

Undergraduate Research Opportunity

PROJECT

Adventists and Franciscans in the Peruvian Amazon (1910-1940)

Matthew Casey-Pariseault

Hours required p/week:	9
Credits anticipated:	3

History/Religious Studies

Catholic and Protestant missionaries competed for converts in many "frontier" regions in early 20th century Latin America. In Peru, even though the state was officially Catholic, the federal government encouraged this missionary competition as a means of nationalizing unincorporated territory and bringing remote Indigenous groups into the national community. Catholic missionaries, mostly Franciscans and Dominicans from Spain and Italy, carried out their civilizing mission alongside a variety of Protestant groups, most notably Seventh-Day Adventists from the United States. In this undergraduate research project, we will work through documents from both the Franciscan and Adventist missions to the Peruvian Amazon, aiming to understand their different models of engaging Native communities and how those communities made these religious traditions their own as a means to make a better life for themselves as the world changed around them.

TEMPE

ONLINE

STUDENT

Research assistant's duties:

Students will reading through and take notes on digitized newsletters from the Franciscan and Adventist missions. We will hold weekly meetings to check-in, and Dr. Casey-Pariseault will provide access to a small number of scholarly readings on the topic so the student can understand the context from which the primary source documents come.

Required skills or qualifications:

Desired qualifications include Spanish (reading) fluency.

Skills student will acquire:

Students will learn archival research methods and critical analysis of primary sources.