



MARYANN LAZARSKI

Maryann credits pioneering radio and television newswoman Nancy Dickerson with piquing her interest in TV news. In 1960, Milwaukee native Dickerson became the first female network reporter at CBS and after reading Dickerson's autobiography in college, she was hooked.

Maryann herself became an award-winning journalist at WISN-TV where she spent half of her 20 years there as video editor, weekend assignment editor, and producer of newscasts and special projects. She spent the second half of her tenure in management as executive producer, assistant news director, and interim news director. She led her WISN colleagues on the coverage of the Jeffrey Dahmer story, winning an Emmy® Award and a National Associated Press Award. She is also a contributing author and editor for *The Producing Strategy 2.0*, a book published by The Broadcast Image Group, aimed at television news producers and managers.

Maryann's other passion is teaching. She was an assistant professor at Cardinal Stritch University and served on the journalism faculty at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She's proud of her many students who consistently won awards for journalistic excellence.

Mostly recently, Maryann became a producer/director for Milwaukee Public Television, working as supervising producer for *Outdoor Wisconsin* and producing documentaries. She serves on the Wisconsin Broadcasters Association's Education Committee, produces videos for WBA Foundation's virtual Wisconsin Museum of Broadcasting, and is a long-time member of the Milwaukee Press Club Board of Governors.

A Chicago native, Maryann earned both her bachelor's and master's degrees at Marquette University in Milwaukee. She and her husband, Dennis Majewski, have a teenage daughter, Grace, and a Tibetan Terrier named Buddy.