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2020 HALL OF FAME

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

*“Each year as we celebrate our inductees, we are reminded of the power of words and the resilience of Atlanta's media community.”*

*When I began the job as president of the Atlanta Press Club in January 2020, I had no idea a novel coronavirus would become a global pandemic.*

*This year has proven the critical importance of your sponsorship dollars, which continue to make us better stewards of journalism in Atlanta as we strive for inclusion and diversity of ideas in our work and mission.*

*Our annual **Hall of Fame** induction ceremony recognizes career excellence and lifetime achievement in the field of journalism, and 2020's unusual trajectory will not douse our excitement as we honor outstanding journalists who set the highest standards in Atlanta and beyond.*

*Each year as we celebrate our inductees, we are reminded of the power of words and the resilience of Atlanta's media community. Our celebrations may look a little different this year, but your support will continue to bolster our mission to serve the professional and educational needs of regional journalists—no matter the circumstances.*

*Thank you for your support, your consideration and your belief in our mission. We need you now more than ever. We look forward to celebrating with you!*

*—Kristi York Wooten  
November 2020*



## 2020 HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE

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**Maggie Lee**, Freelance Journalist

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**Mark Meltzer**, Journalist

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## ABOUT THE ATLANTA PRESS CLUB

Established in 1964, the Atlanta Press Club (APC) is a registered 501c3 nonprofit and one of the largest and most active professional journalism organizations in the country. More than half of our 500 members are working journalists. The balance is made up of journalism students, educators, government and nonprofit executives, and public relations professionals.

**Our mission** is to serve the evolving professional, educational and social needs of our media community, foster journalistic excellence and advance the public's interest in and understanding of a free press.

## WHY JOURNALISM MATTERS NOW

Newspapers and newsrooms are disappearing from American towns and cities. Without local journalists in these areas, citizens are becoming less informed and research and sources are not being printed, which means many public officials are not being held accountable for their actions. In the current media environment, it can be hard to tell what news is real vs. fake, and what is fact vs. opinion. Journalism is under attack, and there is confusion about what journalists do and why they are vital in a democracy.

The Atlanta Press Club partnered with Georgia Humanities on the *Democracy and the Informed Citizen* project and we continue to provide online programming that deepens the public's knowledge of the connections between democracy, journalism and an informed citizenry; we also aim to increase media literacy and support high-quality journalism, especially local journalism.



# DONATE TODAY! YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ATLANTA PRESS CLUB PROVIDES...

## **RECOGNITION OF QUALITY JOURNALISM**

Sponsorship allows us to publicly recognize excellence in the field of journalism at our annual Hall of Fame event, which honors journalists for their careers and lifetime achievements.

## **PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS**

Through publications and programming, the APC helps to educate the public on important issues and the role journalists play in a democracy.

## **EDUCATION**

APC hosts discussions throughout the year to help journalists improve their skills and accuracy. Topics include current legislation, First Amendment law, and tips and resources.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

APC offers summer internships for journalism students by pairing them with many of Atlanta's top news organizations where they receive hands-on experience reporting.

## **ACCESS**

Members and the public gain access to influential leaders from across the state and the country through our Newsmaker and Check-In series.



## ABOUT THE HALL OF FAME

Each year, the Atlanta Press Club recognizes top leaders within our industry. For more than 50 years, we've fostered and awarded journalistic excellence to distinguish outstanding individuals who uphold the highest standards of the press. The Hall of Fame is an annual event that recognizes journalists for their lifetime achievements, whose careers represent the highest standards of journalistic integrity and ethics. They have made outstanding contributions either to journalism in Georgia or the country and the world at large, often courageously overcoming many obstacles to pursue, find and share the truth.

## PAST INDUCTEES



## 2020 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



### BOYD LEWIS

Boyd Henry Lewis, Jr. is a photographer, teacher and former journalist who worked with black-owned newspapers in Atlanta. Lewis was hired by the Atlanta Voice, a black-owned weekly newspaper, in 1969 and in 1973 by the Atlanta Inquirer, where he covered Mayor Maynard Jackson and the election of civil rights leader Andrew Young to Congress. Lewis later became a reporter and wrote, produced and hosted "Southwind" a program featuring news, interviews and events in Atlanta.



