
GENEVIEVE FORBES:

JOURNALISM, ETHICS AND AMBITION IN
1920S CHICAGO

A COMPLEX PIONEER



THEY CALLED HER A 'GIRL REPORTER' AND WANTED HER TO WRITE FOR THE SOCIETY PAGES. BUT THIS *CHICAGO DAILY TRIBUNE* REPORTER WANTED MORE. IN HER QUEST TO COVER SERIOUS NEWS, GENEVIEVE FORBES DID A LOT OF GOOD, INCLUDING A SERIES ON ABUSE AT ELLIS ISLAND. BUT SHE ALSO RUTHLESSLY REPORTED CRIMINAL CASES, WITHOUT REGARD FOR DUE PROCESS.

THIS LECTURE INTRODUCES FORBES, A COMPLEX PIONEER IN JOURNALISM. DR. LUCCHESI TRANSPORTS AUDIENCES TO CHICAGO IN THE EARLY 1920S AND EXAMINES HOW FORBES' AMBITION COMBINED WITH THE ERA'S UNSCRUPULOUS

JOURNALISM ETHICS ALLOWED HER TO DO SERIOUS DAMAGE. QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION FOLLOW.

