John K. Iglehart

Class of 1957

John Iglehart has built a career spanning over forty years with a distinguished record as a highly respected health policy journalist. His career began in 1961 after graduation from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee writing for The Associated Press in Milwaukee, Madison and Chicago. Iglehart moved to Washington, D.C. after winning a Congressional Fellowship sponsored by the American Political Science Association. Following a year on Capitol Hill, John joined the inaugural staff of the National Journal, a weekly publication on federal policymaking, where his work ranged from reporter to editor. In 1971, Iglehart began to specialize in health policy and quickly gained a reputation for perceptive reporting of complex problems facing the American health care system. In 1977 Iglehart was elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine, a branch of the National Academy of Sciences. In 1981, John was urged by Project HOPE to create a health policy journal, Health Affairs, which has become the nation's leading periodical covering this sphere. In 1981, John also became the national correspondent of The New England Journal of Medicine, writing "Health Policy Reports" that are widely recognized for their balance and perspective. As the author of more than 100 essays, John has published more material in the Journal than any other contributor in its 190year history. Iglehart has received the Academy Health's prestigious Chair Award, which recognizes national leaders who have significantly contributed to moving health services research into policy and practice. In 2007, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee bestowed on Iglehart its Special Life Achievement Award, one of only ten such honors ever awarded by the University. In 2008, the New York Academy of Medicine bestowed on Iglehart its First Annual Academy Medal for Distinguished Contributions in Health Policy. Iglehart serves on numerous professional boards and has also been a journalist-in-residence at Harvard University.

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