

# Gabriela Sá Pessoa

Brazilian journalist, researcher and producer

## EXPERIENCE

### **Coioite Filmes, São Paulo – Reporter and producer**

AUGUST, 2023 - PRESENT

As a freelance reporter and producer, I am doing research for a true crime international documentary series directed by Katia Lund.

### **The New York Times, New York City – Reporter**

JUNE, 2023 - JULY, 2023

Elizabeth Neuffer Fellow reporter at The New York Times live desk, primarily assigned to the Ukraine war coverage.

### **International Women’s Media Foundation, Boston and New York City — Elizabeth Neuffer Fellow**

FEBRUARY, 2023 - JULY, 2023

The program combines academic and professional experience at MIT Center for International Studies, **The Boston Globe**, and **The New York Times**

### **The Washington Post, São Paulo — Journalist**

AUGUST, 2021 - JANUARY, 2023

I worked alongside the Rio de Janeiro Bureau Chief, Terrence McCoy, with research, data analysis, reporting, and helping coordinate the 2022 National Elections coverage.

### **UOL, São Paulo — Reporter**

APRIL, 2020 - JULY, 2021

I joined the team first as a general assignment reporter for the coronavirus pandemic's coverage, focusing on data stories. From September 2020 to July 2021, I was assigned to the investigative desk and did research, reporting, and scriptwriting for the podcast “A Vida Secreta de Jair.”

### **VICE Brazil, São Paulo — Story producer, freelancer**

JANUARY, 2020 - MARCH, 2020

I produced background information and interviews and coordinated a cross-border team for the documentary "Cigarro do Crime," directed by João Wainer, about the illicit cigarette trade on Brazil's border with Paraguay.

## AWARDS

Overseas Press Club – The Robert Spiers Benjamin Award for Best Reporting on Latin America, 2023

IREE Political Journalism Award, 2021

Claudio Weber Abramo Data Journalism Award, 2021

UOL Grand Prize, 2021

The Gabriel García Márquez Foundation for a New Ibero American Journalism – Roche Prize for Best Health Journalism in Latin America, 2015

## LANGUAGES

Portuguese (Native)  
English (Professional)  
Spanish (Advanced)  
Chinese (Elementary)

## SKILLS

Elementary coding (R, Python)  
Creative writing  
Scriptwriting

## **Folha de S.Paulo, São Paulo — Reporter**

OCTOBER, 2014 - MAY, 2019

From 2017 to 2019, I worked as a reporter at the politics desk in São Paulo. I covered major national events like the 2018 elections and the Car Wash operation. From 2015 to 2016, I covered the TV and entertainment industry for “Ilustrada,” the cultural section. I started as a copy editor in the cultural section, editing columnists’ and freelancers’ articles.

## **Agência Pública de Jornalismo Investigativo, São Paulo — Fellow Reporter**

NOVEMBER, 2013 - MAY, 2014

I was awarded a grant to investigate abortion in Brazil’s public health service.

## **Trip Editora, São Paulo — Journalist**

JUNE, 2012 - OCTOBER, 2013

Reporting and copywriting for Tpm and Trip Magazines.

## **Faculdade Cásper Líbero, São Paulo — Internship**

NOVEMBER, 2010 - MAY, 2012

Student assistant at the cultural department, editing the culture website and promoting seminars. I also edited “Esquinas” and “Cásper” magazines.

## **EDUCATION**

### **Faculdade Cásper Líbero, São Paulo — BA in Journalism, 2013**

**Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge — Elizabeth Neuffer Fellow at the Center of International Studies, Spring 2023**

**Columbia University in the City of New York, New York City — Visiting Scholar, Spring 2019**

Visiting Scholar at SIPA - School of International and Public Affairs, with a scholarship granted by Instituto Ling for emerging journalists.

## **ON MEDIA**

**Voice of America — Journalism for Change Drives Brazilian Reporter Pessoa**

<https://www.voanews.com/a/journalism-for-change-drives-brazilian-reporter-pessoa-/6735150.html>

**Columbia Journalism Review** — Q&A: Gabriela Sá Pessoa talks hope and crisis in Lula's Brazil

[https://www.cjr.org/covering\\_climate\\_now/gabriela-sa-pessoa-interview-lula-brazil.php](https://www.cjr.org/covering_climate_now/gabriela-sa-pessoa-interview-lula-brazil.php)

**MIT News** - Q&A: Gabriela Sá Pessoa on Brazilian politics, human rights in the Amazon, and AI

<https://news.mit.edu/2023/gabriela-sa-pessoa-brazilian-politics-human-rights-amazon-ai-0606>

**Post Reports** — A Brazil Without Bolsonaro

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/podcasts/post-reports/a-brazil-without-bolsonaro/>