

## Author A.C. Frieden Meets Leading South American Journalist

**MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (Feb. 10, 2009)** – Author A.C. Frieden traveled to Uruguay to continue his research for his upcoming political thriller set in Latin America. As in his prior visit to Uruguay in early 2008 and in other research destinations in Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Panama and Venezuela, Frieden interviewed key political figures. Among the personalities Frieden met during this visit was **Alfonso Lessa**, chief editor of *Teledoce* (Channel 12), the nation's leading television station, where he also hosts a popular weekly current events program. Mr. Lessa's career in journalism includes being editor at the country's top selling paper, *El Pais*. He has also authored several books, including the acclaimed *Estado De Guerra*, relating to Uruguay's legacy of dictatorship and the country's political developments since the restoration of democracy.



Above: A.C. Frieden with Alfonso Lessa at Montevideo's Channel 12 television station.

Frieden and Lessa discussed a number of politically important topics relating to Uruguay in particular, and South America in general. Of special interest to Frieden were Lessa's perspectives on reconciliation with Uruguay's past dictatorship and the *Tupamaro* terrorist group. "The press is often a fragile pillar of democracy," Frieden said after the interview. "So it's very interesting to hear first hand about the evolving roles of journalists during and after Uruguay's dictatorship." Frieden also had the pleasure of touring the station and standing in the set during the live midday news.

**About the author:** A.C. Frieden is a Swiss-Brazilian mystery novelist and lawyer living in Chicago. He is currently working on two political novels, including one set in Latin America. For more information, visit his website at [www.acfrieden.com](http://www.acfrieden.com) and his literary travel blog.

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