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**EDUCATION**

**Temple University**

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Ph.D. in Media & Communication

2022

Dissertation: "Expanding Boundaries, Recalibrating Core Values & Centering Communities: How Collaboration is Changing the Journalistic Field"

Committee: Logan Molyneux (chair), Brian Creech, Magda Konieczna, Patrick Ferrucci (outside reader)

**Goucher College**

*Towson, Maryland*

M.F.A. in Creative Nonfiction Writing

2009

**University of Virginia**

*Charlottesville, Virginia*

B.A. in English

1999

Concentration: American Studies

**ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

**Washington & Lee University**

*Lexington, Virginia*

Assistant Professor

Summer 2022 – present

Courses Taught: Introduction to Mass Communications, Introduction to Digital Journalism, Introduction to Newswriting, Reporting Breaking News

**Kutztown University**

*Kutztown, Pennsylvania*

Associate Professor

Fall 2020 – Summer 2022

Assistant Professor

Fall 2014 – Fall 2020

Courses Taught: Journalism, American Literary Journalism, Introduction to Mass Communications, Breaking News: Consuming, Reporting & Writing, Investigative Journalism, Professional Writing Senior Seminar, Professional Writing Internship, Research & Composition, and College Composition

**Saint Joseph's University**

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Adjunct Professor – Introduction to Reporting and Writing

Spring 2013

**Philadelphia University**

*Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

Adjunct Professor – Writing Seminar I

Fall 2009 – Fall 2012

**Washington College**

Chestertown, Maryland

Teaching Assistant – Introduction to Journalism

Fall 2008

**JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE****The Associated Press**

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Reporter and Editor

March 2002 – May 2014

**Reading Eagle**

Reading, Pennsylvania

Reporter

April 2001 – March 2002

**Carroll County Times**

Westminster, Maryland

Reporter

June 1999 – April 2001

**The Cavalier Daily**

Charlottesville, Virginia

News editor; Arts and Entertainment editor; writer

Fall 1995 – Spring 1999

**PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Walters, P. (2023). Pushing for social change: How collaborations are recalibrating the journalistic mission. *Journalism Practice*. Advance online publication.

Walters, P. (2023). Beyond positive and negative: Developing a reflexive framework for First Amendment theory. *Journalism: Theory, Practice and Criticism*, 24(5), 958-975.

Walters, P. (2021). Redemption vs.# MeToo: How journalists addressed Kobe Bryant's rape case in crafting his memory. *Journalism Practice*. Advance online publication.

Walters, P. (2021). Boundaries and journalistic authority in newspaper coverage of the Hutchins Report. *American Journalism*, 38(4), 450-470.

Walters, P. (2022). Reclaiming control: How journalists embrace social media logics while defending journalistic values. *Digital Journalism*, 10(9), 1482-1501.

Walters, P. (2022). A public good: Can government really save the press? *Journalism: Theory, Practice and Criticism*, 23(8), 1645-1662.

Walters, P. (2018). Changing objective: Re-examining The Journalist and the Murderer. *Newspaper Research Journal*, 39(4), 443-452.

Walters, P. (2017). Beyond the inverted pyramid: Teaching the writing and all-formats coverage of planned and unplanned breaking news. *Teaching Journalism & Mass Communication*, 7(2), 9-22.

Walters, P. (2017). Ted Conover and the origins of immersion in literary journalism. *Literary Journalism Studies*, 9(1), 8-33.

#### WORKS IN PROGRESS

“New guests crashing the party: A typology of journalistic collaboration.”  
Under peer review at *Journalism Studies*.

“Social media & police shootings: Viewing the Ferguson protests as a ‘critical incident’ that transformed journalism. Under revision for *American Journalism*.”

#### INVITED ESSAYS AND OP-EDS

Walters, P. (August 4, 2023). Journalism is a public good and should be publicly funded. *Scientific American*.

Walters, P. (2016). The white poof. *EAPSU Online* (the journal of the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities).

