

## Curriculum Vitae -- Neal E. Robbins

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### Recent Journalistic articles

- [How would a Chinese invasion of Taiwan play out?](#) – Foreign Policy 23 December 2022
- [A future for a dying city](#) – Oxford Urbanists, 22 December 2021
- [Venice's ban on cruise ships is a vital step towards saving the city from disaster](#) – The Guardian, 21 April 2021
- [Serene Venice: author of new book on Venice, Neal E Robbins, reveals his favourite spots in the city and how tourists can help not harm](#) – The Jewish Chronicle, 23 August 2020
- [The trampling of Venice shows why tourism must change after Covid-19](#) – The Guardian, 19 June 2020
- [Deep trouble: can Venice hold back the tide?](#) – The Guardian, 10 December 2019
- [Who is Venetian? When does one belong to Venice? The question of identity becomes critical with depopulation of the city](#) – Italics Magazine, 23 October 2020
- I also wrote articles for the Washington Post when I was in Taiwan in the 1990s: [Enter the little Dragon](#), Dec 15 1991, and [Sweating for Santa Claus](#), Dec 20 1992

### Books

- *Venice, an Odyssey: Hope and Anger in the Iconic City*, La Toletta, Venice, 2021
- *Ronald W. Reagan: 40th President of the United States*, Garrett Educational Corporation, Ada, Oklahoma, 1990
- *Rutherford B. Hayes: 19th President of the United States*, Garrett Educational Corporation, Ada, Oklahoma, 1989
- *Contemporary Chinese Fiction: Four Short Stories Introduced and Annotated for the Student of Chinese*, Far Eastern Publications, Yale University, 1986
- *Cambridge: A user's guide, 2003, 2004 editions*, The Wavy-haired Reader Ltd.
- *Dining out and Eating In: Cambridge* (six editions through 2002-2008), Published by The Wavy-haired Reader Ltd

### Articles also published in

Los Angeles Times, The Washington Post, The International Herald Tribune, The Christian Science Monitor, The Chicago Tribune, The Boston Globe, United Press International (UPI), Editor and Publisher, China Times (Taiwan), Economic Daily News (Taiwan), The Journalist (Taiwan) and Journalism Educator, among others.

### Work Experience in Journalism and the Media

- Local Secrets Publishing 2018-present, Director.
  - Local Secrets Ltd, founder and director 2002-2017, produced [www.localsecrets.com](http://www.localsecrets.com) a community magazine, won SMART grant 2004 for development of targeted marketing systems.
  - The Cambridge Insider, Director and publisher 1997- 2002
  - Launched, edited and published the fortnightly magazine *The Cambridge Insider* for the Cambridge region 1997-1998.
  - Dow Jones, news agency, January to September 1996
  - Editor on the London-based energy news service, specializing in petroleum.
  - China Times (Taiwan), London correspondent, 1993 – 1995
  - Reporting on Britain and Europe
  - National Public Radio, stringer, contributor to BBC call, Taipei, Taiwan, 1991 – 1993
  - United Press International 1980 – 1986
- correspondent/editor for Hong Kong

- correspondent for India and South Asia, based in New Delhi
- editor, weekend international report editor/foreign desk, Washington
- editor regional desk Chicago (handling breaking state and regional news)
  - Petroleum News, Washington, contributor 1978 – 1979

#### **Awards and Grants**

- CIB Communic8 Awards 2008, East Anglia, Award of Excellence, Local Secrets, Ltd, Best Website. (for [www.localsecrets.com](http://www.localsecrets.com))
- Special award 'Outstanding contribution to urban scholastic Journalism', Journalism Education Association 1991
- Grant from the Joint East Asian Committee of Columbia University, 1979 for a news internship in Hong Kong 1980.

#### **Academic Work Experience**

- Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan, associate professor of journalism 1991 – 1993
- Roosevelt University, Chicago, assistant professor of journalism 1987 – 1991
- Director and founder, The Multicultural Journalism Centre, Roosevelt University, program for minority recruitment for which I raised \$230,000
- University of Illinois at Chicago, visiting lecturer in journalism, Spring semester 1987

#### **Academic Qualifications**

M.A. Taiwan Studies, SOAS London University (summer 2023)

M.S. Columbia University School of Journalism, 1979, including a certificate in working knowledge of Chinese from the University's East Asian Institute

B.A. Washington University, St. Louis, Mo, 1976 with a major in Chinese and Asian studies.

#### **Language proficiency**

Mandarin Chinese – high proficiency.

English – native language

Italian – high proficiency.