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**FREIVOGEL TO RETIRE AS  
EDITOR OF ST. LOUIS PUBLIC RADIO NEWS**

St. Louis Public Radio | 90.7 KWMU announced today that **Margaret Wolf Freivogel**, editor, will retire from her position effective December 31, 2015. She has held this position since December of 2013 following the merger of St. Louis Public Radio and the St. Louis Beacon. Effective immediately upon her retirement, Shula Neuman will serve as interim editor and a national search will be conducted to fill the position.

“St. Louis Public Radio is strong and getting stronger,” said Freivogel, “and I have great confidence in this organization's ability to meet whatever challenges lie ahead -- to seize new opportunities while holding fast to principles and a mission that are timeless. It's a rare privilege these days for an editor to depart by choice and in happy circumstances, so I am particularly thankful to make this transition at a time that feels right -- for St. Louis Public Radio and for me.”

Freivogel was the founding editor of the St. Louis Beacon, a nonprofit news organization, from 2008 to 2013. A St. Louis native, Freivogel previously worked for 34 years at the St. Louis Post-Dispatch as a reporter, Washington correspondent and assistant managing editor. She is the recipient of numerous awards for reporting, including a lifetime achievement award from the St. Louis Press Club and the Missouri Medal of Honor from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. She is a past board member of the Investigative News Network and a past president of Journalism and Women Symposium. Freivogel graduated from Kirkwood High School and Stanford University.

“While we are sad to see Margie leave the organization, we are very happy for her,” said Tim Eby, General Manager. “Under Margie’s leadership at St. Louis Public Radio, our newsroom has grown, our local coverage has increased and our audience has reached new heights, not to mention we have received numerous awards for her work and the work of her news staff. We are grateful for her service to both St. Louis Public Radio and the St. Louis community and wish her all the best.”

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