

From Brazil to the U.S.-Mexico Borderlands: A Journalist's Perspective on Reporting in the Americas

A Conversation with Simon Romero

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Join the Latin American and Iberian Institute and Department of Spanish and Portuguese for a conversation with journalist Simon Romero, a national correspondent for The New York Times.

In Mr. Romero's current work, he covers immigration and other issues in the United States. Previously, he was the Brazil bureau chief from 2011 to the 2017, covering Brazil and several other countries in South America, including Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay. In that assignment, he wrote extensively on a broad range of issues, including Brazil's political upheaval, river pirates in the Amazon rainforest, Paraguay's guerrilla insurgency, the 2016 Rio Olympics and the shifting politics of Antarctica.

Mr. Romero was Andean bureau chief from 2006 to 2011, based in Caracas, Venezuela, where he covered issues including President Hugo Chávez's political movement, Colombia's long internal war and indigenous politics in Bolivia. Mr. Romero received the Maria Moors Cabot Prize in 2015 for reporting on Latin America and the Caribbean, and, in 2014, the Robert Spiers Benjamin Award for best reporting in any medium in Latin America.

Mr. Romero was a national financial correspondent based in Houston, Tex., from 2003 to 2006, covering the global energy industry. He was a staff reporter from 2000 to 2003, specializing in areas such as wireless communications and technology privacy concerns. He joined the paper in 1999 as a contract writer in São Paulo, Brazil, where he covered economic issues and was based there until 2000.

Before joining The Times, he was a senior writer at AmericaEconomia in Brazil from 1998 to 1999, covering economic and political issues for Latin America's leading business publication, published in Spanish and Portuguese. From 1995 to August 1998, Mr. Romero was a staff correspondent for Bloomberg News in Brazil, where he opened the news agency's bureaus in Brasília and Rio de Janeiro and wrote about Brazil's economic stabilization program, elections, crime and corruption. Before moving to Latin America, he was a stringer for the Los Angeles Times in 1994.

Mr. Romero, born and raised in northern New Mexico, graduated cum laude with a degree in history and literature from Harvard College and studied history at the University of São Paulo. He is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. He lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with his wife, Ana Carolina Abe Romero, and their two children.

