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Professor Incayawar is a Quichua physician, educator, and researcher interested in the health and traditional medicine of the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas. He is the first Quichua (Inca) physician to graduate from an Ecuadorian medical school. His areas of expertise include transcultural psychiatry, Indigenous medical systems, culturally adapted medical systems, Indigenous medical knowledge, pain & ethnicity, and the neuroscience of the healing process.

Dr. Incayawar is the recipient of the prestigious John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship 2006; an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Transcultural Psychiatry Section, World Psychiatric Association, and Associate Editor of the WPA-Transcultural Psychiatry Section Newsletter. He is the former Henry R. Luce Professor in Brain, Mind, and Medicine: Cross-Cultural Perspectives at Pitzer, Claremont McKenna and Harvey Mudd Colleges in Claremont, California, and Director of Runajambi (Institute for the Study of Quichua Culture and Health) in Otavalo, Ecuador. He completed his medical training in Quito, Ecuador, a Master's degree in Transcultural Psychiatry at McGill University, a graduate diploma in community medicine at the *Université de Montréal*, Canada, and advanced research training in ethnicity & psychopharmacology at the NIMH Research Center on the Psychobiology of Ethnicity, UCLA. Dr. Maldonado is completing his Ph.D. (ABD) in biomedical sciences with focus in Pain and Ethnicity at the *Université de Montréal*, Canada. He has authored 55 papers in medical education and delivered scholarly presentations in Canada, USA, Ecuador, Europe, and Japan. For five years, he was a scientific consultant and in charge of the Transcultural Medicine Section of *L'Omnipraticien* medical magazine, a publication (24 issues/year) targeting French speaking GPs and family practitioners of Quebec, Canada. He teaches the following courses: Amerindian Psychiatry; Culture and Psychobiology of Pain; Healers, Doctors & the Brain; Healers and Doctors in the Andes; and Traditional & Alternative Medicine.

Recently he has completed studies on *Llaqui* (depression-anxiety); pain experiences among the Quichua in the Andes; Screening Clinically Promising Healing Practices Among Native Americans of California; and Tongva Medicinal Plants supported by a Faculty Fellowship from the John Randolph Haynes and Dora Haynes Foundation. He is currently conducting a study entitled Understanding the Diagnostic Skills of "yachactaita" (Quichua Healers of the Andes), funded by the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, New York.

