PAST PRESIDENT SPOTLIGHT

Dr. Gitu Bhatia

Honoring Our Past While Embracing Expansion



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My favorite color is green.
To me, it represents growth and nature.

If I could have any superpower, it would be the power to connect people. I have been blessed to have been a part of many communities.

My favorite aroma is the smell of rain saturating dry earth.

One thing I have always wanted to learn more about is oil painting. I am mesmerized by watching Bob Ross on TV.

One movie I never get tired of watching is *Crash*. It confronts our biases, both implicit and explicit. I have learned from it and even used it as a teaching tool. Unfortunately, it is still relevant today.

My favorite snack is chaat, a street food from India with the right combination of sweet, spicy, and fried food.

If I were going to karaoke, I would be singing "*L-O-V-E*" by Nat King Cole.

This book had a profound impact on me: *The Book of Joy*, a conversation between the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu.

Great advice I once received about parenting: "Don't take too much credit for your kids, because you will need to take the blame as well."

What I love most about LACPA is having a community that educates and supports me as a professional while also bringing amazing people into my life.

Dr. Gitu Bhatia,
I appreciate you!
~jaz |2026 LACPA President