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## **MPBN'S A.J. HIGGINS NAMED AMONG BEST POLITICAL REPORTERS IN MAINE**

*Washington Post readers weigh in for 2013 list*

(Portland/Bangor/Lewiston) – Maine Public Broadcasting's A.J. Higgins has been named among the four best political reporters in Maine, according to the Best State-Based Political Reporters of 2013 list compiled by The Washington Post's political blog, The Fix. Higgins is MPBN's Chief Political Correspondent and State House Bureau Chief.

The list was generated from reader nominations via Twitter, Facebook, and comments on The Washington Post's blog. Higgins was honored on the blog's previous edition of the list in 2009.

Higgins came to MPBN in August 2007 after working as a staff writer for Blethen Maine Newspapers, where his reporting for the Kennebec Journal in Augusta also appeared in the Waterville Morning Sentinel, the Portland Press Herald and the Maine Sunday Telegram. Prior to joining the Kennebec Journal, Higgins served for 13 years as Political Editor and State House Bureau Chief for the Bangor Daily News.

"A.J. has been invaluable to the network for his political knowledge and outstanding reporting skills," stated MPBN's CEO and President, Mark Vogelzang. "It's wonderful to see that his work is truly valued not only throughout the state, but across the country as well."

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