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The Language of Secrecy and Exposure in the Pueblo Borderlands

This talk examines how Indigenous Pueblo people living in the Rio Grande Valley in New Mexico and Texas use strategic concealments and revelations to constitute community and enact morality, subjectivity, and sovereignty. Drawing on long-term ethnographic and linguistic fieldwork with three Pueblo nations, I move from examples where cultural and linguistic information is tightly controlled to situations where visibility is self-consciously produced to discuss how indigeneity is performed and politics are practiced in this region and in the contemporary U.S. more broadly.



*Reception to follow immediately in SSB 269 Spiro Library