### LEE MAY

Lee May was a graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. He won the National Conference of Christians and Jews' Gold Medal Award and the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award Grand Prize. In addition to writing the book *Gardening Life*, Lee May also authored *My Father's Garden*. May wrote for *The Los Angeles Times* and *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution* for 25 years, as well as *Southern Living* and *US Airways'* in-flight magazine – *Attaché*, as well as numerous home and garden publications.



### PAT MITCHELL

Pat Mitchell was the first woman president of PBS and of CNN productions, and also a visionary, award-winning TV and film producer. She is the editorial director of TED Women, chair of the Sundance and the Women's Media Center boards and a trustee of the VDAY movement, the Skoll Foundation and the Acumen Fund. She is an advisor to Participant Media and served as a congressional appointment to The American Museum of Women's History Advisory Council. She is the author of *Becoming a Dangerous Woman: Embracing Risk to Change the World*.



### BILL RANKIN

Bill Rankin, the AJC's legal affairs reporter, has worked for the paper for more than 30 years. Since 2015, he has been the host and narrator of the AJC's *Breakdown* podcast. He has covered trials such as Atlanta lawyer Fred Tokars, NFL star Ray Lewis, the Gold Club and Justin Ross Harris. Bill has also exposed inequities and breakdowns in Georgia's indigent defense system, its administration of the death penalty and its civil and criminal justice systems. Bill is the son of Jim Rankin, who worked as an editor for the newspaper for 26 years before retiring in 1986.

# Bill Rankin

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**Bold defender of the 1st Amendment**

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**PAT MITCHELL**



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### INTRODUCTION / BOARD CHAIR

**MARYLYNN RYAN** ATLANTA PRESS CLUB BOARD CHAIR,  
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### OVERVIEW / EMCEE

**BLAYNE ALEXANDER** NBC NEWS

### 10TH ANNIVERSARY TRIBUTE

A TRIBUTE TO OUR HONOREES 2010-2020

### JOURNALIST SPOTLIGHT

**ALYSSA POINTER** *THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION*

### OPENING KEYNOTE

**TOM JOHNSON** MEDIA EXECUTIVE,  
2011 HALL OF FAME HONOREE

## BROADCAST PROGRAM

### 2020 RECAP / EMCEE

**BLAYNE ALEXANDER** NBC NEWS

### FEATURED SPEAKERS

**ANDREW YOUNG** CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER

**ALEXIS SCOTT** PUBLISHER AND MEDIA EXECUTIVE,  
2011 HALL OF FAME HONOREE

### HONOREE INTRODUCTION / EMCEE

**BLAYNE ALEXANDER** NBC NEWS

### BOYD LEWIS TRIBUTE

**JENNIFER HALL LEE** FILMMAKER

**ANDREW YOUNG** CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER

**TOM HOUCK** CIVIL RIGHTS TOUR

**BOYD LEWIS** 2020 HALL OF FAME HONOREE

### LEE MAY TRIBUTE

**KEVIN SACK** PULITZER PRIZE WINNER, *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

**LYLE HARRIS** FREELANCE JOURNALIST

**CYNTHIA TUCKER** PULITZER PRIZE WINNER, 2017 HALL OF FAME HONOREE

**LYN MAY** ACCEPTING FOR

2020 HALL OF FAME HONOREE LEE MAY

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### PAT MITCHELL TRIBUTE

**JANE FONDA** ACTRESS AND ACTIVIST  
**CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR** PBS, CNN, 2018 HALL OF FAME HONOREE  
**MONICA PEARSON** WSB-TV, 2013 HALL OF FAME HONOREE  
**TOM JOHNSON** MEDIA EXECUTIVE, 2011 HALL OF FAME HONOREE  
**PAT MITCHELL** 2020 HALL OF FAME HONOREE

### FUTURE JOURNALIST SEGMENT / EMCEE

**BLAYNE ALEXANDER** NBC NEWS

### 2020 AWARDS OF EXCELLENCE RISING STAR CO-WINNER

**TAMAR HALLERMAN** *THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION*

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**KEVIN SANCHEZ FAREZ** GEORGIA STATE UNIVERSITY

### THANK YOU AND GOODNIGHT / EMCEE

**BLAYNE ALEXANDER** NBC NEWS

### POSTSCRIPT MESSAGE AND TRIBUTE TO JOHN LEWIS

**XERNONA CLAYTON** CIVIL RIGHTS PIONEER, MEDIA EXECUTIVE AND  
2012 HALL OF FAME HONOREE



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