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Kimberly Voss, PhD-Maryland, is a full professor of journalism at the University of Central Florida. She has published four books about women and mass media – many of the journalists from Florida. She researches journalism in the 1950s and 1960s, newspaper food history and fashion journalism, as well as political clubwomen and the Equal Rights Amendment in Florida.

Programs Available

Florida Women Journalists & Politics

The stories of significant women's page journalists who contributed to their Florida communities, from promoting women's clubs to helping communities grow to sharing recipes. These women were smart, feisty and ahead of their time, integrating their sections and encouraging social change through so-called soft news. Featured journalists: Marie Anderson, Dorothy Jurney and Marjorie Paxson – three of only four women's page editors to be featured in the Washington Press Club Foundation's oral history project.

Florida Food in the Golden Era of Women's Page Journalism

"Florida Food, Drink & Women's Journalism," Florida's women's pages – the only place for women in journalism in the 1950s and 1960s – were considered the best in the country. The women in these sections explained Florida food and drink as the state grew. Using backgrounds in home economics, they explained changing tastes in local and national dishes, dessert trends and restaurant reviews. Featured journalists: Jeanne Voltz, Jane Nickerson and Ruth Gray – pioneering food journalists.

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Program Format:

- In-person
- Virtual

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