

BIOGRAPHY: BRUCE HERSCHENSOHN

Bruce Herschensohn started his career as a box-boy at Ralphs Grocery, then to RKO Radio Pictures as a messenger boy, and then RKO's Art Department. After service in the U.S. Air Force he began his own motion picture company. One of the films he wrote, directed, and edited was the feature-length documentary, "John F. Kennedy: Years of Lightning, Day of Drums" for the United States Information Agency (USIA). As was the case with most of his films he also composed the musical score. A bipartisan congressional act was passed to permit the release of that film in the United States from which USIA films had been prohibited by law. He was then appointed Director of Motion Pictures and Television for the USIA. During his tenure the USIA received more awards for film and television productions than all other departments and agencies of the U.S. Government combined, including the Oscar from the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences. In 1969, he was selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Young Men in the Federal Government. He received the second highest civilian award, the Distinguished Service Medal, and then became Deputy Special Assistant to President Nixon. He has traveled to over ninety countries of the world. Herschensohn taught "The U.S. Image Abroad" at the University of Maryland, occupied the Nixon Chair at Whittier College teaching "U.S. Foreign and Domestic Policies", worked with Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn in Zurich, Switzerland and Cavendish, Vermont, and was Chairman of the Board of Pepperdine University in Malibu, California also receiving an Honorary Doctor of Law degree from Pepperdine. From 1978 through 1991 he was a political commentator on KABC-TV and KABC-Radio. In 1980 he was appointed a member of the Reagan Transition Team. Herschensohn was the 1992 Republican nominee for the U.S. Senate in California and was defeated while winning over four million votes; one million votes more than Californians cast for the national ticket of the Party. He was a Fellow at the John F. Kennedy Institute of Politics at Harvard University for the Spring 1996 Semester teaching "U.S. Foreign Policy" and Distinguished Fellow of the Claremont Institute 1993-2001. He taught "The World Leadership Role of the United States" in the School of Public Policy at Pepperdine University from 1998-2006, and currently is a Senior Fellow of the School of Public Policy at Pepperdine University. Herschensohn is also a Non-Resident Associate Fellow of the Nixon Center and serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Individual Freedom.

Bruce Herschensohn's books include "The Gods of Antenna" "Lost Trumpets" "Hawks Without Wings, Doves Without Conscience" "The Last Time I Saw Hong Kong" "Hong Kong at the Handover" "Across the Taiwan Strait" "Passport: An Historical Novel of the Cold War" "Millennium's Edge" and "Taiwan: The Threatened Democracy."