

Fall 2021 Workshop

CULTURAL DIVERSITY LITERACY: SOUTH ASIAN TRADITIONS IN THE CENTRAL VALLEY

All Are Welcome



An exciting opportunity to enhance your knowledge of the cultural diversity of South Asian communities in the Central Valley and their religious practices including, beliefs, attire, festival, and food. Along with learning about core teachings, practices, and cultural traditions of Hinduism, Sikhism, Jainism, and Buddhism, we will develop tools to utilize the content for in-class teaching, counseling, and communicating with South Asian student populations.

In this workshop, you will acquire theoretical and experiential understanding through lectures, guest speakers, discussions, films, visits to religious sites, and opportunities to experience Indian cuisine. As we navigate many challenges due to the Covid pandemic, social and economic inequality, racial violence, this workshop would be of interest to essential workers, counselors, medical professionals, teachers, social workers, and community members.

Participants will have opportunities to view films, visit religious sites in the Central Valley, meet with religious leader, and experience firsthand the diversity, complexity, and richness of these traditions.

All reading material, luncheons, etc. will be provided by the instructor.

METHODOLOGY: Lectures and Discussions on Zoom (sessions will be recorded and shared with participants)

- Friday, September 10: 7:00 PM -8:30 PM
- Saturday, September 25: 9:30-11:00 AM
- Friday, October 8: 7:00 PM-8:30 PM
- Saturday, October 23: 9:30-11:00 AM

COST: \$60 (\$30 sponsorships available for the first 20 participants!)

Participants will also receive a certificate of completion.

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INSTRUCTOR DESCRIPTION:

Veena R. Howard, Ph.D. is Professor of Asian Religious Traditions. She also holds the Endowed Chair in Jain and Hindu Dharma. Her expertise lies in the religions originated on the Indian subcontinent. She has authored and edited three books and many scholarly articles. She has served on the Board of Trustees of the Parliament of the World's Religions. She is a frequent presenter at national and international conferences. You may reach her at vehoward@csufresno.edu.



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