Walters, P. (2015). Cracking a closed culture as an immersion journalist. *Teaching Journalism & Mass Communication*, 5(1), 1.

Walters, P. (2015). Coming on midnight in a house of bebop. *EAPSU Online*.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

Walters, P. (in press). Book review: *Cheap land Colorado: Off-gridders at America’s edge*, by Ted Conover. *Literary Journalism Studies*.

Walters, P. (2022). Book review: *Media Capture: How Money, Digital Platforms, and Governments Control the News*, by Anya Schiffrin, Ed. *Newspaper Research Journal*.

Walters, P. (2018). Book review: *Pedaling the Sacrifice Zone*, by Jimmy Guignard. *Impost* (the journal of the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, formerly *EAPSU Online*).

Walters, P. (2017). Book review: *Immersion: A Writer’s Guide to Going Deep*, by Ted Conover. *Literary Journalism Studies*.

#### REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS

Walters, P. (2023, September 28-September 30). #HandsUpDontShoot: Studying coverage of Ferguson as a ‘critical incident’ from journalism’s recent past [Accepted conference presentation]. American Journalism Historians Association, Columbus, Ohio.

Midberry, J. and Walters, P. (2023, August 7-August 10). Broadcasting solutions: A textual analysis of Philadelphia local television news coverage of remedies for gun violence [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Broadcast and Mobile Division), Washington, D.C. **Top Faculty Paper Award.**

Walters, P. (2023, January 3-January 6). Pushing for social change: How collaborations are recalibrating the journalistic mission [Conference presentation]. Hawaii International Conference on System Sciences (Mediated Conversations mini-track), Maui, Hawaii.

Walters, P. (2022, September 29-October 1). Social media & police shootings: Viewing the Ferguson protests as a 'critical incident' that transformed journalism [Conference presentation of research in progress]. American Journalism Historians Association, Memphis, Tennessee.

Walters, P. (2021, August 4-7). Redemption vs. #MeToo: How journalists addressed Kobe Bryant's rape case in crafting his memory [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Newspaper & Online News Division), virtual conference.

Walters, P. (2021, August 4-7). Beyond positive & negative: Developing a Complementary framework for First Amendment theory [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Law & Policy Division), virtual conference.

Walters, P. (2021, May 27-May 31). Reclaiming control: How journalists embrace social media logics while defending journalistic values [Conference presentation]. International Communication Association (Journalism Studies Division), virtual conference.

Walters, P. (2020, October 2-October 3). Boundaries and journalistic authority in newspaper coverage of the Hutchins Report [Conference presentation]. American Journalism Historians Association, virtual conference.

Walters, P. (2020, August 6-August 9). A public good: Can government really save the press? [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Law & Policy Division), virtual conference. **Debut Faculty Paper Award.**

Walters, P. (2020, Aug. 6-August 9). The kingdom and the power: Gay Talese's inspiration of newsroom ethnography [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (International Association for Literary Journalism Studies panel), virtual conference.

Walters P. (2019, October 25-October 27). Twitter and Ferguson: Challenging gatekeeping [Conference presentation]. Global Fusion Conference, Austin, Texas.

Walters, P. (2019, August 7-August 10). Consider the funny bone: The complex humor of David Foster Wallace's nonfiction [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (International Association for Literary Journalism Studies panel), Toronto, Ontario.

Walters, P. (2018, August 6- August 9). Transparency and truth in literary journalism [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (International Association for Literary Journalism Studies panel), Washington, D.C.

Walters, P. (2018, May 17-May 19). Literature as model: Deciding what to teach as immersion [Conference presentation]. International Association for Literary Journalism Studies, Vienna, Austria.

Walters, P. (2017, October 5-October 7). Changing objective: Re-examining *The Journalist and the Murderer* [Conference presentation]. English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

Walters, P. (2017, October 5-October 7). Coda of a jazz legend [Conference presentation]. English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, Kutztown, Pennsylvania.

