for all of us. He demonstrates why good journalism matters, and how journalists can make a profound difference in our communities, states and nation.

- Angelo Lynn

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William Monroe Trotter

(posthumously)
Boston Guardian

Valedictorian of his Hyde Park (Mass.) high school, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Harvard (third in the Class of 1895), William Monroe Trotter (1872-1934) was the co-founder and long-time editor of the Guardian. The newspaper was a voice for Boston's Black residents and Black people beyond New England.

The newspaper was founded in 1901 by Trotter and his friend George W. Forbes, an 1895 graduate of Amherst; Forbes left the business in 1904. Trotter died on his 62nd birthday in 1934; the newspaper limped along until the 1950s. The focus was local, regional, national and global.

Trotter told Boston Guardian readers: "A paper must be known for what it does, not merely what it says. The Guardian is not like most colored weeklies, saying one thing and doing another. We 'do' for colored humanity what the world has conspired to deny us. We will not apologize, and we will not retreat – the Guardian makes itself responsible for our collective deliverance. None are free unless all are free."

Trotter used the Guardian to fight against Jim Crow laws and practices, from the neighborhoods of his home town and to the White House. He was a vocal opponent of lynching, publishing many reports from Ida B. Wells. He was a staunch advocate for civil rights and proclaimed the Guardian was "the greatest race paper in the country." Believing the interests of Black people were paramount over party loyalty, he encouraged Black voters to weigh their options between the Republican and Democratic parties. He endorsed Woodrow Wilson in 1912, but Booker T. Washington and his conservative politics were on the receiving end of many sharp editorials on the pages of the Guardian. Trotter was arrested in Boston and spent 30 days in jail after protesting a speech of Washington's in Boston. He also led an effort to keep The Birth of A Nation from being shown in the town.

Trotter was viewed by many as a radical, a radical who spoke too forcefully and too loudly on behalf of Black people. He did not back down.

Trotter was a sometimes follower and other times rival of W.E.B. Du Bois. He helped found the Niagara Movement in 1905, which was the forerunner of the NAACP. Trotter also helped revive the National Equal Rights League in the early part of the 20th century. This organization pushed for voting rights

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for women and civil rights for Black people. Trotter had meetings in 1912 and 1914 with President Woodrow Wilson. Wilson threw Trotter out of the latter meeting for being disrespectful.

Not cowed by the president or others, the Guardian had a loud voice and was read in Boston households each week, and passed on to relatives, friends and neighbors. The newspaper was at its height in its first decade, with Trotter at the helm and his wife, Deenie, and his sisters, Maude and Bessie, frequently left to run the paper and get it published each week as Trotter was often away on speaking engagements. Its financial life was often precarious, as well, as he refused to take advertising for alcohol or tobacco.

The Guardian, although more than once on the receiving end of criticisms from other Black newspapers, such as the New York Age and the Pittsburgh Courier, Trotter was recognized for his efforts to give Black people in Boston their own newspaper and to focus on non-elite Black people.

The William Monroe Trotter Institute at UMass, Boston researches Black history and culture. The William Monroe Trotter Multiculture Center at the University of Michigan commemorates him. There is an elementary school in Dorchester named for him, and his Dorchester home is a National Register Landmark.

Trotter was a radical newspaper editor who used his editorial voice to shine light on the evils of racism and to give his readers in Boston, in New England and beyond a voice and a mirror for the broader society to see. He came from a proud list of New England activist editors. He intentionally moved the Guardian office to Tremont Row where William Lloyd Garrison had published The Liberator; Trotter kept a bust of Garrison on his desk and was a frequent correspondent with two of Garrison's sons. (Garrison was honored with a Yankee Quill Award in 2006.)

- Richard Lodge
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1960

- * George F. Booth, Worcester Telegram & Gazette
- * Sevellon Brown, Providence Journal-Bulletin
- * Minnie Ryan Dwight, Holyoke Transcript-Telegram
- * James B. Morgan, Boston Globe
- * Norris G. Osborn, New Haven Courier-Journal

1961

- Herbert Brucker, Hartford Courant
- Erwin D. Canham, Christian Science Monitor
- * Waldo L. Cook, Springfield Republican
- Henry Beetle Hough, Vineyard Gazette
- * Arthur G. Staples, Lewiston Journal

1962

- David Brickman, Medford Mercury/ Malden News
- * Guy P. Gannett, Gannett Newspapers
- James M. Langley, Concord Monitor
- * William J. Pape, Waterbury Republican-American
- David Patten, Providence Journal-Bulletin

1963

- Paul S. Deland, Christian Science Monitor
- Louis M. Lyons, Nieman Foundation
- Henry W. Minott, United Press International

1964

- John R. Herbert, Quincy Patriot Ledger
- Leslie Moore, Worcester Telegram & Gazette
- Laurence L. Winship, Boston Globe

1965

- Gordon N. Converse, Christian Science Monitor
- * Rudolph F. Elie, Boston Herald-Traveler
- Francis R. Murphy, Associated Press

1966

- Thomas K. Brinkley, Fall River Herald-News
- William Dwight, Holyoke Transcript-Telegram
- Edward A. Weeks, Atlantic Monthly

