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#### Areas of Specialization

* Translation, transcription and interpretation;
* Research, writing, editing and communications on a range of subjects, with particular expertise on agriculture and food systems, sustainable development and biodiversity;
* Fundraising for non-profit organizations.

**Professional History**

2006 – pres. **Independent Consultant,** Brazil & USA

* Translation and transcription of documents, web sites, audio recordings, emails and other communications between Brazilian Portuguese and English;
* Consecutive interpretation for events, including conferences, meetings, conference calls and interviews;
* Research, writing and editing articles, press releases, policy documents and other online and print media. Writing has been published by *Counterpunch*; *Americas Program*; *North American Congress on Latin America Report on the Americas* and FoodFirst, among others;
* Fundraising for non-profit organizations from private US foundations, including donor research and outreach, writing letters of inquiry and proposals, and project budgeting;
* Clients have included DecisionTrend Research, Institute for the Future, Exien, CS Fund, Small Planet Institute, Latin American School for Agroecology, Center for Investigative Reporting, FoodFirst/Institute for Food & Development Policy, among others.

7/06 – 09/09 **Center for the Study of the Americas,** Berkeley, California

*Associate Researcher*

* Wrote, researched and edited articles;
* Managed [www.globalalternatives.org](http://www.globalalternatives.org) web site;
* Recipient of the North American Congress on Latin America’s *2006 Samuel Chavkin Journalism Award.*

9/02 – 7/06 **University of California Small Farm Program,** Davis, California

*Specialist*

* Researched and wrote articles and farmer profiles for books, periodicals and other publications, highlighting issues relevant to the viability of small and medium farms in California, including organics, agritourism, direct marketing, labor, value-adding, etc.
* Researched and wrote report on California’s emerging artisan olive oil industry;
* Wrote proposals for funding opportunities and awards nominations;
* Coordinated redesign and printing of Small Farm Program brochure.

**Education**

2007 & 2011 **Federal University of Paraná**, Curitiba, Brazil

* Portuguese for Foreigners, Center for Languages and Multiculturalism.

9/02 – 12/04 **University of California** **at Davis,** Davis, California

###### Master of Science, Rural Community Development

* Master’s thesis research on land redistribution projects on wine and fruit farms in the Western Cape of South Africa;
* Recipient of *Jastro Shields Graduate Research Scholarship*.

9/94 – 12/98 **Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey**, New Brunswick, New Jersey

###### Bachelor of Arts, Journalism & Anthropology

1. Mabel Smith Douglass Scholars Honors; Departmental Honors in Anthropology;
2. Recipient of Bigel Fellowship in Anthropology; Eleanor Mitchell Memorial Scholarship; Mabel Smith Douglass Scholars Scholarship; Douglas Alumni Special Funds;
3. Anthropology honors thesis on land redistribution project in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa;
4. Final semester at the University of Natal in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa.

**Computer Skills**

MS Office; Raisers’ Edge; Quickbooks; Internet browsing and research; basic website maintenance.

**Languages**

English (native); Brazilian Portuguese (fluent conversation; advanced reading; intermediate writing)

**Selected Publications**

[“Should we tinker with plant genes?](http://www.nytimes.com/2010/05/24/opinion/l24genetic.html)” Letter to the Editor of the *New York Times*. Letter signed by Dena Hoff, Vice President of the National Family Farm Coalition. 24 May 2010.

[*California’s New Green Revolution: Pioneers in Sustainable Agriculture.*](http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/docs/publications.asp?view=17)With Dr. Desmond Jolly. University of California Small Farm Center. Davis, Calif. 2008.

[When Renewable Isn’t Sustainable: Agrofuels and the Inconvenient Truths Behind the 2007 U.S. Energy Independence and Security Act.](http://www.foodfirst.org/en/node/2064) With Eric Holt-Giménez. Food First/Institute for Food & Development Policy. Policy Brief No 13. Oakland, Calif. March 2008.

[*Outstanding in their Fields: California’s Women Farmers*.](http://www.sfc.ucdavis.edu/docs/publications.asp?view=7) Edited by Dr. Desmond Jolly. Contributed chapters to book. The University of California Small Farm Program. Davis, Calif. 2006.

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