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Professor McChesney was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio. He graduated from The Evergreen State College in Olympia, Washington in 1976 with a major in history and economics. Prior to entering graduate school in 1983 McChesney published a weekly newspaper, ↓The Seattle Sun↓, and a monthly music magazine, ↓The Rocket↓, in the Seattle area. McChesney was the founding publisher of ↓The Rocket↓ in 1979, which helped launch the careers of Lynda Barry and Matt Groening among others. In addition McChesney worked as a stringer for United Press International, covering professional and college football and assorted other sports events.

Professor McChesney has written one major book, the award-winning *Telecommunications, Mass Media, and Democracy: The Battle for the Control of U.S. Broadcasting, 1928-1935* (Oxford University Press, 1993). He co-edited *Ruthless Criticism: New Perspectives in U.S. Communication History* (University of Minnesota Press, 1993). McChesney has also written over 150 articles, chapters, reviews and conference papers in his academic career. He has published widely on communication policy, journalism, sport, cultural studies and critical communication research, communication political economy, new technologies, and media history. McChesney is currently completing a book on global media trends and their implications for democracy with Edward S. Herman. He has also completed research for archival histories of U.S. international broadcasting from 1927 to 1953 and the politics of U.S. domestic broadcasting from 1935 to 1953.

McChesney remains a media worker and activist. He hosts a radio talk show on WORT-FM in Madison, Wisconsin and serves as an advisor to several nonprofit and noncommercial media organizations.