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CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies Appoints Gouri Sadhwani Director of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs

(New York) The CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies has appointed Gouri Sadhwani Director of Institutional Advancement and External Affairs.

Ms. Sadhwani is no stranger to CUNY SLU, having served as an Adjunct Professor since 2013, a Special Initiatives Advisor helping to develop and launch the school's Community Semester program and, most recently, providing guidance in the establishment of the SLU Foundation.

Most recently, she served for over seven years as Executive Director of the Akanksha Education Fund in the U.S. a public charity that funded innovative education programs in India. She teaches at the graduate and undergraduate levels on nonprofits, labor and immigrant issues. She has also taught at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

"I am a huge fan of the work of CUNY SLU and my passion for students has always been at the heart of the work I've been fortunate enough to do," **said Ms. Sadhwani.** "I look forward to working with the entire SLU community to continue to advance the mission of the school and effect change for our cities working communities."

Ms. Sadhwani has a remarkable résumé in social justice causes including human, women's, workers, and immigrant rights; community organizing; racial justice; and LGBTQ and environmental issues. Prior positions include Deputy Director at Amnesty International USA, where she led the organization's human rights campaigns and activism work in the U.S. and Executive Director of The Hague Appeal for Peace, a coalition of more than 100 international organizations that promote campaigns for peace and justice.

Ms. Sadhwani also has close ties to the labor movement, having served as Special Assistant to the President of SEIU Local 32BJ. In that role she led the union's work on grant making, social justice, member engagement and strategic partnerships. She was also Executive Director of the New York Civic Participation Project, bringing labor unions and community partners together to protect immigrant rights.

Gouri holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from NYU's Wagner School of Public Service and a B.A. in Political Science from Montclair State University. She has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate levels for Murphy/SLU and Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

In her new role at SLU, Gouri will build new relationships and expand existing ones with philanthropic organizations, non-profits, and private donors to raise funds for the School and special initiatives. She will also work with the State Legislature and New York City Council to secure funding for the School.

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