1967

- Charles E. Gallagher, Lynn Item
- Lawrence K. Miller, Berkshire Eagle
- John R. Reitemeyer, Hartford Courant

1968

- Arch M. MacDonald, WBZ-TV
- Michael J. Ogden, Providence Journal-Bulletin
- Forest W. Seymour, Worcester Telegram & Gazette

1969

- Harry Bryant Center, Boston University
- Alexander J. Haviland, Boston Globe
- Edgar M. Mills, Christian Science Monitor

1970

- C. Edward Holland, Boston Record-American
- * Charles J. Lewin, New Bedford Standard-Times
- David M. White, Boston University

1971

- Barnard L. Colby, The Day
- J. Edward DeCourcy, Newport Argus-Champion
- Francis E. Whitmarsh, WBZ-TV

1972

- Thomas J. Murphy, Waltham News-Tribune
- Thomas Winship, Boston Globe

1973

- John N. Cole, Maine Times
- Thomas W. Gerber, Concord Monitor
- Abraham A. Michaelson, Berkshire Eagle

1974

- Robert C. Achorn, Worcester Telegram & Gazette
- Bob Eddy, Hartford Courant
- Kingsley R. Fall, Berkshire Eagle

1975

- Robert J. Leeney, New Haven Register and Journal-Courier
- G. Prescott Low, Quincy Patriot Ledger
- William L. Plante, Essex County Newspapers
- J. Russell Wiggins, Ellsworth American

1976

- Joseph L. Doherty, Boston Globe
- Loren F. Ghiglione, Southbridge Evening News
- Elliot Norton, Boston Herald-American

1977

- John Hughes, Christian Science Monitor
- Cornelius F. Hurley, Associated Press
- John B. Hynes, WCVB-TV
- Marjorie Mills, Boston Herald

1978

- Dwight E. Sargent, Boston Herald-American
- George A. Speers, Northeastern University
- Charles L. Whipple, Boston Globe

1979

- Everett S. Allen, New Bedford Standard-Times
- Judith Brown, New Britain Herald
- Ernest W. Chard, Portland Press Herald
- Philip Weld, Essex County Newspapers

1980

- John C.A. Watkins, Providence Journal-Bulletin
- William J. Clew, Hartford Courant

1981

- * Alton H. Blackington, Boston Herald/WBZ
- Richard C. Garvey, Springfield Daily News
- Donald Murray, University of New Hampshire
- W. Davis Taylor, Boston Globe

1982

- George B. Merry, Christian Science Monitor
- Richard C. Steele, Worcester Telegram & Gazette

1983

- Stephen A. Collins, Danbury News-Times
- Robert H. Estabrook, Lakeville Journal
- Brooks W. Hamilton, University of Maine

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1984

Deane C. Avery, The Day
Kenneth J. Botty, Worcester Telegram & Gazette
John C. Quinn, USA Today

1985

Leonard J. Cohen, Providence Journal-Bulletin
George Esper, Associated Press
Sidney B. McKeen, Worcester Telegram & Gazette
George W. Wilson, Concord Monitor

1986

Roger Allen, WRKO
* Stanton J. Berens, United Press International
Raymond A. Brighton, Portsmouth Herald
K. Prescott Low, Quincy Patriot Ledger

1987

John S. Driscoll, Boston Globe
James D. Ewing, Keene Sentinel
James Thistle, Boston University

1988

William B. Ketter, Quincy Patriot Ledger
James Ragsdale, New Bedford Standard-Times
Daniel Warner, Lawrence Eagle-Tribune

1989

Irving Kravsov, Hartford Courant
Caryl Rivers, Boston University
James V. Wyman, Providence Journal-Bulletin

1990

Carmen Fields, WGBH-TV
Charles McCorkle Hauser, Providence Journal-Bulletin
Carter H. White, Meriden Record-Journal

1992

Edward S. Bell, Associated Press
Arnold S. Friedman, Springfield Newspapers
Warren F. Gardner, Meriden Record-Journal

1993

Betty J. Brighton, Portsmouth Herald
Bernard Caughey, Quincy Patriot Ledger
* Robert W. Mitchell, Rutland Herald
Hugh Mulligan, Associated Press
John P. Reilly, The Norwalk Hour

1994

Steve Riley, Guy Gannett Publishing Co.
Norman Runnion, Brattleboro Reformer
David Starr, Springfield Newspapers
William O. Taylor, Boston Globe

1995

Leonard I. Levin, Providence Journal-Bulletin
Reid MacCluggage, The Day
Kathie Neff Ragsdale, Lawrence Eagle-Tribune
Bernard S. Redmont, Boston University

1996

Katherine Fanning, Christian Science Monitor
Stan Grossfield, Boston Globe
Kenneth E. Grube, The Day

1997

Natalie Jacobson, WCVB-TV
C. Michael Pride, Concord Monitor
Matthew Storin, Boston Globe

1998

William Breisky, Cape Cod Times
Rod Doherty, Foster's Daily Democrat
* Irving Rogers Jr., Lawrence Eagle Tribune
Michael Short, Associated Press

1999

John F. Henning, WBZ-TV
Linda Lotridge Levin, University of Rhode Island
William J. Pape II, Waterbury Republican-American
Morley L. Piper, New England Newspaper Assoc.

