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Varun Soni

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University of Southern California

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Varun Soni serves as Dean of Religious Life of USC. In this role, he brings together the spiritual and scholarly resources of the university, provides moral and ethical leadership for the USC community, and works closely with the 70 student religious groups and the 35 Religious Directors on campus. He also oversees the Interfaith Council, organizes interdisciplinary events that explore religion broadly conceived, and leads ceremonial and memorial events.

Dean Soni brings a broad range of life experience to the Office of Religious Life. For three years, he taught in the Law and Society Program at UCSB, where he was responsible for designing and teaching the course curriculum for upper-division undergraduate lecture courses. During this time, he also served as a faculty advisor for the Police and Community Rights Project. While teaching at UCSB, he also launched two successful business ventures; the first will release its first graphic novel next year while the second provides legal support to immigration law firms and their client corporations. Born in India and raised in Southern California, he has family on five continents and they collectively represent every major religious tradition in the world.



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