

WENDY MESLEY

Wendy Mesley is a regular contributor to CBC News: The National, CBC Television's flagship news program, appearing throughout the week in a regular segment that asks provocative questions about the news stories Canadians are talking about. She also contributes to CBC News: Marketplace, CBC Television's award-winning prime-time investigative consumer show.

Mesley began her broadcast journalism career in 1976 as a radio reporter in Toronto. Mesley moved to television in 1979, first with CTV's CFCF in Montreal, then moving to CBC-TV as a legislative reporter for local news and CBC News: The National, based in Quebec City. During this six-year period she covered the first referendum on sovereignty and some of the most fascinating politicians of our times, such as Jean Drapeau, Robert Bourassa, Jacques Parizeau, Rene Levesque and Pierre Trudeau.

In 1985, Mesley moved to Ottawa as a parliamentary correspondent for CBC-TV's The National. During this intensely political time, Mesley reported on such stories as the battles over free trade, the GST and Meech Lake.

In addition, she was a frequent contributor to CBC Television's Sunday Report panel, and soon after became Sunday National news anchor. She continues to be a frequent back-up anchor for CBC-TV's national news programs.

In 1994, Mesley helped create and hosted CBC Television's Gemini Award-winning Undercurrents, a program that examined the media/marketing world.

Mesley has won three Gemini Awards for her work on Marketplace and Undercurrents. Mesley was honoured in 2006 with the John Drainie Award, for her contribution to Canadian broadcasting.