

William G. Bowen Biography

William G. Bowen, President Emeritus of The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, served as President of that Organization from 1988-2006. Dr. Bowen was President of Princeton University from 1972-1988, where he also served as Professor of Economics and Public Affairs. A graduate of Denison University (AB 1955) and Princeton University (PhD 1958), he joined the Princeton faculty in 1958 (specializing in labor economics) and served as Provost there from 1967-72.

Dr. Bowen joined the Foundation in 1988 and his tenure at Mellon was marked by increases in the scale of the Foundation's activities, with annual appropriations reaching \$220 million in 2000. To ensure that Mellon's grant-making activities would be better informed and more effective while also following his interest in studying questions central to higher education and philanthropy, Dr. Bowen created an in-house research program to investigate doctoral education, collegiate admissions, independent research libraries, and charitable nonprofits. Mr. Bowen's special interest in the application of information technology to scholarship led to a range of initiatives including the Foundation-sponsored creation of JSTOR (a searchable electronic archive of the full runs of core journals in many fields), the Mellon International Dunhuang Archive, ARTstor (a repository of high-quality digitized works of art and related materials for teaching and research), and Ithaka (an organization launched to accelerate the adoption of productive and efficient uses of information technology for the benefit of higher education).

Mr. Bowen is the author or co-author of over 20 books, including most recently *Lessons Learned: Reflections of a University President* (Princeton University Press, 2010), *Crossing the Finish Line: Completing College at America's Public Universities* (Princeton University Press, 2009) with Matthew M. Chingos and Michael S. McPherson, *The Board Book: An Insider's Guide for Directors and Trustees* (W.W. Norton & Co., 2008), and *Equity and Excellence in American Higher Education* (University of Virginia Press, 2005) with Martin A. Kurzweil and Eugene M. Tobin. Other books include *Reclaiming the Game: College Sports and Educational Values* (2003) with Sarah A. Levin, *The Game of Life: College Sports and Educational Values* (2001) with James Shulman, the Grawemeyer Award-winning *The Shape of the River: Long-Term Consequences of Considering Race in College and University Admissions* (1998) with Derek Bok, *The Charitable Nonprofits: An Analysis of Institutional Dynamics and Characteristics* (1994) with Thomas I. Nygren, Sarah E. Turner, and Elizabeth A. Duffy, *Inside the Boardroom* (1994), and *In Pursuit of the PhD* (1992) with Neil L. Rudenstine.

Mr. Bowen delivered the Romanes Lecture, "At a Slight Angle to the Universe: The University in a Digitized, Commercialized Age" at the University of Oxford in October 2000.

Mr. Bowen is founding chairman of ITHAKA. He serves on the board of ITHAKA/JSTOR, and is also a member of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.