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## Women Writers of Film & Television Project: Madelyn Davis Pugh

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**Abstract:**

As part of the Women Writers of Film & Television digital humanities project, this presentation will detail the life and work of television writer Madelyn Davis Pugh. She started out as a radio writer for NBC and CBS. She was a notable female writer during the 60s and stood out in that male-dominated field. Pugh started a partnership with Bob Carroll Jr. and together, they wrote almost 400 television programs and 500 radio shows. Some shows that they wrote for were the American variety show, *The Steve Allen Show* (1956-1961) on NBC and ABC, and the American radio program and network television series *My Favorite Husband* (1948-1951). Pugh and Carroll also helped create the well-known American television sitcom *I Love Lucy* (1951-1957) on CBS. They were nominated for 3 Emmy Awards for this show as well. The writing of this show was so good that many people thought the star of the show, Lucille Ball ad-libbed her lines but everything in the show was scripted. They were executive producers and writers for the American sitcom *Alice* (1976-1985) and won a Golden Globe for their work. Madelyn Pugh died on April 10, 2011, and many people still watch her work currently.