

# Tamala Edwards

## Biography

Tamala Edwards is a Philadelphia-based, award-winning news anchor. She joined 6abc in January of 2005 and is currently the weekday co-anchor of Action News Mornings and a regular co-host of "Inside Story", conducting probing interviews with newsmakers like Governor Tom Corbett, Senator Bob Casey, Mayor Michael Nutter and others, as well as moderating many election debates. Prior to joining 6abc, Tamala Edwards was the anchor of ABC's World News Now and World News This Morning. Before that, she was an ABC News correspondent based in the network's Washington, D.C. bureau, where she covered education, religion and culture for World News Tonight and other ABC News programs. She was an embedded reporter during the Iraq War, moving with the Air Force from Kuwait to Nasiriyah, Iraq. She joined ABC News as a White House correspondent in August 2001.

Before coming to ABC, Edwards was a staff writer at *TIME Magazine*. She covered Vice President Al Gore and former New Jersey Senator Bill Bradley's 2000 presidential campaigns, was a panelist in the Apollo Theatre debate in New York between Gore and Bradley, and also participated in MTV's "Choose or Lose" broadcasts. From 1995-1997, Ms. Edwards served as a correspondent in the Washington bureau of *TIME*, where she covered Bob Dole's presidential campaign politics, society, and breaking news. Before coming to Washington in 1995, she worked for two years as a *TIME* reporter in New York, covering international news.

Ms. Edwards has written on diverse topics, including the cover story, "Who Needs a Husband?" on the changing dynamics surrounding love and marriage. She has written about House and Senate races, the Reform Party, the fight over school funding in Vermont, and other highly charged political issues. She has covered the business boom of college preparation, the growing importance of women in philanthropy, the Supreme Court case of student-to-student sexual harassment and the public debate over books on topics like modesty, race and mental illness. She has written dispatches from the presidential campaign trail and articles on the passage of the historic balanced budget and tax-cut bill, the stripping of home rule from the District of Columbia, and an account of former Chinese first lady Madame Chang's return to Washington. While in New York at Time International from 1993-1995, she covered global issues from the reclamation of an ancient Jewish text in Bosnia to the international expansion of MTV News to an international art-world ruckus over a group of Canadian prehistoric figurines.

The Education Writers Association awarded Ms. Edwards first prize for her contribution to *TIME*'s 1999 cover story, "What Makes a Good School." In its August 2000 issue, *Vogue* magazine named her a journalist for "The Next Establishment," and in November 2000, she was featured in *Folio Magazine*'s "30 Under 30" list.

Born in Georgia and raised in Texas, Edwards graduated from Stanford University with an honors Bachelor of Arts degree in international relations. Tamala and her husband are the proud parents of two sons.

