

# WALTER T. MIDDLEBROOK

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## -----WORK HISTORY-----

**Assistant Managing Editor – The Detroit News** **02/2007 to 01/2018**  
Supervises 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 to 02/2007**  
Served in a number of positions over two tours at the paper. Was a former editor in features and metro, supervising staff and setting production standards. Was part of the 9/11 editing team. As associate editor, was responsible for newsroom recruiting and overseeing the Tribune/Times Mirror “Metpro/Editing training program,” a program that identified and trained minority candidates as copy editors.

**Editor, Styles of the Times –The New York Times** **1995 to 1997**  
Supervised vision and outlook in the creation and production of this specialized Sunday feature section. Also served in editing feature coverage in the daily paper.

**Dir., Metro/Editing, Assistant Metro Editor – N.Y. Newsday/Newsday 1990 to 1995**  
Served in a number of editing positions including bureau chief (opened the new Brooklyn, N.Y., office), and served as an editor on the New York metro and national news desks. Joined the company as Director of Metpro/Editing. Was a member of the 1993 Pulitzer Prize team for spot news reporting (NYC subway crash).

**Assistant Features Editor – USA Today, Roslyn, Va.** **1988 to 1990**  
Edited features report for the nation's newspaper. Among projects supervised included the annual report on the nation's brightest high school students. Former “loaner” staffer from Detroit.

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

**Assistant City Editor – St. Paul (Minn.) Pioneer and Dispatch** **1980 to 1987**  
Joined metro desk after stint as copy editor. Trained, and subsequent instructor, at the Maynard Institute for Journalism Education. Joined the PPD as a business reporter/marketing columnist.

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

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## -----ADDITIONAL INFORMATION-----

- 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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### AFFILIATIONS

- Global Ties Detroit – board of directors (2015 -- present)
- Associated Press Michigan – board of directors (2012 -- present)
- Mid-America Press Institute – board of directors (2009 -- present)
- Society of Professional Journalists-Detroit – past president (2017), president (2011 -- 2017); national member (since 2009)
- Maynard Institute for Journalism Education, Copy-Editing Program
- National Association of Black Journalists, Detroit – board member (2008 -- 2009); 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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### AWARDS

Lifetime Achievement, Society of Professional Journalists – Detroit (2018)  
Distinguished Alumni Award, College of Communication, Boston University (2015)  
Spirit of Diversity, Department of Communications, Wayne State University (2010)

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### EDUCATION

**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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### OTHER ACTIVITIES

Community Theater -- Actor, Singer, Dancer:

- Burns Park Players, Ann Arbor, Mich. (2017 to present)
- Stagecrafters, Royal Oak, Mich. (2007 – present)
- Farmington Players, Village Barn, Farmingdale, Mich. (2009 – present)
- Players Guild of Dearborn, Dearborn, Mich. (2008 – present)
- Park Players, Rosedale Park Community Center, Detroit. (2013)
- Various theaters, Long Island, N.Y. (1997 – 2007)