

**Dr. Hilton Pereira da Silva (Hilton P. Silva)**

**Candidate Bio:** Biologist and Medical Doctor (Universidade Federal do Pará-UFPA, Brazil, 1990, 1991), Fulbright Scholar (1991-93), has a Masters' degree in Anthropology (Penn State, USA, 1993), an MPH degree and a PhD in Anthropology/Biological Anthropology (The Ohio State University, USA, 1998, 2001). Currently is Associate Professor of Anthropology in the Graduate Program in Anthropology, and the Graduate Program in Health, Environment and Society in the Amazon (Public Health) of UFPA, having helped in the planning, organization and creation of both programs. The Graduate Program in Anthropology of UFPA, is the only one in the country to offer specific training at the Masters and PhD levels in biological anthropology and is considered one of the top 5 in the country. Created, in 2001, and has been the director of the Laboratory of Bioanthropological Studies in Health and the Environment (LEBIOS), which moved from UFRJ to UFPA in 2009, being the only bioanthropology facility in Northern region of Brazil. Is a board member of the Latin American Association of Biological Anthropologists (ALAB – 2019-2020), active member of the Human Biology Association (HBA), and of the American Association of Physical Anthropology (AAPA). Was the first recipient of the “Edward E. Hunt, Jr.” Award of the Human Biology Council (1994). Formerly was Chair of the International Liaison Committee of the HBA (2009-2013), Director of the House of Studies Brazil-Africa/Prointer/UFPA (2013-2018), Professor of Biological Anthropology of the National Museum of the Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Brazil (1999–2009), and Chair of the Departments of Anthropology at UFRJ (2004-2006) and UFPA (2018-2020). Was visiting Professor of Biological Anthropology at the State University of New York-Binghamton, USA (2002), at Coimbra University, Portugal (2004 and 2010), and at Michigan State University, USA (2012). Has been the Principal Investigator in long-term projects about growth, health, nutrition, human variation, and the emergency of chronic diseases in rural and African-derived populations living in protected areas of the Brazilian Amazon and the Atlantic Forest among others. In the last twenty years his research has focused on the bioanthropological aspects of health and socioecological changes among the Caboclo (Admixed), and Quilombola (Afroderived) rural groups of Amazonia. Currently is a Member of the Working Groups about the health of the Black populations in the Brazilian Association of Collective Health (ABRASCO), and in the Brazilian Association of Black Researchers (ABPN). Additionally, has done consulting work in the areas of health, public policies, education and the environment for public and private institutions, and conducted volunteer work in Brazil, Cape Verde, Cuba, Ecuador, Guinea-Bissau, and the USA. Is author and co-author of over 150 scientific publications and presentations in Brazil and abroad.

**Platform Statement:** I was one the proponents of the creation of an international committee, have been a member since its beginning, and was chair between 2009 and 2013. I would like to continue to support HBA by helping to attract more international students and scholars to the field of Human Biology and to the Association, improving the process of the International Travel Award, if possible by expanding its amount (since the price of the dollar has risen considerably in relation to other currencies, making it more expensive for overseas members to attend the meetings), increasing the number of prizes (to attend a larger number of international members), and visibility within the Association and externally (I believe this award has been undervalued in relation to the others offered by the HBA). I will work with the EC to improve the Diversity Initiative and improve its development, reach and visibility; I will work to increase the publications from abroad and helping foreign anthropologists, especially from Latin America and Africa, to be able to publish in our journal, perhaps through a volunteer editorial support group, as these often have considerable difficulty with English technical writing. I also will propose that

we use the current crisis as a learning tool, and think about the possibilities of developing one, or some, on-line sessions during our anual meeting, with international colleagues who cannot afford to participate presencially, so we could see a broader scope of productions and, at the same time, incentive further the participation of young members. It is also my intention to keep a closer contact with the international members to be able to recognize their perceptions and demands, and report more efficiently to the EC.