Religious Ethnographies
a new course with Prof. Elayne Oliphant
Mondays, 3-5:20pm in Wilson 106

RELS 1720: This course will explore how religiosity is symbolized, experienced, contested, and produced in our modern, global, secular age. We will draw on rich ethnographic studies of religious life in Egypt, Siberia, England, China, the US, and elsewhere, as well as the myriad linkages and migrations that bring these sites together. Our ethnographic lens will allow us to see religious sensibilities as deeply embedded in a diverse array of social processes, categories, and structures. Religious lives, in other words, are never formed or reproduced in isolation but simultaneously represent, transform, and are generated by the social milieux in which they circulate.