

Barbara Cochran: Serial shatterer of glass ceilings

Missouri School of Journalism professor emerita Barbara Cochran spent a career opening doors for women in journalism. Here are some of her career milestones.

1965	<i>Editor-in-chief at the Phoenix, Swarthmore student newspaper</i> As Barbara Stubbs (Cochran's maiden name), she wins an election to the top job at her college newspaper.
1968	<i>Copy desk, The Washington Evening Star</i> After getting her master's degree from the Columbia School of Journalism, Barbara landed a job on the copy desk of the Washington Evening Star. She would ultimately rise into management, leaving before the DC paper folded in 1980.
1979	<i>Vice President of News, NPR</i> Barbara and her colleagues created Morning Edition from scratch. When she arrived at the public broadcast outlet, "the only thing they really had was some theme music that had been written by BJ Leiderman," she said.
1983	<i>Executive producer, Meet the Press</i> Barbara first went to NBC as a political editor. After two years, she was promoted to be the executive producer for the network's prestigious Sunday morning talk show, Meet the Press.
1989	<i>Washington Bureau Chief, CBS</i> Barbara became the first woman to head a network news bureau in Washington, D.C. Later she served as CBS' executive producer of politics.
1997	<i>President, Radio-Television News Directors Association and Foundation</i> As president of the broadcast industry's trade association, she advocated for First Amendment rights and promoted ethical journalism.
2010	<i>Curtis B. Hurley Chair in Public Affairs Journalism, University of Missouri</i> As the head of the MU journalism program in Washington, D.C., she supervised students while they were interning in the nation's capital and hosted an annual symposium on major issues in journalism.
2019	<i>President, Fallen Journalists Memorial Foundation</i> Barbara is raising funds and awareness for the Fallen Journalists Memorial, to be located on Washington's National Mall in memory of those who have given their lives for freedom of speech.

