

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Marcia Kunstel

Class of 1969

International correspondent Marcia Kunstel has pursued her excitingly peripatetic profession covering history-making events in many troubled areas of the world.

After graduating from Ohio Wesleyan with a degree in journalism, she began her journalistic career reporting for the Hartford Times, moved on to the Montgomery Advertiser in Alabama (where she was the first woman political reporter in the South) and then joined the Atlanta Journal as a city reporter. Previously, she worked as a freelance correspondent based in Rome reporting for Newsday, the Dallas Morning News, and the Miami Herald.

In 1988, she became a correspondent for Cox newspaper in Washington. She has covered wars in Lebanon and Chad, rebellions in the Sudan and Afghanistan, the U.S. bombing of Libya, and the release of Nelson Mandela. Recently she and her husband, Joseph Albright, also a foreign correspondent, completed a four-year assignment as Moscow correspondents, after which they spent a year in China. Marcia returned early this week from Albania where she has witnessed first-hand the deplorable atrocities and suffering occurring there at this time.

In 1988, she won the Overseas Press Club award for foreign reporting with her husband. In 1990, they won the Headliner Award for their coverage of the Persian Gulf Crisis.

The two have written jointly several highly acclaimed books based on their overseas experiences, the most recent of which is *Bombsbell: the Secret of America's Unknown Atomic Spy Conspiracy*.

With the presentation of this year's Distinguished Achievement Citation, we celebrate Marcia Kunstel for her accomplishments as an international journalist and salute her pioneering spirit. She is truly a role model for today's aspiring journalists at Ohio Wesleyan.

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