Walters, P. (2017, August 9-August 12). Through different I's: The line between immersion and memoir [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (International Association for Literary Journalism Studies panel), Chicago, Illinois.

Walters, P. (2017, May 11-May 13). Teaching immersion journalism in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century [Conference presentation]. International Association for Literary Journalism Studies, Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Walters, P. (2016, November 4-November 5). Beyond the inverted pyramid: Teaching breaking news [Conference presentation]. English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, Clarion, Pennsylvania.

Walters, P. (2016, May 19-May 21). The evolving self in Ted Conover's immersion journalism [Conference presentation]. International Association for Literary Journalism Studies, Porto Alegre, Brazil.

Walters, P. (2015, October 9-October 10). Twitter and Ferguson: Social media's effect on breaking news [Conference presentation]. English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania.

Walters, P. (2015, May 7-May 9). Cracking a closed culture as an immersion journalist [Conference presentation]. International Association for Literary Journalism Studies, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Walters, P. (2014, October 3-October 4). Cracking a closed culture in immersion journalism [Conference presentation]. English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, California, Pennsylvania.

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Cozma, R. and Walters, P. (2023, August 7-August 10). Opportunities and threats: Working automation into the journalism classroom. [AEJMC Elected Standing Committee on Teaching Panel Session: Learning in the Age of AI]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Washington, D.C.

Walters, P. (2022, November 11). Temple University Graduate & Professional School Fair Alumni Panel [Panel discussion]. Temple University Career Center, virtual meeting.

Walters, P. (2022, April 11). Expanding boundaries, recalibrating core values & centering communities: How collaboration is changing the journalistic field [Research presentation]. Solutions Journalism Network, virtual meeting.

Walters, P. (2021, August 4-August 7). The risk of othering: Balancing ethical principles and journalistic values in immersive prison reporting [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division and Critical Studies Division panel), virtual conference.

Walters, P. (2018, August 6-August 9). Evaluating editorial decisions in breaking coverage of mass shootings [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division and Electronic News Division panel), Washington, D.C.

**SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION**

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division) Division officer (teaching standards chair)	Fall 2017-present
Division officer (editor of <i>Leadtime</i> newsletter)	Spring 2015-Fall 2017
<i>Newspaper Research Journal</i> Editorial board member	Fall 2015-present
<i>Digital Journalism</i> Reviewer	Spring 2022-present
<i>Journalism Studies</i> Reviewer	Spring 2022-present
<i>Journalism Practice</i> Reviewer	Spring 2022-present
<i>American Journalism</i> Reviewer	Fall 2021-present
<i>Journalism &amp; Mass Communication Quarterly</i> Reviewer	Spring 2021-present

*International Journal of Communication*

Reviewer Summer 2023-present

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Paper reviewer for division's panels at annual AEJMC conference Spring 2015-present

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Law and Policy Division)

Paper reviewer for division's panels at annual AEJMC conference Spring 2022

International Communication Association (Journalism Studies Division)

Paper reviewer for division's panels at annual ICA conference. Fall 2020

American Journalism Historians Association

Paper reviewer for AJHA's annual conference. Spring 2022-present

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Organized, moderated "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" teaching ideas panel at AEJMC's annual conference in Washington, D.C., on Aug. 10, 2023. Summer 2023

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Organized "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" teaching ideas contest for AEJMC's Newspaper & Online News Division. Summer 2022

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Organized, moderated "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" teaching ideas panel at AEJMC's virtual annual conference on Aug. 5, 2021 Summer 2021

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Organized, moderated "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" teaching ideas panel at AEJMC's virtual annual conference on Aug. 7, 2020 Summer 2020

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Organized, moderated "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" teaching ideas panel at annual AEJMC conference in Toronto, Ontario, on Aug. 8, 2019 Summer 2019

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Paper reviewer for Southeast Colloquium regional conference Fall 2017-present

