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Before coming to NPR in April 2006, Bowman spent nine years as a Pentagon reporter at *The Baltimore Sun*. Altogether he was at *The Sun* for nearly two decades, covering the Maryland Statehouse, the U.S. Congress, the U.S. Naval Academy, and the National Security Agency (NSA). His coverage of racial and gender discrimination at NSA led to a Pentagon investigation in 1994.

Initially Bowman imagined his career path would take him into academia as a history, government, or journalism professor. During college Bowman worked as a stringer at *The Patriot Ledger* in Quincy, Mass. He also worked for the *Daily Transcript* in Dedham, Mass., and then as a reporter at States News Service, writing for the *Miami Herald* and the *Anniston (Ala.) Star*.

Bowman is a co-winner of a 2006 National Headliners' Award for stories on the lack of advanced tourniquets for U.S. troops in Iraq. In 2010, he received an Edward R. Murrow Award for his coverage of a Taliban roadside bomb attack on an Army unit.

Bowman earned a Bachelor of Arts in history from St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vermont, and a master's degree in American Studies from Boston College.