

**Wednesday, April 11 at 7 pm**  
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## Understanding the Andean Worldview

Dr. Webb will discuss her new book, *Yanantin and Masintin in the Andean World: Complementary Dualism in Modern Peru*, which describes how her study of the indigenous Andean concept of *yanantin* or "complementary opposites," through the use of the mescaline cactus *huachuma*, led to her personal and professional transformation.

The unifying Andean concept of "complementary opposites" is so different from the dichotomies that characterize our Western worldview (e.g., good vs evil) that understanding it brings about fundamental changes in how one sees the world--or "reality."

**Dr. Webb** was Research Director at The Monroe Institute, a nonprofit research and education institute dedicated to the exploration of human consciousness. She is currently managing editor of the journal *Anthropology of Consciousness* and the author of *Traveling Between the Worlds; Exploring Shamanism*; and also the recently published autoethnography, *Yanantin and Masintin in the Andean World: Complementary Dualism in Modern Peru* (University of New Mexico Press, 2012). She earned a PhD in psychology from Saybrook University in 2009 and a Master's Degree in the philosophy of mind from Goddard College in 2006.