## **Acknowledgments**

A book may have the name of one author on its cover, but a writer is always dependent on others for inspiration and aid. I have been blessed with friends and colleagues who have supported me throughout the writing of this book, who have lent an ear when I needed to talk something out, and who have made valuable suggestions. I have also been blessed with a generous and thorough editor, Colin Baker. Colin helped me organize and clarify my thoughts, and often posed questions that pushed me to think and write about the subject matter more deeply. In addition, his superb knowledge of bilingualism and bilingual education led me to the sources I needed to give some sections of the text a better-rounded discussion. Finally, I am grateful to Mike and Marjukka Grover for their decision to publish the book and for their continued support during its production.

I was extremely pleased and honored when Multilingual Matters asked me to produce a second edition of Languages in America, in light of the positive response the original has received. I am glad to know that the book is being used to educate future teachers and those interested in language issues. At a time when bilingual education is under growing attack, the promotion of a balanced view of bilingualism and its place in society is critical. I would especially like to thank Terrance Wiley, whose review of the first edition offered invaluable constructive criticism, as well as the anonymous reviewer of the second edition.