



**Neema Kudva, Associate Professor
House Professor and Dean, Becker House**

Biography

Neema Kudva is Associate Professor in the Department of City and Regional Planning (AAP) and House Professor and Dean at Becker House, a living-learning residential community on West Campus. She is Faculty Lead of the Nilgiris Field Learning Center (NFLC), and serves on the Steering Committee of the South Asia Program, as faculty fellow of the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, and as affiliate of the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs. Prior to joining Cornell in 2001, Neema was a lecturer at Stanford and worked as a consultant to public planning agencies in the San Francisco Bay area, and as an architect in India and Europe. She received her Dip.Arch. from the School of Architecture, CEPT, in Ahmedabad, India; and her M.Arch./M.C.P. and Ph.D. from the University of California–Berkeley.

Candidate Statement

As Associate Dean of Faculty, I would help build a supportive environment for faculty in their roles as researchers, educators, public intellectuals, and employees—recognizing the multiple ways in which we are embedded in our disciplines, workplace, communities, and families. I believe engaging in shared governance and bringing fresh perspectives to bear on the duties of supporting the Cornell University faculty is critically important, and look forward to listening to all of you and bringing your perspectives to bear in my conversations with the Dean of Faculty, the Committees for which this position is responsible, and the administration. I bring a wide range of relevant experience from my collaborative research and teaching with faculty colleagues at the NFLC and community-based organizations to my work with staff from both the residential and operations sides of the university in my role as House Professor and Dean at Becker. This unique combination gives me a broad perspective on many issues. I am committed to working collaboratively, and fostering transparent and effective communication between faculty and the administration towards the collective goal of shared governance.

LINKS:

Nilgiris Field Learning Center <https://blogs.cornell.edu/nflc/>

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