



## Meet the 2016 – 2017 DoSAA Executive Board!



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**DoSAA (Division on South Asian Americans)** is a division of the Asian American Psychological Association. It includes students and professionals committed to understanding social, emotional, political, and personal influences affecting South Asians in psychology, and seeks to influence change for the betterment of South Asian mental health.

**Hina Pant, Ph.D., Chair**, received her PhD in Clinical Psychology from Central Michigan University. She currently works as a staff psychologist at Columbia University's Center for Psychological Services. Hina's areas of interest include international student concerns, immigrant mental health, cultural identity formation, personality assessment, as well as psychotherapy process and outcome research.

**Marina T. Khan, M.A., Co-Chair**, is pursuing her PhD in Counseling Psychology at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She received her MA in Psychology from Houston Baptist University and her BS in Psychology from Stony Brook University. Marina's areas of interest broadly include immigrants and refugees, social justice advocacy, integrated health care, quantitative statistics, and public policy work.

**Monika Parikh, Ph.D., Membership**, received her PhD in Counseling Psychology from Washington State University. During her training, she gained experience working with children, adolescents, their families, as well as adults. Currently, she is a pediatric psychologist at Geisinger Medical Center in Central PA working in an integrated primary care clinic. Monika's areas of interests include the integration of behavioral health into primary care, outcome research, group therapy, and training/education.

**Gagan "Mia" Khera, PhD, Treasurer**, received her PhD in clinical psychology from The George Washington University. Her research interest in South Asians began as an undergraduate at Wellesley College. Currently, Mia is an Associate Professor in the Psychology Department at Curry College in Milton, MA. Previously, she was a faculty member in the Counseling and School Psychology MA and PsyD Programs at Rivier University in N.H. She lives outside Boston with her husband and two children.

**Achu Johnson Alexander, M. A., Secretary Historian**, is pursuing her PhD in Developmental Psychology at Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts. Her research is focused on understanding the experiences of adulthood and family influences among 18-29 year old South Asian Americans. She also works with refugees settling in the U.S. Through her work, she hopes to help minority communities in the U.S. to transition into adulthood.

**Chandni Shah, Ph.D., Communications**, received her PhD in Counseling Psychology from Purdue University and participated in the APA MFP fellowship program to enrich her research skills. She is currently a generalist staff counselor at the University of Maryland, College Park. Chandni hopes to work with South Asian individuals and communities to grow, develop, and try to make change together.

**Ankita Krishnan, M.S., Student Representative**, is a 4th year Clinical Psychology doctoral student at Purdue University in Indiana. Ankita's research focuses on two areas: a) cultural adjustment and acculturative stress among Asian international students and b) the intersection between cultural factors and autism spectrum disorder. Through her work, Ankita hopes to increase awareness of cultural models within psychology.

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