

## NOTE ON ORTHOGRAPHY

Correct orthography or the spelling of terms in native languages is a complex issue in the study of indigenous cultures in the Americas. Recently, many scholars, and in particular Mayanists, inspired by advances in linguistics, have attempted to use spellings that come as close as we can currently determine to the way ancient people may have pronounced and used certain names and words. But the body of linguistic knowledge we have varies from culture to culture, and it continues to change with new linguistic discoveries. Other authors prefer to use spellings that are most established in the existing literature. In Andean Studies, there is no shared consensus on what the correct spellings of native terms should be. Therefore, we, as the editors, decided to let each contributing author choose the spellings he or she is accustomed to. We did standardize “Inca” to “Inka,” but otherwise the reader will find differing orthography between chapters in this volume.

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