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LINGUISTIC ANTHROPOLOGIST; INFLUENTIAL TO LANGUAGE REVITALIZATION MOVEMENTS

Studying Indigenous languages in what is now the Southwestern USA and Mexico, Hill showed how the ideologies and structure of language are influenced by political economic processes. Her arguments for language having cultural meaning led to her formative ideas of how multilingual language switching is an organized and significant process, structured by discourse. These ideas also were foundational to her influential works on how racism is produced through everyday language.