
Author & Journalist

_____ Author, "Jet Age: The Comet, the 707, and the Race to Shrink the World" (Avery/Penguin Press, 2010), about the creation of the first jet airliners. Favorable reviews in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, *USA Today* and elsewhere.

_____ Freelance contributor to *Popular Science*, *Discover* & *National Geographic*. Topics: aviation, the private spaceflight industry, and rocket design for travel to Mars and beyond.

_____ Reporter for *The New York Times* (1985-2002) and the *Los Angeles Times* (2002-2007). Assignments include:

- ~ 2002-2007, Seattle-based national correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*, covering the Pacific Northwest and Alaska. Also involved in coverage of post-Katrina New Orleans, the Las Vegas economy and the 2004 Presidential election.
- ~ 2003, Foreign correspondent year for the *L.A. Times*, reporting from Kuwait and Iraq on the war and from Shanghai on social, political and economic life in China.
- ~ 1998-2002, Seattle bureau chief for *The New York Times*, covering the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and stories and campaigns in other regions of the country.
- ~ 1993-1998, Houston bureau chief for the *N.Y. Times*, covering Texas, the Southwest and many stories elsewhere.
- ~ 1989-1993, Albany reporter for the *N.Y. Times*, covering state government and upstate New York.
- ~ 1985-1989, New York City-based reporter for the *N.Y. Times*, including general assignment, City Hall and the Bronx.
- ~ 1982-1983, Clerk to James Reston, columnist and former executive editor and Washington bureau chief for the *N.Y. Times*.

Other newspaper experience includes:

- ~ 1985, Foreign advisor to the *Xinhua (New China)* news agency in Beijing, China, editing stories by *Xinua* correspondents worldwide and advising Beijing staff on standards and practices of Western journalism.
- ~ 1983-84, Reporter and editor for the *Asahi Evening News*, Tokyo, Japan.
- ~ 1983-85, Contributed freelance stories from Japan, China and Thailand to *The New York Times*, the *Oregonian* and the *Far Eastern Economic Review*.

_____ Graduate with honors of Stanford University (1982), American Studies; editor-in-chief of *The Stanford Daily* student newspaper.

_____ Married to Lisa Howe Verhovek; father of Gordon, Alice and John, all of Seattle. Resident of Seattle's Magnolia neighborhood. Native of Boston, MA.