

# WE ARE THE GUARDIANS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

90 MINUTES OF SOLUTIONS  
PRESENTED BY SEANNE N. MURRAY ENTERPRISES



**FEBRUARY 27, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**  
**BOOKS & BOOKS**

265 Aragon Ave, Coral Gables, FL 33134

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# PURPOSE

*90 Minutes of Solutions is a series of countrywide events organized to empower the community to resolve key issues of our day by engaging in conversation with experts, problem solvers and influencers of all kinds.*

*It is where conversation and action intersect.*

*We address specific concerns, develop new solutions and lay the groundwork for implementing those ideas on a national level. Further, we celebrate and acknowledge the accomplishments of trailblazers.*

# AGENDA

*6:30 - 6:35 PM*

*Welcome by Seanne N. Murray*

*6:35 - 6:45*

*Land Blessing by Rev. Houston Cypress*

*6:45 - 7:00 PM*

*Panel Statements*

*7:00 - 8:00 PM*

*Interactive Discussion*

*8:00 - until*

*Collaboration/Closing Cocktails*

*The Earth is what we all have in common.*

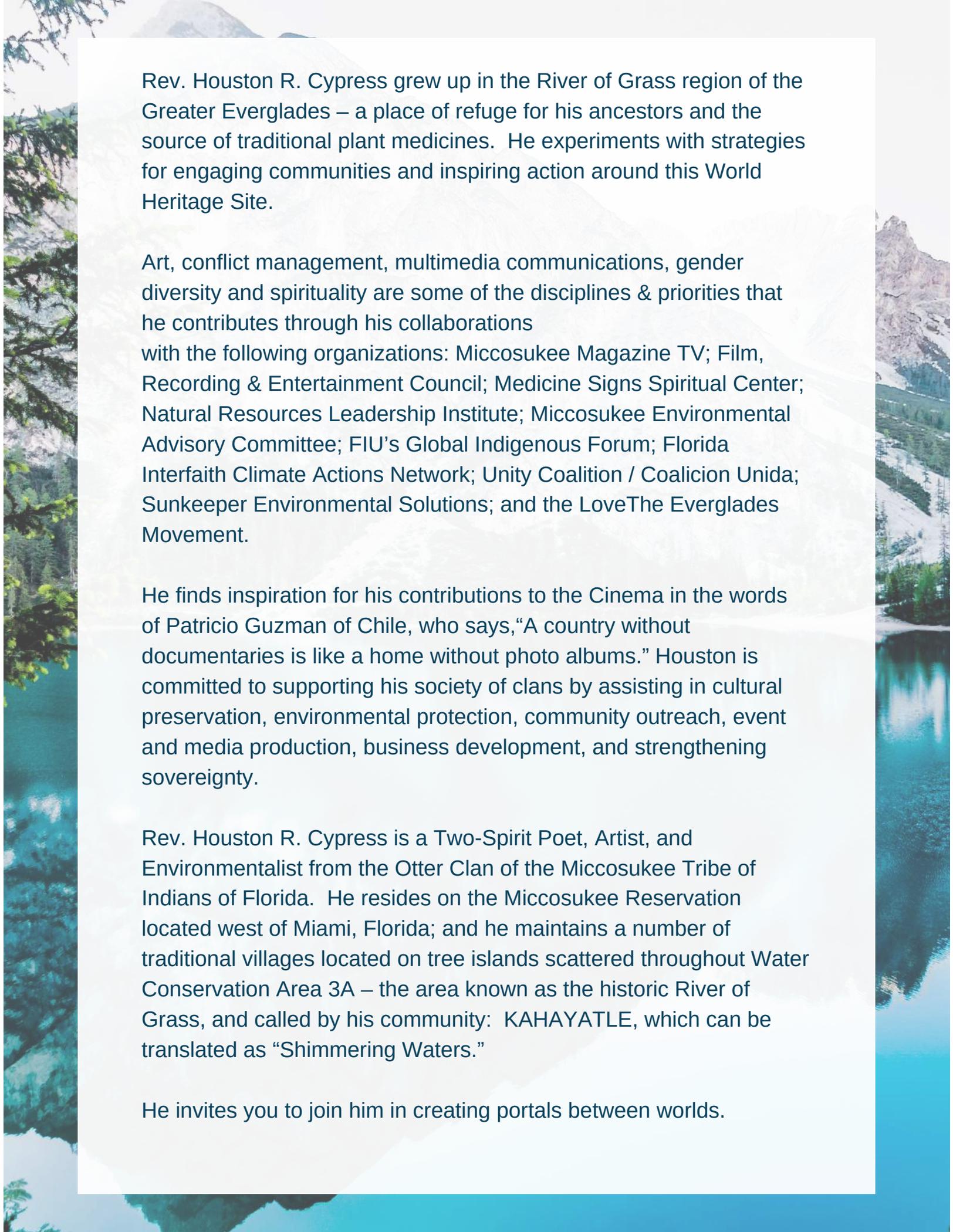
**Wendell Berry**



LAND BLESSING BY

# **REV. HOUSTON CYPRESS**

POET, ARTIST, ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVIST AND ORDAINED MINISTER

A scenic landscape with mountains, a river, and a lake. The background is a soft-focus image of a mountain range with a river flowing through a valley and a lake in the foreground. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

Rev. Houston R. Cypress grew up in the River of Grass region of the Greater Everglades – a place of refuge for his ancestors and the source of traditional plant medicines. He experiments with strategies for engaging communities and inspiring action around this World Heritage Site.

Art, conflict management, multimedia communications, gender diversity and spirituality are some of the disciplines & priorities that he contributes through his collaborations with the following organizations: Miccosukee Magazine TV; Film, Recording & Entertainment Council; Medicine Signs Spiritual Center; Natural Resources Leadership Institute; Miccosukee Environmental Advisory Committee; FIU's Global Indigenous Forum; Florida Interfaith Climate Actions Network; Unity Coalition / Coalicion Unida; Sunkeeper Environmental Solutions; and the LoveThe Everglades Movement.

He finds inspiration for his contributions to the Cinema in the words of Patricio Guzman of Chile, who says, "A country without documentaries is like a home without photo albums." Houston is committed to supporting his society of clans by assisting in cultural preservation, environmental protection, community outreach, event and media production, business development, and strengthening sovereignty.

