

Keith L. Runyon is a veteran journalist and civic leader from Louisville, Kentucky. From 1969 to 2012, he was a writer and editor of The Courier-Journal, in that era one of America's most distinguished regional newspapers. He was appointed to the newspaper's editorial board as associate editor in 1977, at the age of 26. From 1986-his retirement in 2012, he was editor of opinion pages and book editor. In 2012, he received the Society of Professional Journalists' national award for editorial writing, one of the profession's top honors. He was a member of the board of the National Conference of Editorial Writers and editor of the organization's professional magazine, The Masthead, for three years.

He is a graduate of the University of Louisville College of Arts and Sciences and Brandeis School of Law. He attended the University of London on an English-Speaking Union Scholarship in 1971. In 1991, he was named Alumnus of the Year of the University of Louisville's College of Arts and Sciences, and in 1994, he was selected as Distinguished Alumnus of the School of Law.

In the course of his career, he was a board member and scholarship committee member of The English-Speaking Union Kentucky Branch, of which he served as president from 1988-1991. He served a term on the national board of the English-Speaking Union of the United States. He has also served on the boards of the Louisville Film Festival, WUOL-FM (during its affiliation with the University of Louisville), the Alumni Association and the Law Alumni Association of U of L, the Center for Rural Journalism at the University of Kentucky (since 2014). He was a member of the National Book Critics Circle.

Since his retirement, he has been actively involved in community affairs having served the city as a leader of the Vision Louisville effort. He was co-chairman of the city's Historic Preservation Task Force (2016-2017) and is currently a member of Advisory Committee of the city's Comprehensive Master Plan Task Force. He provided a weekly commentary for WFPL public radio and from 2013 to 2018 was a frequent contributor to the Huffington Post. He serves as a consultant to a number of organizations including the Institute for Healthy Air, Water and Soil, Center for Interfaith Relations, Festival of Faiths, the Berry Center and Hardscuffle, Inc. He is a board member of Louisville Public Media.

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