



*Legacy Award*

*Milton Coleman*

*In  
Communications*

Milton Coleman is a former senior editor of The Washington Post. He joined The Washington Post in 1976 as a reporter on the Metropolitan staff and became City editor in 1980. He resumed reporting in 1983 on the National staff, where he covered minorities and immigration, the 1984 presidential campaign, state and local governments, and Congress. He was named assistant managing editor for Metropolitan News in 1986; for the next decade he directed the newspaper's largest staff in coverage of the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. In 1996 he was promoted to deputy managing editor at The Washington Post. Under his direction, the newsroom launched a comprehensive Spanish-language news initiative that included collaborations with local, national, and international media, as well as the purchase of El Tiempo Latino, a Washington-area Spanish-language weekly. He was named senior editor in 2009 and retired in 2012.

Milton Coleman began his journalism career in 1969 as a reporter for The Milwaukee Courier, a black weekly. He subsequently worked at The African World newspaper in Greensboro, North Carolina, the All-African News Service and at WHUR-FM News at Howard University, Community News Service of New York, and at The Minneapolis Star. He served as ombudsman for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. He was the 2016 Edith Kinney Gaylord Visiting Professor in Journalism Ethics at Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Arizona State University. Mr. Coleman served as President of the American Society of News Editors, and as president of the Inter-American Press Association. He currently serves as a Hearst Visiting Professor for Public Affairs Reporting at Cathy Hughes School of Communications at Howard University.

Mr. Coleman is an inductee into the Hall of Fame of the DC chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists, and is represented in The History Makers, an oral video history archive of prominent African Americans. Since 1990 he has coordinated Friends of Herb Denton Committee, which awards an annual college scholarship of more than \$100,000 in memory of Herbert H. Denton, Jr., the first black city editor of The Washington Post. Mr. Coleman served as chairperson of the Board of Trustees and co-chair of the scholarship committee at Peoples Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, DC.