

Clark J. Dougan

Bio

Born in Cleveland on March 17, 1949, Clark Dougan attended Cleveland Public Schools until 1964, when his family moved to Parma Heights and he enrolled as a tenth grader at Valley Forge. He graduated 4th in his class of 835 in 1967, after which he attended Kenyon College, where he was president of the student government and graduated summa cum laude in 1971. After spending a year studying abroad as a Watson Fellow, he earned two advanced degrees in history at Yale University. He has taught European history and American studies at Kenyon College and Amherst College, and he is the author or co-author of eight books, all of them dealing with the Vietnam War and its impact on American society and culture. He was the co-creator and chief interviewer for the award-winning PBS documentary “Fathers and Sons,” an exploration of the parallel experiences of World War II and Vietnam combat veterans. He has also written film scripts for a variety of historical museums, including the D-Day Museum in New Orleans, the Harry S Truman Presidential Library and Museum in Independence, MO, and the Franklin D, Roosevelt Museum in Hyde Park New York.

For the past twenty years Clark has been the senior editor at the University of Massachusetts Press in Amherst, Mass., a scholarly publishing house that produces thirty-five to forty books per year.

He has been married for more than thirty years to Suzanne Palmer Dougan, a professor of theater and dance at Amherst College. They have two sons: Michael, currently an MD/PhD student at Harvard Medical School; and Scott, a third-year student at the Yale School of Drama. They live on a wooded hilltop in Pelham, Massachusetts, where Clark faithfully follows the fortunes of the Cleveland Indians, Browns, and Cavaliers via DirecTV.