

# SAC

SOCIETY FOR THE  
ANTHROPOLOGY OF  
CONSCIOUSNESS

**The Society for the Anthropology of Consciousness is dedicated to the study of consciousness and its practical application to contemporary issues.**

SAC publishes the peer-reviewed journal *Anthropology of Consciousness*; convenes an Annual Spring Conference that consists of individual papers, panel discussions, and experiential sessions; and hosts sessions at the Annual Meetings of the American Anthropological Association.

SAC values interdisciplinary perspectives, respects diverse traditions, and prioritizes inclusiveness and open dialogue in the study of consciousness.

SAC supports rigorous and empirically-based inquiries into consciousness that use diverse methodologies – including ethnographic, scientific, experiential, historical, and alternative ways of knowing.

SAC reflects on how consciousness and human transformation can be made relevant to the challenges of our age, with the aim of a praxis to catalyze a shift toward a more just world.

#### **SOME RESEARCH AREAS AND INTERESTS:**

**States of Consciousness and Consciousness Studies:** Dreams, possession, trance, dissociation, cognitive theory, epistemology, methodology, evolution of consciousness, psychotherapy, cultural psychology.

**Shamanic, Religious, and Spiritual Traditions:** Eastern, Western, and indigenous religions; shamanism; healing practices; ritual; music and dance; cultural and religious preservation and activism.

**Philosophical, Symbolic, and Linguistic Studies:** Myth, oral traditions, language, archetypes, body and mind, comparative studies, visual anthropology.

**Psychoactive Substances:** Studies of psychoactive plant use in traditional and contemporary practices, ethnopharmacology, psychopharmacology, healing, addiction and recovery.

**Anomalous Experience:** Psychic phenomenon, reincarnation, near-death experiences, mediumistic communication, divination.

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