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REQUEST FROM NEW MEMBER

Suma Kurien has recently become a new member of the SIG. Suma is a doctoral student at Teachers College, Columbia University, and is doing a dissertation on curriculum as an organizational construct of the school and board of education and is interested in communications with others with similar interests. (Address: 1230 Amsterdam Avenue, #213, New York, N.Y. 10027)

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Realizing that exact times are not yet scheduled, the program is as follows:

1. A business meeting listed in the program but scheduled for "off hours" so that it does not count as a time slot. Look for it on a mid-week evening. Please plan to attend if you are at the conference. Your input is valuable.

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