This presentation will discuss the nonprofit organization Fundación Altiplano, an integral project of sustainable development carried out in the northern Chilean region of Arica y Parinacota. The organization’s mission involves “promoting sustainable development among rural and Andean communities through the strengthening of cultural traditions.” It carries this out through the restoration, historical and anthropological evaluation of the Andean churches in the region; involvement with the tourist-patrimonial circuit in the Andean foothills; and, the diffusion of audiovisual projects. For more information about Fundación Altiplano, visit their website at http://fundacionaltiplano.cl/

The project is co-presented by Beatriz Yuste, a Spanish architect, and Fernando Rivera, a Chilean producer, both of whom have worked with the organization in Chile. Yuste and Rivera will explain the organization and discuss their work in the field. Then, Yuste and Rivera will touch upon the community-based work they currently do in Santa Fe, drawing connections between the Santa Fe organization Cornerstone and Fundación Altiplano. The presentation will explore parallels between the two organizations, finding similarities in the ways that communities in the southwestern US and northern Chile independently struggle with historic preservation and cultural management.