

BOLIVIA GREETES PERU: A JOURNEY THROUGH LAKE TITICACA

A PHOTOGRAPHIC ESSAY

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BACKGROUND

In the mid-1970s, Dr. Elayne Zorn began anthropological research in Peru and Bolivia documenting the transformation of textiles and communitarian tourism. Specifically, she conducted long-term ethnographic research on Taquile Island, Peru for over thirty years before her death in 2010. She was fluent in many languages, especially Quechua and Aymara and worked very closely with communities. She was a professor of anthropology who mentored many students, including myself. As her student, I was inspired to undertake my own investigations of the Andes and Taquile Island. After her death, I travelled to Lake Titicaca and met many of the people who were the focus of her studies. These photos convey a phenomenographic experience and exploration.



1. Head of the Puma (sacred rock), Bolivia.



2. Mama Jatha: the Potato (seed of Andean society), Lake Titicaca, Bolivia.



3. Sheep on Taquile, Peru.



4. Futbol on the lakeshore, Peru.



5. Taquilean weaving, Peru.



6. Taquilean youth, Peru.



7. Taquilean child, Peru.



8. Taquilean dance on market square, Peru.