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division)

Judge for division's "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" competition Summer 2016-present

"Scholar-to-Scholar Refereed Paper Research Session: Audience Perception"

Served as discussant for this Newspapers and Online News Division session during the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's annual conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on Aug. 5, 2016

Summer 2016

<p>“Refereed Paper Research Session: Journalists’ and Audience Perceptions” Served as discussant on this Newspaper and Online News Division panel during the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication’s conference in San Francisco, California, on Aug. 7, 2015.</p>	Summer 2015
<p>International Association for Literary Journalism Studies Moderated first of two International Association for Literary Journalism Studies’ panels on “Space and Setting in Journalism” at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication’s virtual annual conference on Aug. 7, 2020</p>	Summer 2020
<p>International Association for Literary Journalism Studies Moderated first of two International Association for Literary Journalism Studies’ panels on “Humor in/and Literary Journalism” at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference in Toronto, Ontario, on Aug. 10, 2019</p>	Summer 2019
<p>International Association for Literary Journalism Studies Moderated “Female Voices in Literary Journalism Studies” panel at IALJS conference at Austrian Academy of Sciences in Vienna, Austria, on May 17, 2018</p>	Spring 2018
<p>English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities Board member, webmaster</p>	Spring 2015-Spring 2021
<p><i>Impost</i> (peer-reviewed journal of the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities, formerly <i>EAPSU Online</i>) Editorial board member, nonfiction editor</p>	Spring 2016-Spring 2021
<p>English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities Conference Organizing Committee Member of committee that planned EAPSU conference at Kutztown University</p>	Fall 2017
<p>Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Contest Judge</p>	Spring 2017-Spring 2020
<p>Writing Wrongs student service journalism project Faculty advisor</p>	Spring 2015-present
<p>Temple University Media &amp; Communication Ph.D. Program Mentor to first-year Ph.D. student</p>	Fall 2020
<p>Temple University Media &amp; Communication Ph.D. Program Graduate Research Forum Planning Committee Member</p>	Fall 2018
<p>Temple University Media &amp; Communication Ph.D. Program Social Committee Member</p>	Fall 2018



**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Washington and Lee University Public Functions Committee Member	Fall 2023-
Kutztown University Student Media Advisory Board Chair Member	Spring 2019-Spring 2022 Spring 2015-Spring 2022
Kutztown University Campus Beautification and Preservation Committee Secretary	Fall 2015-Spring 2017
<i>The Keystone</i> student newspaper, Kutztown University Advisor Associate Advisor	Spring 2020-Spring 2022 Fall 2014-Fall 2019
<i>Keystonia</i> literary magazine, Kutztown University Co-advisor	Fall 2013-Spring 2016
Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculties' Nominations and Elections Committee Member	Fall 2016-Fall 2018
Communication Studies Senior Capstone, <i>Hello My Name Is</i> storytelling project Faculty advisor	Spring 2015

**DEPARTMENT SERVICE**

Fishback Fund for Visiting Writers Committee Member	Fall 2023-
Washington & Lee University Journalism & Mass Communications Department Curriculum Committee Member	Fall 2022-present
National High School Journalism Convention Recruited students at conference sponsored by Journalism Education Association and National High School Press Association in San Francisco, California, from April 20-April 22, 2023	Spring 2023
Kutztown University English Department Promotion Committee Member	Fall 2020-Spring 2022
Kutztown University English Department Recruitment Committee Member	Fall 2015-Spring 2022
Kutztown University English Department Social Committee Chair/Treasurer	Fall 2014-Spring 2022

