

Dr. Amy Allocco



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Description of faculty member's current research/creative interests:

Dr. Allocco's research focuses on "lived" Hinduism, especially contemporary Hindu ritual traditions and women's religious practices in the South Indian state of Tamil Nadu, where she has been studying and conducting ethnographic fieldwork ~25 years. Her work is animated by interests in the forms of religious change inspired by the new social and economic realities that characterize a globalizing South Asia, as well as ritual, narrative, everyday religion, and gender in urban India.

Description of faculty member's current research/creative needs:

She is an active and committed mentor of Undergraduate Research who in 2019 received Elon University's Ward Family Excellence in Mentoring Award. She has experience mentoring students with interdisciplinary projects located in Religious Studies; Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies; Political Science and Policy Studies; International and Global Studies, and Public Health Studies.

Currently looking for a student to apply and work in these programs:

Any program/opportunity

I can mentor a student enrolled in 498/499 hours during these semesters:

Any start time

The ideal student would have the following qualifications:

intellectual curiosity

Students interested in working with me should...

email me to set up a meeting

Little bit more info:

As an ethnographer whose research focuses on religion, gender, and identity in South Asia, Dr. Allocco is particularly interested in mentoring students employing ethnographic methodologies (e.g., participant-observation and interviewing) and/or developing projects focused on South Asian countries and communities (including in their transnational/diaspora contexts). She is also prepared to mentor students working on topics in gender and sexuality, especially in the areas of identity, LGBTQIA issues, and assisted reproductive technologies.