

# PROFILE | **Frank Batavick**

Executive Producer, Natural History  
Content Division



Frank S. Batavick is an award-winning executive producer whose career at Maryland Public Television spans more than three decades.

As executive producer within MPT's Content Division, Mr. Batavick is responsible for commissioning and overseeing all productions with environmental, natural history, and history themes, including original series such as *Maryland Farm & Harvest* and *Outdoors Maryland* as well as documentaries and other productions for the statewide network's annual Chesapeake Bay Week® programming initiative.

Mr. Batavick began his career at MPT in 1990 after graduating from Towson University with a bachelor's degree in mass communication (radio, film, and television). Over the past three decades, he has been a prolific producer of local and national content. His early work at the network included contributing to PBS series *Mini-Dragons*, *To The Contrary*, *ZOOM*, and Pierre Franey's *Cooking in America*. He then joined the MPT regional magazine series *Maryland State of Mind* and went on to create segments and specials for MPT children's host Bob the Vid Tech and produce segments for *Outdoors Maryland*.

In following years, Mr. Batavick produced cooking shows including *Coastal Cooking with John Shields*; documentaries such as *The Transformation Age: Surviving a Technology Revolution*, *Distinctive Homes of the Chesapeake*, and *Kent County's Storied Landscape*; and specials such as *Planet Forward* and *Concert for the Chesapeake Bay*, and live action children's segments for the animated series *Space Racers*.

In 2015, Mr. Batavick spearheaded the overhaul of MPT's long-running annual special *You Can Afford College* – renamed *Ways to Pay for College* – aimed at helping students and families find money for higher education.

More recently, he served as executive producer of *Steven Raichlen's Project Smoke*, *Steven Raichlen's Project Fire*, and *My Greek Table with Diane Kochilas*, three cooking series presented by MPT and carried by public television stations across the United States.

In addition to 19 regional Emmy® Awards, Mr. Batavick has earned five Telly Awards and four CINE Gold Eagle Awards for his work at MPT. He is a former member of the board of governors for the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Mr. Batavick resides in Baltimore with his wife, Catherine.



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