2000

Elizabeth S. Ellis, Journal-Inquirer
Robert Foster, Foster's Daily Democrat
David Nyhan, Boston Globe
Sarah-Ann Shaw, WBZ-TV

2001

Philip Balboni, New England Cable News
Thomas Kearney, Keene Sentinel
Alan Lupo, Boston Globe
Morgan McGinley, The Day

2002

Clark Booth, WCVB-TV
Ken Hartnett, New Bedford Standard-Times
Joseph W. McQuaid, New Hampshire Union Leader
Patrick J. Purcell, Boston Herald/
Community Newspaper Co.

2003

Stephen A. Kurkjian, Boston Globe
Paul LaCamera, WCVB-TV
James H. Smith, Record-Journal
Harry T. Whitin, Worcester Telegram & Gazette

2004

* Benjamin Edes, Boston Gazette
Elaine N. Hooker, Associated Press
Jonathan F. Kellogg, Republican-American
Joel P. Rawson, Providence Journal
R.D. Sahl, New England Cable News

2005

John Burke, Boston Globe
George Geers, New England Newspaper Association
Thomas Heslin, Providence Journal
Emily Rooney, WGBH-TV
Greg Stone, The Day
* Isaiah Thomas, Worcester Gazette

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2006

* William Lloyd Garrison, *The Liberator*, Boston
Gary Lapierre, *WBZ*
David Offer, *Kennebec Journal*
Chris Powell, *Manchester Journal Inquirer*
Walter Robinson, *Boston Globe*

2007

Michael Donoghue, *The Burlington Free Press*
Larry McDermott, *The Republican*, Springfield
Eileen McNamara, *Boston Globe*
Jim Taricani, *WJAR*, Providence
Barbara Walsh, *Portland Press Herald*

2008

Nelson Benton, *Salem News*
* Ann Smith Franklin, *Rhode Island Gazette*
John Howe, *The Citizen*, Laconia, N.H.
Al Larkin, *Boston Globe*

2009

* Samuel Bowles, *The Republican*
* Samuel Bowles II, *The Republican*
James Campanini, *The Lowell Sun*
Jim Foudy, *Daily Hampshire Gazette*
Samuel W. Fleming IV, *WBUR*
George Krinsky, *Republican-American*

2010

Oreste D'Arconte, *The Sun Chronicle*
* Thomas Green, *The Courant*
Melissa Ludtke, *Nieman Foundation/
Nieman Reports*
Dan Rea, *WBZ*
Mary Pat Rowland, *Foster's Daily Democrat*
Mark Smith, *Caledonian-Record*

2011

Jack Authalet, *Foxboro Reporter*
Irwin Gratz, *Maine Public Broadcasting Network*
Leah Lamson, *Worcester Telegram & Gazette*
* Gen. Charles H. Taylor, *Boston Globe*
Kendall Wallace, *The Lowell Sun*

2012

Robert Giles, *Nieman Foundation at
Harvard University*
R. John Mitchell, *Rutland Herald & Times Argus*
Robert Schrepf, *Hartford Courant*
Robert L. Turner, *Boston Globe*
Jack Williams, *WBZ-TV*, Boston

2013

Christine Chinlund, *The Boston Globe*
Peter Lord, *Providence Journal*
James Rousmaniere, *Keene Sentinel*
Eliot White, *The Record-Journal*
* John Greenleaf Whittier, 19th Century Poet, Editor

2014

Joseph Bergantino, *New England Center for
Investigative Reporting*
Karen Bordeleau, *The Providence Journal*
John Christie, *Maine Center for Public Interest
Reporting*
Richard Lodge, *GateHouse Media New England*
Al White, *Eagle-Tribune*

2015

* Mary Baker Eddy, *Christian Science Monitor*
Carolyn Lumsden, *The Hartford Courant*
Jane Harrigan, *University of New Hampshire*
Tom Farragher, *Boston Globe*
Mary Jane Wilkinson, *Boston Globe*

2016

Edward Achorn, *The Providence Journal*
Maura Casey, *The Day*
* Sara Josepha Hale, *Godey's Lady's Book*
Brian McGrory, *Boston Globe*
Lincoln McKie, *Northeastern University*

2017

Robert Ambrogi, *Massachusetts Newspaper
Publishers Association*
Robin Young, *WBZ-TV*
* James Franklin, colonial printer and publisher


2018

* Henry Martyn Burt, *Among the Clouds*
David Moats, *The Rutland Herald*
Wayne Phaneuf, *The Republican*
Ken Squier, *American Broadcaster*
Lou Ureneck, *Journalism Professor, Journalist*

2019

Ross Connelly, *Hardwick Gazette*
Callie Crossley, *WGBH*
Dan Kennedy, *Northeastern University*
Angelo Lynn, *Addison County Independent*
John C. Peterson, *The Peterson Group*

* Elected posthumously



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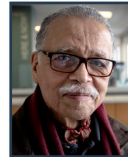
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