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Dragons in Inca, Mapuche, and Celtic Mythology: Guardian Animal and Spirit

Instructor: Dr. Sharonah Fredrick

2 sessions: Fridays, June 23, 30 | 1:00 - 2:30 p.m.

Friendship Village Tempe

Village Center, Skirm Auditorium

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Lecture: In the traditions of the peoples of the Peruvian and Ecuadorian Andes – far past the River Bio-Bio where Inca armies never penetrated – to the folk heritage of Celtic Europe, the symbolism of the dragon and dragon-like creatures signified conceptions of identity and connections to the earth. These conceptions are markedly different from popular fairy-tale conceptions of the creature as a figure of evil. What are these earlier stories, and how have they survived in the spiritual literature of Europe and Latin America?

Instructor: Sharonah Fredrick, PhD, is an anthropologist at ASU. She earned her doctorate in Hispanic literature at Stony Brook University, a master's in renaissance and medieval history from Tel Aviv University, a bachelor's in Latin American anthropology from SUNY Buffalo, and an English teaching certificate from the International TEFL Teachers Consortium in Guadalajara, Mexico. Her research focuses on the impact of the early modern period in Latin America and on the effects of the Spanish and Portuguese conquests on the Native American peoples and on Africans in the New World. She is particularly interested in issues of cultural survival and religious syncretism. She enjoys exploring the world of Celtic pre-Christian myth, and the medieval literature of Sephardic Jewish culture.

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