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Profile

I have been a language teacher and a scholar of Brazilian literature for over 20 years, but in the past five years I started focusing on understanding the learning processes and how to create and nurture learning communities. My current goal is to apply my interest and professional skills at the service of helping students to build meaningful journeys and cultivating a lifelong love of learning.

Education*

2009 Ph D in Luso-Brazilian Literature, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
2001 M.A in Luso-Brazilian Literature, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
1987 BA in Social Communication, (concentration in Journalism), Universidade Metodista de São Paulo, Brazil.

Teaching experience

- Tutor of Portuguese (currently).
- Online instructor/facilitator 2018-present, [Claraboia Learning Experiences](#) (Descomplicando Machado de Assis, A Leitura das Imagens, Refletir sobre a Prática).
- Visiting Instructor of Portuguese (synchronous online course), Tuskegee University. Fall 2022/ Spring 2023.
- Online Portuguese Tutor, 2021- 2022 Varsity Tutor, and private students.
- Brazilian Portuguese Instructor, Lauder Institute Summer 2022 (São Paulo, 06.27 to 07.2022)
- Visiting Lecturer of Portuguese at Aarhus University, DK – Fall 2019
- Visiting Lecturer of Portuguese at Aarhus University, DK – Fall 2015
- Lecturer of Portuguese at Yale University. 2013 – 2015
- Lecturer of Portuguese at Washington University in St Louis, MO. 2006 - 2013.
- Instructor of Portuguese at Union College, Schenectady, NY. Spring 2005.
- Long distance evaluator of Portuguese for Hobart and William Smith Colleges for self-instructed students, Geneva, NY, 2005.

- *Teaching Assistant* of Portuguese at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign 1999-2001; 2002-2004.
- Instructor of Beginning Portuguese at Intensive Foreign Language Program (IFLIP), a program offered by the International Studies office to graduate students as well as active or retired faculty members and staff. Summers of 2001, 2003, 2004.
- Instructor of Beginning Portuguese at Urbana Adult Education, a community program. 2000

Publications

2017 “Sobre sapatos, identidade e símbolos de liberdade”, In: *Contracondutas*, Escola da Cidade.

2016 Translation of *Mathilda*, by Mary Shelley. São Paulo: Editora Poetisa. (book)

2016 “Relato dos sentidos da memória: Quase realidade, quase ficção em Carlos Heitor Cony e Milton Hatoum”. In: *Luso-Brazilian Review*, June 1, 53(1).

2012 *Quase brancos, quase pretos: representação étnico-racial no conto machadiano*. São Paulo: Intermeios Editora. (book)

2011. “Homens de letras, mulheres de papel: a delicada relação entre escritores e leitoras no Brasil do século XIX”, In: *Ao Redor do Mundo: Leituras em Português Vol I*, Atlantico Books, New York.

2009. “O medalhão que sabia javanês: uma leitura comparativa entre Machado de Assis e Lima Barreto”, In: *Machado de Assis em Linha: revista eletrônica de estudos machadianos*, 3, junho.

2009. Study guides for “O Espelho” and “Teoria do Medalhão”. In: *Missa do Galo e Outros Contos, Vol.1*, Machado de Assis, New York: Atlantico Books.

2004. “Lima Barreto: from the margin of the margin” in *Cincinnati Romance Review*, volume 23.

Paper presentations list upon request or at my personal website <http://svital.weebly.com/>

Awards/ Fellowships

2011 Arts and Sciences Council Faculty Award, Washington University.

2011 Center of Latin American Studies Library Travel Grant, University of Florida.

2009 David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies Library Scholar Summer Grant, Harvard University.

2004 UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their students for PORT 495 and PORT 300.

2003 Tinker Travel Fellowship for predissertation research in Lisbon, Portugal.

2003 UIUC List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their students as outstanding for PORT 495 and PORT 300 (Spring) and PORT 103 (Fall).

Personal essays and articles, in Portuguese and English.

Medium <https://medium.com/@Mimanow>

Texts in Portuguese about Education/Teaching

<https://claraboiacursos.com/blog/>

Texts in Portuguese about sustainability and environmental subjects

Horizonte Sustentável www.horizontesustentavel.com

Languages:

Portuguese (native)

English (fluent)

Spanish (proficient)

Danish (beginner)

***Additional training (more recent):**

- Exit: saídas para criar experiências criativas de aprendizagem. Numi Aprendizagem Ativa (online synchronous and asynchronous), August to November 2022.

- World Language Assessment: Adapting to a Virtual Environment, Assessment and Evaluation Language Resource Center (online synchronous), May 2020.

- Instructional Design Foundations and Applications, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign (via Coursera, asynchronous), March 2020.

- Desconstruindo o discurso midiático na sala de aula, (online asynchronous), Instituto Singularidades, March 2019.