

The Honorands of The 2005 Commencement

Frederick Wiseman Doctor of Fine Arts

Documentary filmmaker Frederick Wiseman made his first film, *Titicut Follies*, more than 35 years ago while he was a law professor. That film, which showed the brutality of mental health care of the criminally insane in a Massachusetts asylum, shocked audiences, and Massachusetts officials banned the film from public viewing for 25 years. Wiseman's documentary films number more than 30, including *High School; Law and Order* (Emmy Award for Best News Documentary in 1969); *Hospital* (Emmy Award for best documentary direction in 1970); *Juvenile Court; Public Housing; Belfast, Maine*; and *Domestic Violence*. He is the winner of a MacArthur Prize (1982-1987), a Peabody award in 1991, three Emmy Awards, a Columbia DuPont Award, and the Irene Diamond Award for Lifetime Achievement by Human Rights Watch. A Williams College graduate with a law degree from Yale University, he is an Honorary Member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and a Fellow at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.