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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, 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. (2024). # HandsUpDontShoot: Studying Coverage of Ferguson as a 'Critical Incident' from Journalism's Recent Past. *American Journalism*, 41(2), 184-206.

Walters, P. (2024). New guests crashing the party: A typology of journalistic collaboration. *Journalism Studies*, 25(2), 140-159.

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. (2023). Redemption vs.# MeToo: How journalists addressed Kobe Bryant's rape case in crafting his memory. *Journalism Practice*, 17(9), 1997-2014.

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

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.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Midberry, J. & Walters, P. Solutions journalism. In Nicole Dahmen and T.J. Thomson (Eds.), *Routledge Companion to Visual Journalism*. Routledge. *Forthcoming in 2025*.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Midberry, J. & Walters, P. Broadcasting solutions: A textual analysis of Philadelphia local television news coverage of remedies for gun violence. Conditionally accepted (Nov. 16, 2024) for publication in *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*.

Walters, P. & Winslow, A. Remembering the flawed and famous: How journalists address sexual misdeeds when memorializing male icons. Under revision for *Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly*.

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. (2024). Book review: *Avoiding the news: Reluctant audiences for journalism*, by Benjamin Toff, Ruth Palmer and Rasmus Kleis Nielsen. *Newspaper Research Journal*.

Walters, P. (2024). 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. and Winslow, A. (2024, August 7-August 11). Remembering the flawed & famous: How journalists address sexual misdeeds when memorializing male icons [Conference presentation]. Association for Education in Journalism & Mass Communication (Newspaper & Online News Division), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Walters, P. (2024, August 7-August 11). Literary journalism in my backyard: Effecting local change through narrative [Conference presentation of research in progress]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (International Association for Literary Journalism Studies panel), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Walters, P. (2023, September 28-September 30). #HandsUpDontShoot: Studying coverage of Ferguson as a 'critical incident' from journalism's recent past [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.**

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 21st 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

Walters, P. (2024, September 16). Collaboration in journalism today. [Class presentation for introductory and intermediate journalism courses]. University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Gilkeson, S., Nurczynski, M., Walters, P., Schulte, B., and Messitt, M. (2024, August 8-August 11). How to encourage student media to embrace literary journalism. [Roundtable discussion sponsored by the International Association for Literary Journalism Studies]. Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Walters, P. (2024, March 15). The intersection of media and law: A movement to amplify all voices. [Virtual panel discussion]. *The Journal of Civil Rights and Social Justice* symposium, Washington and Lee University School of Law.

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 leadership (associate research chair)

Fall 2024-present

Division officer (teaching standards chair)

Fall 2017-Fall 2024

Division officer (editor of Leadtime newsletter)

Spring 2015-Fall 2017

Newspaper Research Journal

Editorial board member

Fall 2015-present

Digital Journalism

Reviewer

Spring 2022-present

Journalism Studies

Reviewer

Spring 2022-present

Journalism Practice

Reviewer

Spring 2022-present

American Journalism

Reviewer

Fall 2021-present

Journalism & Mass Communication Quarterly

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)

Conference paper reviewer

Spring 2015-present

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

Conference paper reviewer

Spring 2022

International Communication Association (Journalism Studies Division) Conference paper reviewer	Fall 2020
American Journalism Historians Association Conference paper reviewer	Spring 2022-present
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division) Organized "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21 st Century" teaching ideas contest and panel for AEJMC's annual conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on August 10, 2024	Summer 2024
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division) Organized "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21 st Century" contest and teaching ideas panel at AEJMC's annual conference in Washington, D.C., on August 10, 2023	Summer 2023
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division) Organized "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21 st Century" teaching ideas contest	Summer 2022
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division) Organized "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21 st Century" teaching ideas contest and panel at AEJMC's virtual annual conference on August 5, 2021	Summer 2021
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division) Organized "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21 st Century" teaching ideas contest and panel at AEJMC's virtual annual conference on August 7, 2020	Summer 2020
Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication (Newspaper and Online News Division) Organized "Teaching News Terrifically in the 21 st Century" teaching ideas contest and panel at annual AEJMC conference in Toronto, Ontario, on August 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 st Century" competition	Summer 2016-present
Served as discussant for papers presented at the Newspapers and Online News Division's "Audience Perception" poster session during the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's annual conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on August 5, 2016	Summer 2016
Served as discussant for papers presented on the Newspaper and Online News Division's "Journalists' and Audience Perceptions" panel at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's conference in San Francisco, California, on August 7, 2015	Summer 2015

Moderated International Association for Literary Journalism Studies' panel on "Space and Setting in Journalism" at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication's virtual annual conference on August 7, 2020	Summer 2020
Moderated International Association for Literary Journalism Studies' panel on "Humor in/and Literary Journalism" at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication annual conference in Toronto, Ontario, on August 10, 2019	Summer 2019
Moderated "Female Voices in Literary Journalism Studies" panel at International Association for Literary Journalism Studies conference in Vienna, Austria, on May 17, 2018	Spring 2018
English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities Board member, webmaster	Spring 2015-Spring 2021
<i>Impost</i> (journal of the English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities) Editorial board member, nonfiction editor	Spring 2016-Spring 2021
English Association of Pennsylvania State Universities Conference Committee Member of committee that planned EAPSU conference at Kutztown University	Fall 2017
Texas Associated Press Managing Editors Contest Judge	Spring 2017-Spring 2020
Writing Wrongs student service journalism project Faculty advisor	Spring 2015-present
Temple University Media & Communication Ph.D. Program Mentor to first-year Ph.D. student	Fall 2020
Temple University Media & Communication Ph.D. Program Graduate Research Forum Planning Committee Member	Fall 2018
Temple University Media & Communication Ph.D. Program Social Committee Member	Fall 2018

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication <i>Newspaper and Online News Division member</i>	2015-present
<i>Law and Policy Division member</i>	2020-present
<i>Broadcast and Mobile Division member</i>	2023-present
American Journalism Historians Association Member	2020-present

Online News Association Member	2024-
International Communication Association <i>Journalism Studies Division member</i>	2021
UNIVERSITY SERVICE	
Washington and Lee University Academic Calendar, Registration, and Scheduling Committee Member	Fall 2023-
Washington and Lee University Public Functions Committee Member	Fall 2023-
Faculty Athletics Mentor Program Serving as faculty athletics mentor for men's swim team	Winter 2025-
First Year Read Discussion leader for first-year summer reading program	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	
Washington and Lee University Journalism & Mass Communications Department Search Committee for Professional-in-Residence in Film Member	Winter 2024
Fishback Fund for Visiting Writers Committee Member	Fall 2023-

Washington & Lee University Journalism & Mass Communications Department Curriculum Committee Member	Fall 2022-present
Attended National High School Journalism Convention 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
Keystone 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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rockbridge County High School, Lexington, Virginia
Speaker in high school journalism classes Winter 2023-present

Spells Writing Lab, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Volunteer writing tutor 2010

CERTIFICATIONS

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

Received funding from Washington & Lee University for two undergraduate
Summer Research Scholars Summer 2024

Awarded \$5,000 Lenfest Summer Research Grant and travel funding from
Washington & Lee University Summer 2024

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 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	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	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 nd 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