

Vice Presidency Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean
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Dear SIP colleagues and friends, I am a clinical psychologist, faculty-researcher at the University of Puerto Rico (UPR), and director for the Center for Educational Research. I completed a PhD in Clinical Psychology and a diploma in Gender and Feminist Movements. I have been a SIP member since 1998. My experiences at SIP during these 24 years have allowed me to see its transformations while accompanying students and colleagues in strengthening their careers. This has been a space to develop my leadership and my love for professional organizations work. I have experienced its strength and potential for training leaders for the discipline throughout the Americas. I have had roles as a volunteer of the Central Office, member of the student task force, Journal Editors, Gender Diversity, and most recently the development of a task force on Gender. From 2010 to 2017 I was Secretary General. Today, I present my candidacy as Vice President **for Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean**.

My research work is aimed to study the experiences of women in academics and how we foster a sense of citizenship in universities; Gender-based violence and women's health. I co-direct SIEMPRE VIVAS Metro project aimed to research, promote, and accompaniment for gender violence. As co-director, I mentor students to work with the violence spectrum, from a decolonial feminist perspective. My other roles at UPR include Chair of the Institutional Review Board and member of the Advisory Board of the Women and Gender Studies Program. I'm also the Editor of the journal *Salud y Sociedad* and collaborate with the Global Feminism Project at the University of Michigan.

My experiences as a clinical psychologist, professor, and researcher allow me to put into perspective the needs of the organization, especially those aimed at advancing an agenda focused on human rights and work against oppression in the Americas. Likewise, my experience as director allows me to have an administrative vision that lets me to reconcile ideas, opinions, and views both within the board of directors and in the macro of the SIP's work. Finally, my work will continue to open spaces to make visible the work and contributions of women in professional organizations.

My objectives for the term 2023-2025 are: 1) to identify the needs and training interests of the membership to enable engagements and collaborations between countries, 2) to strengthen the relationship of the SIP with national organizations, 3) to continue strengthening the participation of national representations of the region both within the SIP and in exchange with other countries, 4) enable the planning of congresses, as well as other modalities of exchange in the region.