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Jacqueline P. Danzberger

Jacqueline P. Danzberger was the director of governance programs at the Institute for Educational Leadership (IEL) from 1983 until her death in April 2000. Jackie, as she was known to friends and colleagues, became involved in education in 1968 when she became chairman of the Darien (Connecticut) Board of Education. Later, she served as president of the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education.

Jackie's affiliation with IEL began in 1975 when she was a nationally recruited *Fellow* in the Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP), a mid-career leadership development program for individuals in education and related policy arenas. In 1976 she founded the Connecticut site of EPFP.

She moved to Washington in 1981 to become the executive director of Youthwork, a non-profit intermediary organization charged with improving education and training for at-risk youths. In 1983, Jackie joined the staff of IEL, where her work included initiating, developing, and managing programs related to education governance, management, and evaluation. She directed IEL's 1986 national study of local boards of education and co-authored the report, *"School Boards: Strengthening Grass Roots Leadership."* She also developed a school board effectiveness program and conducted follow-up studies of school boards. The *American School Board Journal* referred to Jackie as one of a handful of people composing the "intellectual core" driving school governance reform.

Jackie was a devoted mother to her children: Alison Danzberger Stump, Alexander H. Danzberger Jr., Diana P. Danzberger, and Robert S. Danzberger and a devoted grandmother. She was a native of Indianapolis and a 1954 graduate of Wellesley College.

The memorial lecture in honor of her memory was established in 2001. To read the previous Lectures, visit IEL's Web site at:

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John Merrow, currently Education Correspondent for the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, is also president of Learning Matters, the non-profit organization he founded in 1995, and a visiting scholar at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching at Stanford. He began his career in as an education reporter in 1974, creating a weekly series "Options in Education" that was co-produced by National Public Radio and IEL. "Options" received the George Polk Award in 1982. His first TV series, "Your Children, Our Children," earned an Emmy nomination in 1984. He was education correspondent for the MacNeil/Lehrer NewsHour (1985–1990), and created The Merrow Report for PBS (1993), followed by the NPR series of the same name (1997). He returned to the NewsHour in 2000 and is a frequent contributor to the op-ed pages of many newspapers (e.g., the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, and *Education Week*). He is the author of Choosing Excellence and co-editor of Declining by Degrees.



Among Merrow's many awards are two George Foster Peabody Awards (2000, 2006); several Hugo Awards; Emmy nominations (1984, 2005 and 2007); and more than a dozen awards from the Education Writers Association. He earned an AB from Dartmouth College, an MA in American Studies from Indiana University, and a doctorate in Education and Social Policy from the Harvard Graduate School of Education (HGSE). In 2000 he received the James L. Fisher Award for Distinguished Service to Education from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, and in 2006 he received the HGSE Alumni Council Award for Outstanding Contributions to Education.

Merrow has been a teacher in junior and senior high schools, college, and a federal prison. He is a Trustee of Teachers College, Columbia University; former chair of the HGSE Alumni; and a Director of the Education Writers Association and the Rural School and Community Trust. You can learn more about Learning Matters, Inc. at:

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