

Women of To-Morrow: The Social Activism of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow

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Place: Anderson-Price Building, 42 North Beach Street, Ormond Beach, FL 32174

Presented By: Ashley Lear, Ph.D.

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This program focuses on the literary friendship of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow. Ashley Lear draws upon research from her book on the two authors to describe the ways in which both women addressed systemic social issues through their literature and their literary reputations. The presentation examines their roles in women's suffrage and other first wave feminist endeavors, their shifting views and activism on race relations in America, their depictions of socio-economic class issues, and their dedication to environmentalism and animal rights. While Rawlings and Glasgow were, first and foremost, esteemed novelists, they also used their platforms as successful writers to speak publicly on social issues affecting their communities.

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narrative theory and technique in a range of courses, from American Modernism to Science Fiction to Video Games. She is the author of *The Remarkable Kinship of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow* (2018) from the University Press of Florida. She is a former President and current Trustee of the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society.

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