Kutztown University English Department Temporary Faculty Evaluation Committee Member	Fall 2014-Spring 2020
Kutztown University English Department Curriculum Review Group Member of group that designed new core freshman reading and writing course for English and Professional Writing majors	Spring 2017-Spring 2018
Kutztown University Journalism Course Revision Re-wrote, revised and updated English department's introductory journalism course	Spring 2018
Kutztown University Professional Writing Comprehensive Exam Evaluator Devised journalism question for Professional Writing senior comprehensive exam, graded student responses	Spring 2018-Fall 2020
Kutztown University English Department Temporary Faculty Hiring Committee Member of committee that hired temporary faculty member for PR writing	Spring 2017
Kutztown University English Department Tenure-Track Hiring Committee Member of committee that sought tenure-track faculty member for PR writing	Spring 2016
Kutztown University English Department Temporary Faculty Hiring Committee Member of committee that hired three temporary composition faculty members	Spring 2015
Breaking News: Consuming, Reporting and Writing Developed 300-level Professional Writing course at Kutztown University	Fall 2015
Faculty Mentor Mentor to temporary faculty member	Fall 2016-Fall 2017
<i>Keystone</i> Newswriting Scholarship Judge	Spring 2017-Spring 2022
Kutztown University English Department Senior Seminar Portfolio reader	Fall 2013-Fall 2016
Association of Pennsylvania State College and University Faculty's Rep Council Substitute English Department Representative	Spring 2015
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	
Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, Virginia Speaker in high school journalism classes	Winter 2023-present
Spells Writing Lab, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Volunteer writing tutor	2010
<b>CERTIFICATIONS</b>	
Completed CITI Program Social/Behavioral Research Certification Course at Temple University (Certification renewed in Fall 2020)	Fall 2018

Completed Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education's Teaching Online Certification Course Summer 2015

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Co-recipient of top faculty paper award from the Broadcast and Mobile Journalism Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Summer 2023

Received funding from Washington & Lee University for two undergraduate Summer Research Scholars to assist with scholarly research Summer 2023

Awarded \$6,500 Lenfest Summer Research Grant and travel funding from Washington & Lee University Summer 2023

Awarded Kutztown University Professional Development Committee grant of \$1,000 to support dissertation research in Dallas, Texas Summer 2021

Awarded sabbatical from Kutztown University for Fall 2021 Fall 2020

Promoted to Associate Professor at Kutztown University Fall 2020

Awarded Honorable mention for Robert Lance Memorial Award for top graduate student paper at the American Journalism Historians Association conference Fall 2020

Awarded "Debut Faculty Paper Award" from the Law & Policy Division of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication Summer 2020

Awarded \$4,000 scholarship from Temple University's Klein College of Media & Communication to help fund tuition for second year of Media and Communication Ph.D. program Fall 2019

Awarded tenure at Kutztown University Spring 2019

Awarded Kutztown University Professional Development Committee Grant of \$1,000 to support presentation of research at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in Toronto, Ontario. Summer 2019

Awarded \$20,000 scholarship from Temple University's Klein College of Media and Communication to fund first year of Media and Communication Ph.D. program Summer 2018

Awarded Kutztown University Professional Development Committee Grant of \$1,000 to support presentation of research at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in Washington, D.C. Summer 2018

Received English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities' "Distinguished Faculty Award for Service" Summer 2018

Awarded Kutztown University Professional Development Committee Grant of \$1,000 to support presentation of research at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in Chicago, Illinois	Summer 2017
Awarded Kutztown University Professional Development Committee Grant of \$950 to support presentation of research at International Association for Literary Journalism Studies conference in Porto Alegre, Brazil	Spring 2016
Awarded Kutztown University Professional Development Committee Grant of \$950 to support presentation at Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication conference in San Francisco, California	Summer 2015
Awarded 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place in "Teaching News Terrifically" competition sponsored by the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's Newspaper and Online News Division	Summer 2014
Keystone Press Awards, Honorable Mention for Spot News	2012
Co-recipient of AP's National "Best of the States" Contest for Breaking News	Fall 2011
AP Law Enforcement Beat Reporter Seminar, Washington, D.C. Selected for week-long seminar as part of nationwide AP team specializing in law enforcement reporting	Spring 2010