



**Marisa Porto, Chair**

Marisa Porto is the assistant dean for the Scripps Howard School of Journalism at Hampton University, where she teaches media management and entrepreneurial journalism. She is responsible for career development and partnerships. Ms. Porto spent decades in media and business leadership positions around the country; most recently, as publisher and editor for Virginia Media/Daily Press Media, which includes publications from North Carolina to Richmond, Virginia.

Ms. Porto holds an MBA from the University of Maryland Global Campus and a BA in journalism from the University of South Carolina. She has previously held top news positions with organizations in Florida, Delaware and Ohio.

Ms. Porto currently is a member of the advisory council for The Trust Project, an international to improve trust in news media and the content it products. Additionally, she is a member of Impact 100, an initiative of the Peninsula Community Foundation of Virginia.

Ms. Porto is a past president of the Virginia Press Association and the board of directors of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association. She served a four-year term as a citizen member of Virginia's statewide Freedom of Information Advisory Council, where she was the chairwoman for the public records subcommittee. She has also been a fellow, a mentor and executive in residence for the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, an organization devoted to diversity in media leadership and news coverage.