



Literacy and Divergence in Paiute Ideologies of Language, Identity and Politics.

Anthropology Brown Bag

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In an atmosphere of economic and political unrest, intra-tribal conflict and institutionalized racism, San Juan Paiute elders struggle to keep their language alive.

Over the summer of 2008, a literacy workshop was conducted where the product of researcher/community collaboration is a Paiute-language ABC book consisting of 110 images drawn by Paiute elders and a short story in Paiute. In this presentation I explore the various facets I found in how the Paiutes view members of their community, particularly their children, based on language use and how this affects their views of authenticity, identity and politics.