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Before publishing *'The Fix'*, Hill completed documentaries on the widespread murders of Filipino journalists, the killing of the head of the Canadian mafia, blood feuds in Kosovo, ethnic cleansing in Iraq, pagan religions in Bolivia and honour killings in Turkey. Hill worked for the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) first as an investigative journalist at the flagship program *'the fifth estate'* then as an anchor for *Newsworld International*. His programs and articles have also appeared on *the BBC Radio World Service* and *BBC Radio 4: the Guardian and the Sunday Telegraph* (London), as well as various new media outlets.

He has also given presentations to a number of organizations including the International Olympic Committee (IOC), the Council of Europe, the Dutch Football Association (KNVB) and the Australian and New Zealand Sports Lawyers Association. Hill is also the winner of the 2007 Canadian Association of Journalists Award for best investigative radio documentary and is an Amnesty International Canada 2003 Media Award Winner. In 2009 Hill won the Play the Game Award, as "the individual who best strengthened the basic ethical values of sport."

In his spare time, Hill is a keen amateur boxer and leads groups of recreational and competitive fighters to train in Havana, Cuba.