

Jim Hoagland

Contributing Editor to The Washington Post



Jim Hoagland has served in a variety of reporting, editing, and opinion-forming roles at The Washington Post since joining the newspaper in 1966. Winner of two Pulitzer prizes and other journalism honors, he became a Contributing Editor to the Post in January 2010, after serving two decades as Associate Editor and Chief Foreign Correspondent.

Hoagland was born in Rock Hill, South Carolina on January 22, 1940. He graduated with an A.B. in Journalism from the University of South Carolina in 1961 and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa. He did graduate work in Aix-en-Provence, France during the 1961-1962 academic year. He was a Ford Foundation Fellow at Columbia University's School of Journalism 1968-1969. He has been an Annenberg distinguished fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution since 2010

Hoagland began his journalism career as a reporter with the Rock Hill Evening Herald in 1960 while still in college. He became a copy editor for the New York Times International Edition in Paris in 1964. Upon joining the Washington Post in 1966, he covered Metropolitan and National Affairs. He was the Post's Africa correspondent 1969-1972, Middle East correspondent 1972-1975 and Paris correspondent 1975-1977. In 1979, Hoagland was made Foreign Editor, and in 1981 was appointed Assistant Managing Editor for Foreign News. In 1986, he moved to Paris to begin his internationally syndicated column on America's role in the world.

Hoagland served in the U.S. Air Force, stationed in Germany, from 1962 until 1964. He received the Overseas Press Club award for international reporting in 1977. Hoagland received two Pulitzer prizes, in 1970 for international reporting, and in 1991 for commentary in recognition of his columns on the events leading up to the Gulf War and the political turmoil within the Soviet Union. In 2002, the editors of The Times of London, Le Figaro, Die Welt, and four other leading European newspapers headed a jury that awarded Hoagland the Cernobbio-Europa Prize. He is the author of a book, "South Africa: Civilizations in Conflict," published in 1972.

He was awarded the rank of chevalier in the French Legion of Honor in 2004 et named as an officier in the Legion in 2010.

Hoagland is married to novelist Jane Stanton Hitchcock and has two children, Lily and Lee.