Frank S. Batavick is an award-winning senior producer whose career at Maryland Public Television spans nearly three decades.

Mr. Batavick began his career at MPT in 1990 after graduating from Towson University with a bachelor’s degree in Mass Communication (Radio, Film and Television). He initially worked on a variety of PBS series, including Mini-Dragons, Pierre Franey’s Cooking in America, and To The Contrary. He then joined the MPT regional magazine series Maryland State of Mind.

By 2002, Mr. Batavick produced local and national segments for the PBS children’s program ZOOM. He also created segments and specials for MPT children’s host Bob the Vid Tech and produced segments for the series Outdoors Maryland.

Several years later Mr. Batavick produced the national cooking series Coastal Cooking with John Shields. Following that, he produced the American host wraps and managed delivery of the 2006 and 2008 Volvo Ocean Race weekly series, and produced the documentary The Transformation Age: Surviving a Technology Revolution, hosted by technology writer Robert X. Cringely. He collaborated with George Washington University to produce the PBS special Planet Forward (2011) and produced Distinctive Homes of the Chesapeake (2013), a documentary for MPT’s annual Chesapeake Bay Week®. Mr. Batavick also oversaw production of the Star Spangled Sailabration (2012) and Star Spangled Spectacular: Baltimore Celebrates (2014). In addition, he produced the live-action sequences for the animated children’s series Space Racers, and for five years was co-producer for MPT’s annual Concert for the Chesapeake Bay.

During this time he spearheaded a new version of MPT’s long-running special You Can Afford College, renamed Ways to Pay for College, an annual production aimed at helping students and families find money for higher education.

Most recently, Mr. Batavick has served as executive producer of Steven Raichlen’s Project Smoke and Steven Raichlen’s Project Fire, two MPT cooking series on smoking and grilling carried by more than 90 percent of public television stations nationally.

Mr. Batavick has earned 10 regional Emmy® Awards, three Telly Awards, and four CINE Golden Eagle Awards for his work at MPT. He also volunteers his time as a member of the board of governors for the National Capital Chesapeake Bay Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.