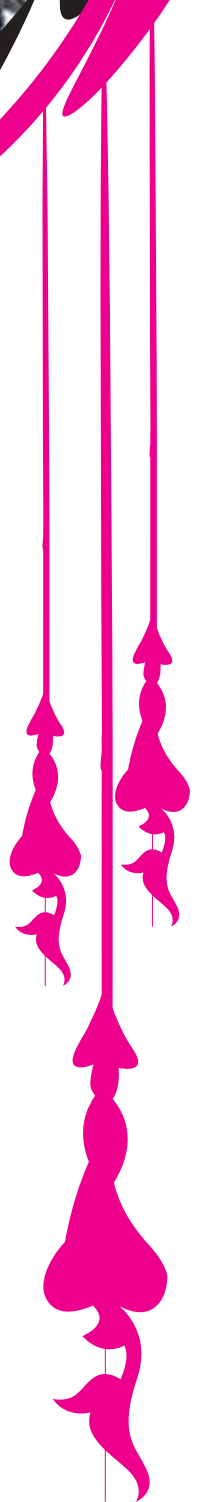# Notable Women of TRU

Dr. Maxine Ruvinsky

Maxine Ruvinsky (BFA Concordia, MA Calgary, PhD McGill), is a founding member of the Bachelor of Journalism Degree Program at Thompson Rivers University. She came to Kamloops in 1999, after two decades in Canadian print journalism, the last seven of those at the Canadian Press in Montreal. Professor Ruvinsky has worked tirelessly with her students as both a mentor and a teacher ensuring new generations of dedicated, compassionate and informed journalists will enter the Canadian media environment.

The following are some of Maxine's accomplishments while at the University College of the Cariboo and Thompson Rivers University:

- Maxine holds a PhD in Comparative Literature from McGill University (1995) and wrote a ground breaking doctoral dissertation on the underground press of the 1960's. Her research interests and current publications focus broadly on print journalism, investigative and computer-assisted reporting.

- She is the distinguished author of four books published by Oxford University Press; Investigative Reporting in Canada (2008, OUP); Practical Grammar: A Canadian Writer's Resource (3rd Edition, 2014 OUP), the companion volume Practical Writing (2014, OUP) and Reporting for the Media; First Canadian edition (2011, OUP).

- Maxine is an active member of the Writers' Union of Canada, the Canadian Centre for Investigative Reporting and the Canadian Association of Journalists.

- She is an inspiring teacher and a mentor to both students and faculty in the Faculty of Arts, by modeling and encouraging excellence in a wide variety of civic and journalistic endeavors.

- Maxine has been a strong and passionate voice for feminism and equity issues both inside the TRU institution and in the Kamloops community at large.

- She has been an outstanding leader in curriculum development for the Journalism Degree Program at Thompson Rivers University and created many of the core courses that have inspired and educated new generations of journalists within the Canadian Media landscape.

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