



Justice In Action Award 2019

CALLIE CROSSLEY

of WGBH's Under the Radar with Callie Crossley

Biography

Callie Crossley is a Boston based radio and tv host, commentator, and public speaker. Her Monday morning commentaries on WGBH's *Morning Edition* tackle wide-ranging subject matter—from the TSA's Quiet Skies surveillance program, a tribute to Girl Scouts, Ayanna Pressley's Congressional victory, everyday racism, the movie *Crazy Rich Asians*, the pre and post response to the Brett Kavanaugh hearings, and the lack of understanding about sexual assault.

She appears on WGBH-TV's *Beat the Press*, examining local and national media coverage, and hosts *Basic Black*, which focuses on current events concerning communities of color. A frequent commentator on television and radio, she is regularly quoted in the national media.

A former producer for ABC News 20/20, Ms. Crossley is also a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow, guest lecturing at colleges and universities about media literacy, media and politics and the intersection of race, gender and media.

Callie is a multiple awarding winner journalist and documentary filmmaker, including a National Emmy, the Gold Alfred I. Dupont-Columbia Award, plus Associated Press, Edward R. Murrow, and Clarion Awards, and top honors for commentary from the Public Radio News Directors. She is the first African-American to win an Oscar® nomination in the Documentary Feature category for her work as a Producer on "Bridge to Freedom," her hour in the documentary series, "Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years 1954-1965." She also earned a National Emmy and the Alfred I Dupont-Columbia Award (Gold Baton) for this work.

In January of 2019, Cinema Eye awarded the Legacy Award to Crossley and other members of the Blackside, Inc. creative team for nonfiction filmmaking.

Crossley won a 2017 Award from National Association of Black Journalists for Hosting in the Television Public Affairs: Interview Discussion for the program “Basic Black: Celebrating a Prince, a Queen and a General”

Crossley was honored with the 2017 Open Door Award from Old South Church whose previous winners include former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick, Reverend Frank Schaefer, and Sarah Ann Shaw.

Crossley is the recipient of the 2017 Barbara Stone Hollander Award for Women’s Leadership from the Women’s Institute at Chatham University.

Crossley won the 2016 Best Commentary award from the Public Radio News Directors organization for "Tomorrow Is Not Promised: Life After Hurricane Katrina."

She was also awarded both the 2016 and 2015 National Association of Black Journalists’ Salute to Excellence Awards for a compilation of commentaries, “Observations on Ferguson: America’s Racial Ground Zero” and “Race Matters: Echoing History.”

In 2014 three awards –the Associated Press, Edward R. Murrow, and Clarion awards for writing, producing and co-hosting the hour radio documentary, “Witness to History: WGBH’s 1963 Coverage of the March on Washington.”

She is a graduate of Wellesley College, and holds two honorary degrees, a Doctor of Arts degree from Pine Manor College and an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Cambridge College.

Crossley has been honored with many community awards including the 2016 GK100 List, identified as one of Boston’s Top 100 Influential People of Color.

She is also featured in the book, “Boston’s Inspirational Women” co-authored by award winning photographer Bill Brett, Kerry Brett, and Carol Beggy.