

# WALTER T. MIDDLEBROOK

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## -----PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE-----

**Foster Professor of Practice – The Pennsylvania State University** Fall 2020 -- present

**Donald P. Bellisario College of Communications**

Joined the university as an instructor and general resource for the college and the university.

**Writing Coach/Mentor – The Detroit Writing Room** 06/2019 -- present

Joined coaching team in ground-breaking effort to expand arts and writing in downtown Detroit.

**Professional in Residence – The Pennsylvania State University** 08/2018 – 12/2018

Served as professional resource to faculty and staff of the Donald P. Bellisario School of Communication; taught class of media ethics. Retained as a faculty consultant.

**Assistant Managing Editor – The Detroit News** 02/2007 -- 01/2018

Supervised award-winning investigations team, while producing weekly entertainment and opinion stand-alone sections, after five years of managing award-winning department that included metro news desk, state house and Washington, D.C., bureaus. Was promoted from Director of Recruitment and Community Affairs, the position held upon joining the organization.

**Associate Editor/Dep. Features Editor – Newsday**, Melville, N.Y. 10/1997 -- 02/2007

Rejoined the paper overseeing newsroom recruiting and community involvement, supervising staff and setting production standards. • Also filled periodic stints as an editor on the features and national desks. • Served as part of the 9/11 editing team.

**Editor, Styles of the Times –The New York Times** 07/1995 – 10/1997

Supervised and maintained the vision of this “funky” Sunday feature section; edited daily copy.

**Dir.-MetPro/Editing, Assistant Metro Editor – N.Y. Newsday/Newsday** 1990 -- 1995

Served numerous positions including bureau chief (opened a Brooklyn office), and editor on the New York metro and national news desks. • Member of the 1993 Pulitzer Prize team for spot news reporting (N.Y city subway crash). • Joined the company as Director of Metpro/Editing, overseeing the Tribune/Times Mirror Cos. training program that identified and trained minority candidates as copy editors and reporters for the company's seven news organizations.

**Assistant Features Editor – USA Today**, Roslyn, Va. 1988 -- 1990

Edited daily features report, supervised annual report on the U.S.' brightest high school students.

**Assistant Features Editor – The Detroit News** 1987 -- 1988

**Assistant City Editor – St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer and Dispatch** 1980 -- 1987

Hired as business reporter, became copy editor and was promoted to assistant city editor on the metro desk.

**Staff Writer (General Assignment) – Minneapolis Star** 1978 – 1980

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### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- Recipient, Richard J. Levine Journalism Award from Dow Jones News Fund, New York City (2024)
- Inductee, Michigan Journalism Hall of Fame (2023)
- Assistant instructor, College of Communication Arts & Sciences, School of Journalism, Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich. (2019-2020)
- Adjunct associate professor: Journalism and Mass Media Studies, Hofstra University, Hempstead, N.Y. (2004-2007)
- Conference/workshop presenter: Unity: Journalists of Color, Asian American Journalists Association and National Association of Black Journalists national conferences (various dates)

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### EDUCATION

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**Indiana University Graduate School of Management** - Bloomington, Ind. Studied marketing

**Boston University**      Bachelor of Science, Journalism, 1976

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology** - Cambridge, Mass. Studied chemistry and humanities.

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### AFFILIATIONS

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- Rosa Parks Scholarship Foundation – board of directors (2007 – present)
- Society of Professional Journalists-Detroit – board of directors (2008-present); past president (2017-2019), president (2011 –2017); national member (since 2009)
- MDDC Press Foundation Board, member (since 2023)
- Long Island Fair Media Council, member (since 2017)
- Global Ties Detroit – board of directors (2015 – 2018)
- Associated Press Michigan – board of directors (2012 – 2018)
- Mid-America Press Institute – board of directors (2009 – 2018)
- National Association of Black Journalists, Detroit chapter – member since 2008
- National Association of Black Journalists – lifetime member
- National Association of Hispanic Journalists – lifetime member
- Asian American Journalists Association

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### OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Community Theater -- Actor, Singer, Dancer:

- Players Guild of Dearborn, Mich. (2007 – present)
- Farmington Players, Farmingdale Hills, Mich. (2009 – present)
- Burns Park Players, Ann Arbor, Mich. (2017 - 2020)
- Stagecrafters, Royal Oak, Mich. (2007 – 2013)
- Park Players, Rosedale Park Community Center, Detroit. (2013)
- Various theaters, Long Island, N.Y. (1997 – 2007)