

Professor Dennis McGilvray

Professor Dennis McGilvray's research focuses on the Tamils and Muslims of south India and Sri Lanka. His book, *Crucible of Conflict* (Duke 2008), examines matrilineal Hindu and Muslim kinship, caste structure, religious ritual, and ethnic identities in the Tamil-speaking region of eastern Sri Lanka, an area that was deeply affected by the island's civil war. Professor McGilvray also co-edited a collection of essays resulting from a multidisciplinary National Science Foundation (NSF) project on Sri Lanka's recovery from the 2004 tsunami (McGilvray and Gamburd, eds. 2010). The fieldwork Professor McGilvray is currently undertaking explores transnational Sufism and matrilineal marriage patterns in Sri Lanka and southern India. A published photographer (*Symbolic Heat*, Mapin 1998), he is also interested in visual anthropology and alternative modes of cultural representation. Before retiring from the classroom in 2014, Professor McGilvray taught a lower division course on Tamil culture; upper division courses on Symbolic Anthropology, Foundations of Theory, and South Asian ethnography; and a graduate seminar on Ethnography and Cultural theory.

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