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RESEARCH CAFÉ

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Presenter: Sharonah Esther Fredrick

*PhD candidate in
Hispanic Language and Literature*

Title: The Maya World and Sacred
Geometry: Pre and Post Conquest Visions
of Mapping in the Yucatan Peninsula

Synopsis: This research will detail how maps of Mayan-speaking peoples of Central America presented an amalgam of Western and Native American cosmology. The Mayan people of present day Yucatan are creating a vision which blends European conceptions of geography with their concepts of sacred space, reflected in both their literature and art.

Brief Biography: Sharonah Fredrick taught Latin American History and Judeo-Spanish Literature at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, worked with Mayan communities through the Copan Foundation in Honduras and Yucatan, and spent four years in Argentina engaged in community work with mestizo and Mapuche communities of the Andean region. Upon returning to NYC, she taught Latin American and English literature in Touro College's Adult Education Program. Sharonah speaks and writes four languages: English, Hebrew, Spanish and Portuguese. She has done volunteer educational work in Angola, with the Angolan Ministry of Education, in 2002, and worked extensively on Palestinian/Israeli coexistence programs. Born in NYC, she is in her third year of the Phd in Hispanic Language and Literature, at Stony Brook University. Sharonah has published articles on Sefardic (Spanish Jewish) and Hispano-Islamic culture for Barcelona's daily newspaper *La Vanguardia*.

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