

The Honorands of The 2006 Commencement

Roger Angell Doctor of Humane Letters

A native New Yorker, Roger Angell is the senior editor at the *New Yorker* magazine, and is a gifted essayist, author, and baseball writer. He graduated from Harvard in 1942 and gained his first experience in publishing as managing editor for a weekly magazine of the U.S. Army Air Forces. He became a writer and a fiction editor at the *New Yorker* in 1956 and began to write about baseball in 1962. As an editor he nurtured such writers as Garrison Keillor, William Trevor, and John Updike. His own works of fiction include *The Stone Arbor and Other Stories*. He also wrote the introduction for the most recent edition of *The Elements of Style* by William Strunk and E.B. White [Litt. D., Bowdoin 1950], who was Angell's stepfather. Roger Angell is perhaps most widely known as a baseball writer for *The Summer Game* (1972); *Five Seasons* (1977); *Late Innings* (1982); *Season Ticket* (1988); *Once More Around the Park* (1991); *A Pitcher's Story: Innings with David Cone* (2001); and *Game Time* (2003). He is the recipient of the George Polk Award for Commentary (1981); the Authors Guild Award for Distinguished Service to American Letters (2000); and in 2005 was a Kelly Writers House Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania.