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# **Write Across Chicago:** Midland Authors Have Their Say

**When:** Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2018. Cocktail hour: 6-7 p.m.; Panel discussion: 7-8 p.m.  
**Where:** Cliff Dwellers Club, 200 S. Michigan Ave., 22<sup>nd</sup> floor penthouse-with a view!



**Write Across Chicago**, sponsored by the Illinois Writing Project, is a month-long program to encourage everyone to write more. These 4 extremely accomplished authors will share why they write—and how writing has benefited them.

👁️ **Michele Weldon:** “I chose writer because as a young reader the words on a page could grab me by the throat—or stroke my hair until I fell asleep.” Michele wrote *Escape Points: A Memoir* and *Writing To Save Your Life*. She’s a journalist, senior leader with The OpEd Project, emerita faculty at the Medill School of Journalism, and editorial director of Take The Lead, and has delivered 200 keynotes worldwide.

👁️ **R. Craig Sautter:** “I love language and the sound and sense of words from which I can compose a kind of cosmic music.” Craig has written or co-written several books, including *Inside the Wigwam* and *Wicked City: Kenna to Capone*. He’s a poet, philosopher and educator. Craig wrote and produced ads for Barack Obama and served as the 47<sup>th</sup> president of Midland Authors.

👁️ **Linda Nemec Foster:** “I write because the intangible rewards are gratifying and humbling.” Linda is the author of eleven collections of poetry, including *The Lake Michigan Mermaid* and *Talking Diamonds*. She’s also a literary presenter. Linda was selected to be the first Poet Laureate of Grand Rapids, Mich., (2003-05) and founded the Contemporary Writers Series at Aquinas College.

👁️ **Michael Raleigh:** “My family all talked and told their stories, and I was infected.” Michael has written several books, including *Peerless Detective* and *The Conjurer’s Boy*. While working for Chicago’s Model Cities Program, he ran youth employment programs. Michael taught English (at all levels) and Chicago History at Truman College and now teaches writing at DePaul University.

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**Free, open to the public. All writers and wannabe writers welcome!**

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