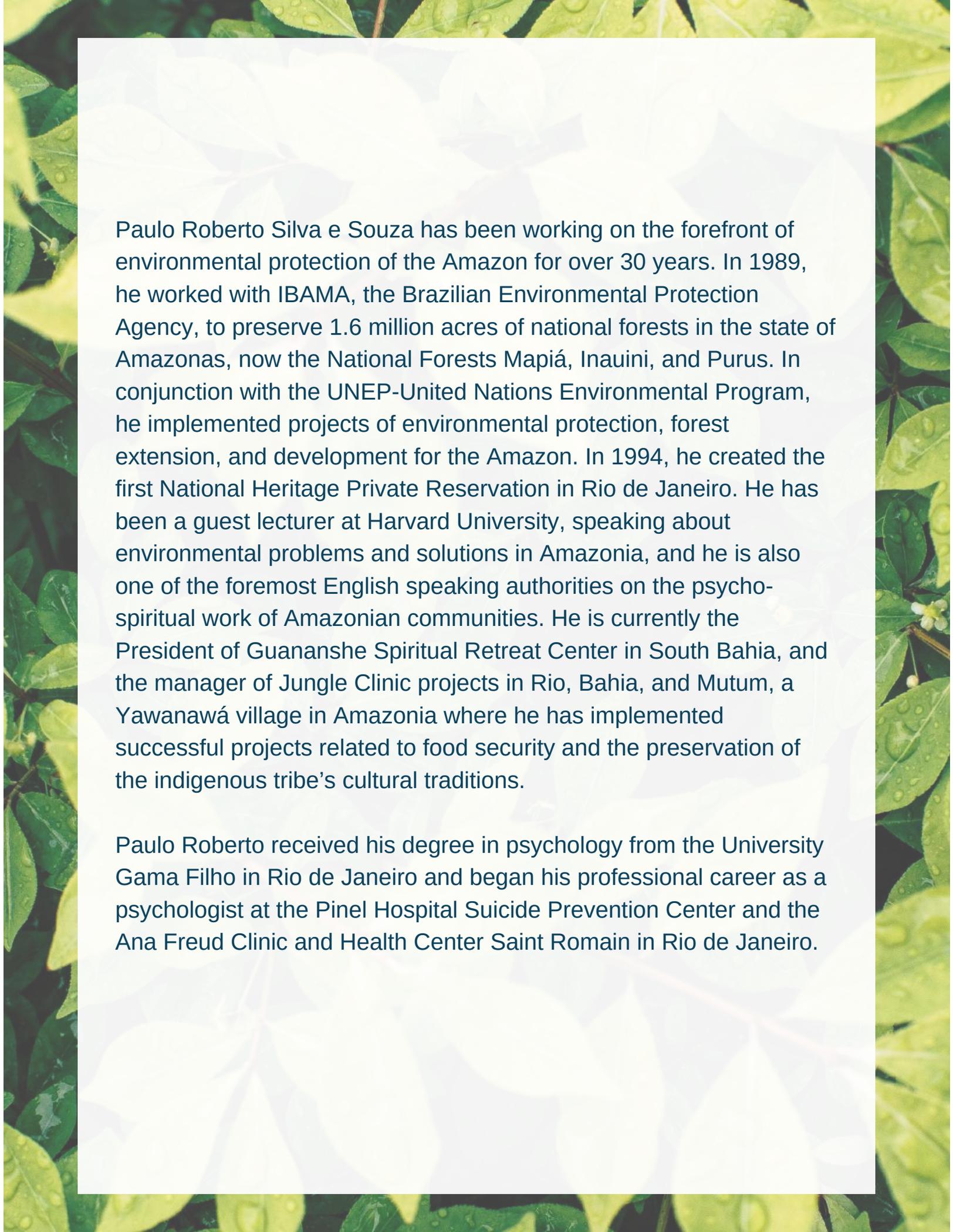
Rev. Houston R. Cypress is a Two-Spirit Poet, Artist, and Environmentalist from the Otter Clan of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. He resides on the Miccosukee Reservation located west of Miami, Florida; and he maintains a number of traditional villages located on tree islands scattered throughout Water Conservation Area 3A – the area known as the historic River of Grass, and called by his community: KAHAYATLE, which can be translated as "Shimmering Waters."

He invites you to join him in creating portals between worlds.



# **PAULO ROBERTO SILVA E SOUZA**

**PRESIDENT OF GUANANSHE CO. IN RIO, BAHIA  
MANAGER OF JUNGLE CLINIC  
PROJECTS IN RIO, BAHIA**



Paulo Roberto Silva e Souza has been working on the forefront of environmental protection of the Amazon for over 30 years. In 1989, he worked with IBAMA, the Brazilian Environmental Protection Agency, to preserve 1.6 million acres of national forests in the state of Amazonas, now the National Forests Mapiá, Inauini, and Purus. In conjunction with the UNEP-United Nations Environmental Program, he implemented projects of environmental protection, forest extension, and development for the Amazon. In 1994, he created the first National Heritage Private Reservation in Rio de Janeiro. He has been a guest lecturer at Harvard University, speaking about environmental problems and solutions in Amazonia, and he is also one of the foremost English speaking authorities on the psycho-spiritual work of Amazonian communities. He is currently the President of Guananshe Spiritual Retreat Center in South Bahia, and the manager of Jungle Clinic projects in Rio, Bahia, and Mutum, a Yawanawá village in Amazonia where he has implemented successful projects related to food security and the preservation of the indigenous tribe's cultural traditions.

Paulo Roberto received his degree in psychology from the University Gama Filho in Rio de Janeiro and began his professional career as a psychologist at the Pinel Hospital Suicide Prevention Center and the Ana Freud Clinic and Health Center Saint Romain in Rio de Janeiro.



# **DR. ALISON THOMPSON**

**FOUNDER/CEO, THIRD WAVE VOLUNTEERS, AMBASSADOR TO THE HAITIAN  
MINISTRY ON ENVIRONMENT  
AUTHOR OF THE THIRD WAVE: A VOLUNTEER STORY**

Dr. Alison Thompson is a full time humanitarian volunteer running large refugee camps, field hospitals and resilience command centers in most major natural around the world for the past 22 years. Thompson's full-time work started as a first responder on Sept 11th 200 1 in New York.

