

## RICK WARTZMAN

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Rick Wartzman is the Executive Director of the Drucker Institute at Claremont Graduate University. By advancing the ideas and ideals of the late Peter F. Drucker, the Institute seeks to stimulate effective management, ethical leadership, and social responsibility.

Rick is also a columnist for *BusinessWeek* online.

Rick's latest book, *Obscene in the Extreme: The Burning and Banning of John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath*, was published in September 2008 by PublicAffairs. It was named a Borders "Original Voices" selection, picked by the *Los Angeles Times* as one of its 25 favorite nonfiction books of the year, and chosen as a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize in history.

Rick is the co-author, with Mark Arax, of the best-seller *The King of California: J.G. Boswell and the Making of a Secret American Empire*, which was selected as one of the 10 best books of 2003 by the *San Francisco Chronicle* and one of the 10 best nonfiction books of the year by the *Los Angeles Times*. It won, among other honors, a California Book Award and the William Saroyan International Prize for Writing.

Before joining the Drucker Institute, Rick spent two decades as a newspaper reporter, editor, and columnist. He began his career at *The Wall Street Journal*, where he served in a variety of positions, including White House correspondent and founding editor of the paper's weekly California section. He joined the *Los Angeles Times* in 2002 as business editor and, in that role, helped shape "The Wal-Mart Effect," which won the 2004 Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting. Rick later became editor of the newspaper's Sunday magazine, *West*, which under his leadership was named by the Missouri School of Journalism as the best newspaper supplement in America.

Rick is a member of the Editorial Board of *Boom: A Journal of California*, a quarterly publication on the social, cultural, and political life of the state, produced by University of California Press. He also serves on the board of the National Human Services Assembly, a Washington-based association of leading nonprofits in the fields of health, human and community development, and human services. Member organizations include the American Red Cross, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, and United Way Worldwide.

Until recently, Rick was an Irvine senior fellow at the New America Foundation, a nonpartisan public policy think tank.