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Roz Guggi to Deliver Irving Chair in Journalism Lecture on Feb. 25 “Media Upheaval: What the Seismic Shifts in the News Business Mean for Consumers and Tomorrow’s Journalists”

News production and consumption have changed more in the last decade than in the hundreds of years since Johannes Gutenberg invented the printing press in the 1400s. And more big changes are on the way, says Ros Guggi, Irving Chair in Journalism at St. Thomas University.

In her public lecture, “Media upheaval: What the seismic shifts in the news business mean for consumers and tomorrow’s journalists,” Guggi will discuss how the next generation of journalists will need new skills and different approaches to survive and thrive.

“We are in the midst of tumultuous changes in the news business that have implications for democracy, for our sense of community and for young people entering journalism,” she says.

The lecture will take place on Thursday, February 25 at 7 p.m. in the Ted Daigle Auditorium, Edmund Casey Hall.

Guggi is an award-winning journalist and editor. She spent more than 40 years working in seven newsrooms across Canada, ranging from *The Province* in Vancouver to the *Ottawa Citizen* and a national news service.

She won the Rookie Reporter of the Year award for Western Ontario while she was at the *Kitchener-Waterloo Record* in the late seventies. During her last five years as deputy editor of *The Province* she led teams that won two National Newspaper Awards and were nominated for two others. She also led a project nominated for a Michener Award for public service journalism in 2008.

She has been a reporter, assignment editor and senior newsroom leader, overseeing the coverage of dozens of elections, the Stanley Cup riot and a papal visit.

The Irving Chair in Journalism is a \$1-million endowment of the Irving family that annually brings a distinguished journalist to St. Thomas University. Previous chair holders are Jane Purves, Neil Reynolds, Patrick Martin, Stevie Cameron, Michael Harris, Jan Wong, Francine Pelletier, Bernie Lucht, Talin Vartanian and David Adams Richards.

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