<TEDxCSUF Bio>

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<Summary of Speech>

As I had struggled to learn English as my second language, I had the opportunity to understand the learning process behind it along with the relationship between the language and its culture. Language provides a different lens on how we view the world and thus, we can acquire different personalities through them. Language design is a theory where we can create new perspectives and identities through language.