

Distinguished Alumnus 2009

Ed Kelley

Class of 1973

Ed Kelley received his first taste of newspapering from writing about sports events for his hometown newspaper, the *Perry Daily Journal*. After earning an Associate of Arts degree from Northern Oklahoma College, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism from The University of Oklahoma, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1975.

A career employee of *The Oklahoman*, he has served as managing editor, Washington bureau chief, state roving reporter and editor of various departments, becoming editor of the newspaper in 2003. The National Press Foundation named him national Editor of the Year in 1996. He served as a juror to the Pulitzer Prizes (1998) and was inducted into the Oklahoma Journalism Hall of Fame (2003).

Mr. Kelley is a member of the American Society of Newspaper Editors and of the Board of Visitors at the Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication, OU. He serves on numerous organization boards and committees.

He and his wife Carole have three adult children.