BIO-SKETCH/RESUME

HEATHER-DAWN HERRERA

EXPLORER/WRITER/FILM PRODUCER/CONSERVATIONIST

Began career in exploring, documenting, filming and promoting in print and electronic media conservation of eco-locations and First Nations legacy across Trinidad and Tobago in 1979.

Local Publications and Documentries

1989 – Published book “Scenic Trinidad and Tobago” to promote eco-tourism

1990 – Produced Trinidad and Tobago’s first set of photo letters for postage

1993 to 2000 – Published regular weekly column “On Nature’s Trail” to promote eco-tourism and conservation of the natural environment in Trinidad Guardian Newspaper

2000 to present – Publishes regular weekly column “Trail Blazing” in Trinidad Express Newspaper to promote eco-tourism and conservation of the natural environment as exemplified by our First Peoples

2026 - Scripted and photographed "Top 24 Eco-Locations in Trinidad and Tobago"

Wrote novel "Secrets of Kairi Highlands"

(Both works to be published in 2027)

Conservation Initiatives

2003 – Led expedition across the crest of the Northern Range documenting and filming the status of this major watershed and the legacy imprinted by our First Peoples

2004 – Published book “Hike-A-Thon 2003” highlighting findings of expedition

2004 – Produced documentary “Hike-A-Thon 2003” highlighting findings of expedition

2005 – Led expedition circling the Northern Range to highlight the importance of this natural resource

2006 – Published book “Eco-Locations of Trinidad and Tobago” to promote eco-tourism and protection of First Nations cultural traditions

2006 – Scripted, directed and produced documentary “Eco-Locations of Trinidad and Tobago” to promote eco-tourism and protection of First Nations cultural traditions

2008 – Led expedition around the island to sensitize the population on conservation of our diverse natural habitats in keeping with the sustainable traditions of our First Peoples

Radio and television accomplishments:

2008 – Scripted and produced series titled “Expeditions Eco-Utopia” for Radio 100.5 WMJX

2012 to 2016 – Scripted, directed and produced television series “Showcase Environment” for airing on CCNTV6, CaribVision and Canadian and British cable TV. This production highlighted the flora and fauna encountered on hikes through our diverse landscapes and scuba dives onto our vibrant reefs, the efforts of conservation groups in protecting same, and the cultural traditions of our First Peoples.

Regional and International accomplishments:

2008 - Represented Caribbean Media in Panama courtesy UNEP on the EIA's Impact Strategy for the GEO Resource Book.

2020 – Scripted, filmed, directed and produced documentary titled “The Warao – Adrift on the tides of survival” highlighting the plight of Venezuela’s indigenous Warao population and their migration to Trinidad and Tobago to find a better life for their families during difficult times

2022 – Writer and photographer of the book “25 Days around Venezuela”. Two editions endorsed by the Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to Trinidad and Tobago.

Commendations:

1998 – Received the “Hummingbird Silver Medal” for tourism and conservation of the environment

1998 – Received the “Green Leaf Award” from the Environment Management Authority for promotion and conservation of the environment

2020 - Received the ”Green Leaf Award from the Environment Management Authority in recognition of dedicated service to environmental stewardship in Trinidad and Tobago

2025 - Received the "Women in the Environment 2025" Award from the Environment Authority in recognition of stellar contribution to environmental sustainability in Trinidad and Tobago

Memberships:

2011 to 2013 – Member of National Wetlands Committee, Ministry of Agriculture

2011 to 2014 – Member of 5th Council of The National Trust Trinidad and Tobago

2011 to present – Member of Santa Rosa First Peoples Community, Arima

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