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Professional Profile

I am a Brazilian journalist, specialized in Science and Environment. Since January 2000 I am a reporter at *O Estado de S. Paulo* newspaper, in Brazil, with more than 2,000 stories published in print and online, on a wide variety of topics. Since January 2015 I am also a contributing writer to *Science* magazine, in the United States. I am skilled in photography and videography; and in 2014 I received the "Jose Reis Award", the most prestigious recognition for science journalism in Brazil. In early 2016 I co-founded the USP Talks project, a public-speaking initiative meant to bring academia and society closer together.

Current Positions

'O ESTADO DE S. PAULO' NEWSPAPER – 2000-PRESENT

Science and Environmental reporter; blogger

'SCIENCE' MAGAZINE – 2015-PRESENT

Contributing writer

USP TALKS INITIATIVE – 2016-PRESENT

Co-founder, Content director

Previous Experience

'KALAMAZOO GAZETTE' NEWSPAPER – 1999

General assignment reporter at the daily metro newspaper of Kalamazoo, MI

'WESTERN HERALD' NEWSPAPER – 1996-1999

Reporter and editor-in-chief of the daily student newspaper of Western Michigan University

Academic Background

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA BERKELEY

Visiting scholar at the Graduate School of Journalism (2014)

INDONESIAN BIODIVERSITY RESEARCH CENTER

Active participant in the Molecular Ecology and Biodiversity Survey courses of the IBRC, organized by the University of California Los Angeles in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution, in Bali (2011)

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Fellow of the Knight Science Journalism Fellowships at MIT (2006-2007)

MARINE BIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Fellow of the MBL Science Journalism Program (2005)

WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

BA in English/Journalism (1999)

Awards

JOSÉ REIS AWARD FOR THE COMMUNICATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Awarded by the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development, in recognition of career achievements in science journalism (2014)

NATIONAL BIODIVERSITY AWARD

Awarded by the federal government's Ministry of Environment, in the media category, for a special multimedia story on the Invisible Fauna of the Atlantic Forest (2017)

Major Topics of Interest

Biological sciences in general, biodiversity and environmental conservation, all aspects of evolution, biotechnology, genomics, personalized medicine, human reproduction, bioethics, stem cells, cloning, climate change, astronomy and space exploration, sustainable development, science policy and scientific integrity

Hobbies and Interests

Photography and video

Free diving and scuba diving (certified PADI Dive Master)

Hiking and mountaineering

Traveling (33 countries visited in 5 continents)

Boxing and martial arts (Tae Kwon Do black belt)

Personal Information

Born in Sao Paulo, Brazil, in March 1977

Fluent in English (reading, writing and speaking)

Online References and Related Links

My personal website: www.hertonescobar.com.br

My blog: <http://blogs.estadao.com.br/herton-escobar/>

My LinkedIn profile: br.linkedin.com/in/hertonescobar

My Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/herton.escobar>

My stories in *Science*: <https://goo.gl/Wwv7rX>

My Flickr account: [herton.escobar](https://www.flickr.com/photos/herton.escobar/)

USP Talks on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/usptalks/>

USP Talks on YouTube: <https://goo.gl/6npyAN>

O Estado de S. Paulo: www.estadao.com

MIT Knight Science Journalism Fellowship: <http://ksj.mit.edu>

MBL Science Journalism Program: <http://www.mbl.edu/sjp/>

Indonesian Biodiversity Research Center: <http://www.ibrcbali.org>

Western Herald: <http://www.westernherald.com>

Kalamazoo Gazette: <http://www.mlive.com/kalamazoo/>

Participation in Events

March for Science; Sao Paulo, Brazil (2017)

Pint of Science; Santos, Brazil (2017)

ICTP-SAIFR 5th Anniversary Symposium: Advancement of Science in South America; at the Sao Paulo State University's Institute of Theoretical Physics, Brazil (2016)

Strategic Workshop on Environmental Governance and Legislation; at the University of Sao Paulo's Institute for Advanced Studies, Brazil (2016)

68th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science; in Porto Seguro, Brazil (2016)

2nd Symposium in Biomedical Sciences; at the University of Sao Paulo's Medical School in Ribeirao Preto, Brazil (2016)

8th Brazilian Congress of Protected Areas; in Curitiba, Brazil (2015)

66th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science; in Acre State, Brazil (2014)

Fapesp Week Beijing; Beijing, China (2014)

6th World Science Forum; in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2013)

65th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science; in Recife, Brazil (2013)

United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20); in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (2012)

Fapesp São Paulo School of Advanced Science - Evolution; in Ilhabela, Brazil (2012)

USP Conference on the Sea; at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil (2012)

Press trip to the Paranal and Alma observatories of the European Southern Observatory (ESO); in the Chilean Andes (2012)

Fapesp Workshop on Marine Biodiversity: Bioprospecting, Biogeography and Phylogeography; in Sao Paulo, Brazil (2010)

1st São Paulo School of Translational Science; in São Paulo, Brazil (2010)

10th Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); in Nagoya, Japan (2010)

61st Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science; in Manaus, Brazil (2009)

26th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Federation of Societies for Experimental Biology; in Águas de Lindoia, Brazil (2009)

Preparatory meeting to the 15th Conference of the Parties (COP 15) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); in Barcelona, Spain (2009)

Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS); in Boston, USA (2008)

The Amazon in Perspective, a conference of the LBA/PPBio/Geoma programs; in Belém, Brazil (2008)

60th Annual Meeting of the Brazilian Society for the Advancement of Science; in Campinas, Brazil (2008)

9th Conference of the Parties (COP 9) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); in Bonn, Germany (2008)

53rd Congress of the Brazilian Society of Genetics; in Águas de Lindoia, Brazil (2007)

3rd Regional Conference on Global Change: South America; in São Paulo, Brazil (2007)

1st Symposium of the Geoma Network; in Petropolis, Brazil (2007)

8th Conference of the Parties (COP 8) to the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD); in Curitiba, Brazil (2006)

10th Conference of the Parties (COP 10) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); in Buenos Aires, Argentina (2004)

49th Congress of the Brazilian Society of Genetics; in Águas de Lindoia, Brazil (2003)