

About Paula S. Apsell

Paula S. Apsell spent 35 years as the senior executive producer of the PBS NOVA science series. Prior to that, she produced and directed a dozen NOVA episodes including documentaries on smallpox eradication, genetic engineering and artificial intelligence, was a Fellow in the Public Understanding of Science at MIT, and produced medical documentaries with ABC's Dr. Timothy Johnson. During her long tenure at NOVA, Paula Apsell was responsible for supervising more than 650 documentaries on a wide variety of subjects in the sciences, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medicine, several films in the field of archeology, and one, *The Bible's Buried Secrets*, an exploration of the origins of the Hebrew Bible. She also co-directed and executive produced one of the most-watched NOVA episodes *Holocaust Escape Tunnel*.



During Paula Apsell's tenure, NOVA won every major broadcasting award, most many times over, including the Emmy; the Peabody; the DuPont-Columbia University Gold and Silver Batons; and an Academy Award nomination for Special Effects. She has been recognized with numerous individual awards for her work, including the 2018 Lifetime Achievement Emmy of the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences.

Now CEO of Leading Edge Productions, Inc., a 501(c)(3) public charity, she is working on a feature documentary on Jewish resistance during the Holocaust, *Resistance: They Fought Back*.