

Bill Marimow '69, H'16

Bill Marimow, a two-time recipient of the Pulitzer Prize as a reporter, has led three newsrooms -- *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *The Baltimore Sun* as editor-in-chief and National Public Radio as the vice president of news. At present, he serves as the president of The Fund for Investigative Journalism, a non-profit organization that awards grants for investigative projects throughout the United States.

Marimow is a 1969 graduate of Trinity College, where he received an honorary doctorate degree in 2016 and gave the commencement speech that year. He was also the recipient of Trinity's Eigenbrodt Cup and the college's Alumni Achievement Award. Marimow also has given the commencement addresses at the University of Maryland and Drexel University. In 1982-83, he studied First Amendment law at Harvard Law School as a Nieman Fellow.

His wife Diane is a clay artist and educator, who worked for more than a decade at The Philadelphia Museum of Art. He has two children: Ann, a reporter at *The Washington Post*, who covers the Supreme Court, and Scott, who is a managing partner at a private equity firm -- Providence Equity Partners.

Vernon Loeb

Vernon Loeb is executive editor at *Inside Climate News*. He joined ICN from *The Atlantic*, where he was politics editor, after a newspaper career as a reporter, foreign correspondent, and editor. He was California investigations editor at the *Los Angeles Times*, deputy managing editor for news at *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, metro editor at *The Washington Post*, and managing editor at the *Houston Chronicle*. He began his reporting career at the *Inquirer* and became the newspaper's Southeast Asia correspondent, which took him to Beijing during the Tiananmen Square uprising. Later, as Pentagon correspondent at the *Post*, he covered the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. On his watch, the *Inquirer* was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in national reporting, the *Times* was a finalist in investigative reporting, and the *Chronicle* won the Pulitzer Prize for commentary and was twice a finalist for public service and breaking news.

Ellen Weiss

Ellen Weiss is an award-winning journalist and leader with more than 40 years experience working in audio, video, and digital newsrooms. Most recently, as Washington Bureau Chief and Vice President at The E. W. Scripps Company, she created a multimedia national investigative team and launched podcasting for the company. She received her fourth Peabody Award for the “Under the Radar” investigative series exposing problems when convicted military sex offenders return to civilian life. In 2020 her team received the RFK’s Journalism Grand Prize Award for the investigative documentary “A Broken Trust,” a project highlighting the lack of justice for survivors of sexual assault tribal lands.

Weiss joined Scripps from The Center for Public Integrity where she was Executive Editor. Prior to that she served as Senior Vice President of News at NPR. In that role, she oversaw global expansion of NPR News, the creation of award-winning programs and news coverage, the creation of an investigative unit, podcasts, and the digital integration of the newsroom. Under her leadership, NPR experienced significant audience growth and numerous awards for journalistic excellence.

Weiss joined NPR News in 1982. For 12 years, she was Executive Producer of the daily NPR newsmagazine *All Things Considered*. From 2001 to 2006, she was Senior Editor of the National Desk, managing 80 reporters, editors, and producers covering all national issues. Weiss edited many of NPR News' investigations including award-winning reports on abuses that led to changes in U.S. government detention center policies and reports on soldiers with PTSD that sparked Senate and Pentagon investigations.

Weiss is a graduate of Smith College with a B.A. in international relations. In 2024, she co-founded an audio production company, Rock Creek Sound. She sits on the board of the Fund for Investigative Journalism, the College Advising Corps, and the non-profit news outlet Floodlight. She is an advisor to Shomrim, a nonprofit and non-partisan independent investigative news organization in Israel. Weiss is a volunteer for the National Park Service, a trail maintainer for the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, and a mentee for College Bound. She and her family live in Washington, D.C.

John Levy '69

John Levy was Waban Inc.'s founding President and C.E.O. serving in that capacity from 1989 until June of 1993. Waban Inc. was a public corporation and a major participant in the field of warehouse merchandising through its HomeBase and BJ's Wholesale Club businesses.

John spent some twenty years with Zayre Corp and its subsidiaries running various merchandising divisions as well as store operations. He served as Senior Executive Vice President of Zayre stores, overseeing all of merchandise purchasing, distribution, warehousing, and systems development. At the time Zayre was a 250 store chain of stores doing volume of some two billion dollars.

He has been actively involved and has served on the board of several companies in the software, biotech, and retail fields including Autolines, Profile Systems, and Alere, a public corporation where he served as chairman of the audit committee.

He received his BA in English from Trinity in 1969 and his MBA from Harvard Business School in 1973.

John was a member of the governance committee of the League of Women Voters of Collier County. He also served as vice chairman of the board and executive committee member of Planned Parenthood of Collier County and is an executive committee member of the Naples Discussion Group. He is a board member of the Baker Naples Senior Center and has served on the investment committees of the Community Foundation of Collier County, Planned Parenthood of Southwest and Central Florida, and the Founders Fund at Club Pelican Bay. He is a member of the Greater Naples Leadership Council. He was a long-time trustee of Newton Wellesley Hospital, where he has served on the executive committee, been a director of its physician hospital organization, and chairman of the finance committee where he is still a member. He is a past President of Jewish Family and Childrens Service of Greater Boston.

In recent years his attention has been on the national political scene and the domestic threat to our individual freedoms. He is currently focused on how the press reports on these issues.