



**Robert Siegel** hosted NPR's afternoon news-magazine program, *All Things Considered*, for 31 years. In that job, he conducted interviews and reported stories on a wide range of subjects: politics, the economy, Eastern Europe in the last years of Communist rule, the 2008 Sichuan earthquake in China, welfare reform and criminal justice to name just a few.

Siegel caught the radio bug as an undergraduate at Columbia University where he worked on the student radio station, WKCR. HE anchored the station's coverage of protests at Columbia in the spring of 1968. He later returned to Columbia to attend the Graduate School of Journalism.

After jobs at WGLI in Babylon, New York, and WRVR in New York City, he became a newscaster at NPR's Washington, D.C. headquarters in December 1976. He soon became an editor and in 1979 was sent to London, where he was NPR's first overseas staffer, based at Bush House, then the longtime headquarters of BBC External Services. Over the course of four years in London, Siegel was an editor and a reporter. His coverage of peace movements in West and East Germany won a duPont-Columbia Silver Baton.

He returned to Washington in 1983 to be NPR's Director of News and Information Programming. In that position he was NPR's senior journalist and was in charge of the network's news coverage as well as the launch of *Weekend Edition* and the start of the national distribution of *Fresh Air*.

He started hosting *All Things Considered* in 1987 and retired in January 2018. He now holds the most distinguished position in the world of public radio, that of a listener.