

**South Asia SIG – Meet the Committee Members,**  
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I am the Program Chair for the SASIG. I currently am a Post-Doctoral Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Graduate School for Education. At UPenn, I teach a course on educational development in South Asia, which I developed and also taught at Teachers College, Columbia University. This interest in bringing greater awareness about South Asian educational issues goes further back to when I was a doctoral student at Teachers College, where I helped establish the student group, South Asian Voices for Education (SAVE).

I have been a member of CIES since 2004. My vision for the SASIG is for it to have a strong presence at CIES and one that is especially welcoming to graduate students. In my capacity as Program Chair and given my affiliation with UPenn and Teachers College, I hope to help facilitate a stronger network between students and scholars that focus on South Asia.