

# **Susan King, M.A.**

**Dean & John T. Kerr Distinguished Professor, School of Media and Journalism at UNC-Chapel Hill**  
Chapel Hill, NC, US

Dean, John T. Kerr Distinguished Professor

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## **Description**

Susan King, former vice president for external affairs for Carnegie Corporation of New York, became dean of the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication on Jan. 1, 2012. She is also the school's John Thomas Kerr Distinguished Professor.

King's career has spanned the two major disciplines in the school – journalism and strategic communication.

After starting her broadcast journalism career in Buffalo, N.Y., she spent more than 20 years in Washington, D.C., as an anchor and reporter covering politics, including serving as a White House correspondent for ABC News. She has also reported for CBS, NBC and CNN. She has hosted the “Diane Rehm Show” and “Talk of the Nation” for National Public Radio.

King then worked nearly five years in the U.S. Department of Labor as the assistant secretary for public affairs and as the executive director of the Family and Medical Leave Commission.

She joined Carnegie in 1999, where she launched and led the Carnegie-Knight Initiative on the Future of Journalism Education in collaboration with the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and 12 premier U.S. journalism schools including UNC.

She serves on numerous boards including BBC Media Action, N.C. Public Radio and her alma mater, Fairfield University.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Public Policy, Program Development, Education/Learning, Political Organization, Writing and Editing, Media - Print

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## **Topics**

Media, Journalism, Communications, Mass Communication, Public Radio

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## **Affiliations**

UNC Undergraduate Admissions Committee , WUNC Board of Trustees, UNC TV Blue Ribbon Committee on the Future, Provost's On-Line Task Force

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## **Education**

**Fairfield University**  
M.A. Communications

**Marymount College**  
B.A. English

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## **Accomplishments**

**DeWitt Carter Reddick Award**  
2015

DeWitt Carter Reddick Award for Communication Excellence, Moody College of Communications, University of Texas "Austin"

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