In 2010, she was awarded the 'Order of Australia', the highest civilian medal given by the Australian government and Queen Elizabeth the 2nd for her service contributions to mankind. In 2012, Thompson was appointed the first official Ambassador to the Haitian Ministry of Environment focusing on reforestation, clean water and sustainable energy. Thompson represented Haiti at the COP 22 - 2016 United Nations Climate change meetings in Marrakesh where she later helped Haiti ratify the Paris Agreement in Parliament.

Thompson recently won the 2019 Governors Hurricane Service Agency award, the Dr. Martin Luther King 2019 humanitarian award, the 2019 Woman of Peace award, the Paul Harris award from Rotary International and the Hope Prize at TEDX Talk.

Thompson was named the 'Angel of Galle' in Sri Lanka where she ran a busy field hospital and managed the rebuilding of a village and school after the 2004 tsunami. She founded CTEC- the first Tsunami Early-Warning Disaster Center in Sri Lanka and later opened a children's learning center and tsunami museum.

After the 2010 earthquake, Thompson flew to the Haiti with Sean Penn and ten doctors and managed a 70,000-person IDP camp and field hospital alongside General Simeon Trombitas and the 82nd Airborne who later honored her with the Commanders Award for Excellence.

Thompson worked as a rescue paramedic in the epicenter of the Syrian refugee crisis. She developed a network of 30,000 Third Wave volunteers, who support and co-ordinate direct aid for the refugees and other disasters. Thompson has delivered over 100,000 innovative origami solar lights to refugee families along the dark shores of Greece and to the refugee camps of the Syrian borders.

Thompson has spearheaded large volunteer disaster response and aid campaigns during hurricanes Matthew, Harvey, Irma, Maria, Florence, Michael and Dorian in the Bahamas. In Florida. during hurricane Irma, Thompson helped co-found the first Community Emergency Operations Center in the heart of the most vulnerable communities in Miami collaborating with 80 organizations to provide food, aid and preparing citizens with emergency response training for future disasters. The goal is to have all citizens of Florida trained in CERT.

Her award-winning documentary, *The Third Wave*, chronicles her volunteer experience in Sri Lanka after the 2004 tsunami and was screened at the 2008 Cannes film festival in a presidential jury screening presented by Sean Penn and Bono. She followed up with a book, *The Third Wave Volunteer Story*.

"It's easy to be in the wrong place at the wrong time but its Leadership to be in the wrong place at the right time." Dr. Alison.



FOUNDER, 90 MINUTES OF SOLUTIONS  
AND THE ARA INITIATIVE

## *Seanne N. Murray*

Born in Detroit, raised in Westport, Connecticut and educated in Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia, Seanne N. Murray, otherwise known as “SNM, The Voice for Good” aspired to be a writer and a humanitarian from the early age of seven. She’s authored several publications including her first book, *The Art of Submission, The Woman’s Guide to Fulfillment*, a guide to mastering self-love, was an editor of the *Political and Civil Rights Law Review* at Temple University School of Law and her op ed piece on human trafficking was published by the *Miami Herald*. Since 2001, following the terror she endured on 9/11, she’s been devoted to exploring and understanding the interconnectedness, or oneness, as she calls it, of humanity. Seanne is the founder of Seanne N. Murray Enterprises, LLC, for media and social enterprise, 90 Minutes of Solutions for social change and The Ara Initiative for clean water. She chaired a panel on clean drinking water at Harvard Law School and is the writer, creator and executive producer of the upcoming feature film, *Chicago 1919*, as announced in *Deadline Hollywood*, featuring Rosanna Arquette and director, Julie Dash.

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# WHERE CONVERSATION AND ACTION INTERSECT

In the aftermath of 9/11 in NYC, I experienced the greatest love I've ever known. I left my Wall Street career behind to share and replicate the sense of oneness I experienced first hand. I created 90 Minutes of Solutions to bring people together to energize and ignite real change through solution building. Thank you for choosing to be a part of the solution.

*Seanne V. Murray,*

**FOUNDER, 90 MINUTES OF SOLUTIONS**

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