Transforming and Preserving traditional Peruvian Mountain Cultures

WHO: Ashley Akins, Mosqoy Fund  
Rolando Auccapuri Iturriaga, Mosqoy Alumnus
WHEN: February 5, 11:30am-1:00pm  
WHERE: Ceremonial Hall, First Peoples House, UVic

Ashley and Rolando will share the indigenous traditions and lifestyles of Quechua communities in the Sacred Valley of Peru, and the perpetual challenges they face in trying to keep their culture alive. Rolando will share his perception as member of the first generation to experience a changing globalized world, while Ashley will discuss her views as an outsider who first visited Peru in 2006, and has since dedicated her life to doing what she can to help.

Ashley Akins, an alumna of UVic, is the director of Mosqoy, an education fund to help impoverished youth of the Peruvian Andes, and the president of the Q'ente Textile Revitalization Society, a network to aid indigenous Quechua communities through their weaving tradition.
Rolando Auccapuri Iturriaga is a Peruvian student from a Quechua weaving community in the Andean Mountains, and is one of the first alumni of the Mosqoy program. He was chosen as the 2010 Mosqoy Ambassador to visit Canada for three months.