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## Colby, Moul inducted into Journalists Hall of Fame

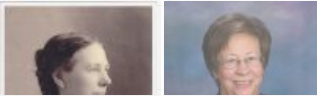
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Clara Bewick Colby and Maxine Moul were inducted into the Marian Andersen Nebraska Women Journalists Hall of Fame during the Nebraska Press Women's (NPW's) spring conference at Creighton University in Omaha on April 20.

The Marian Andersen Nebraska Women Journalists Hall of Fame was established in 2011 to recognize working women journalists who, through talent, initiative, intelligence and stamina, made a difference for the profession, for the community and for those who followed in their footsteps.

With the induction of Colby and Moul, the hall of fame now includes 11 members. Nominations are open to the public, and honorees are selected by the NPW Board of Directors.

Clara Colby (1846 – 1916), Nebraska's most prominent suffragist, was a newspaper editor and lecturer whose personal commitment to equal rights resulted in a national career and an international reputation. Born in England, she immigrated to Wisconsin in 1854 and entered the University of Wisconsin in 1865.

In 1872, Clara and Leonard Colby moved to Beatrice, where Leonard opened a law practice and Clara started a public library and community theater. As editor and publisher of *The Woman's Tribune*, which originated in Beatrice in 1883, Colby provided isolated Midwestern readers with news of the national women's suffrage movement for 26 years.

"She holds the record for the longest running suffrage newspaper published by an individual," said Laureen Riedesel, director of the Beatrice Public Library.

"While other contemporary suffrage newspapers were being published in places like Boston, San Francisco and New York City, Clara was publishing in Beatrice, Nebraska. Rather than bemoaning the remoteness of her location, she utilized it as an opportunity to write for and about the 'Western' woman. Clara Bewick Colby traveled to suffrage conferences on both coasts and wrote about the journeys to and from the events, as well as accounts of the conference activities."

Colby was a lifelong friend of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony.

Maxine Moul, who has a degree in journalism from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, began her career at the *Sioux City Journal*. In 1971, she and her husband, Francis, founded the publishing company Maverick Media and purchased the *Syracuse Journal-Democrat*. During their ownership, Maverick Media grew from three employees to 120 in four states. Moul was a reporter, editor and publisher of the company's newspapers, and she was president and CEO from 1983 to 1990.

From 1991 to 1993, Moul served as Nebraska's lieutenant governor, and in 1993, she was appointed director of the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. She later served as president of the Nebraska Community Foundation and coordinator of EndowNebraska.

In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed Moul as Nebraska State Director of USDA-Rural Development, a position in which she continues to mentor communicators and write and edit op ed pieces, columns, news releases and newsletters.

"A journalism education is a great preparation for any career," Moul says. "The ability to ask probing questions, to express yourself and communicate, and an abiding interest in people and issues are all excellent qualities to have, whether you are in the private sector, academia or government."

The Marian Andersen Nebraska Women Journalists Hall of Fame is located on the second floor of Andersen Hall at the University of Nebraska College of Journalism and Mass Communications in Lincoln.

Marian Andersen Nebraska Women Journalists Hall of Fame Honorees:

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