

ITAA 2017 Ballot
for
Council Members and Nominating Committee – Members at Large

Online Voting - Now through May 10, 2017

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President – Elect

Melody LeHew
Andrew Reilly

Vice President of Operations

Lynn Boorady
Kim Hiller

Secretary

Melanie Carrico
Lorynn Divita

Nominating Committee – Member at Large (vote for 2)

Ting Chi
Erin Irick
Rayneld Johnson
Seung Bong Ko

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ITAA Council Candidates - President-Elect

Melody LeHew



Current Position or Title:
Professor

Place of Employment:
Kansas State University

Educational Degrees/Institutions:
Ph.D., University of Tennessee; M.S. and B.S., The Ohio State University.

ITAA Activities:

Service to the organization: Co-conference Chair - St. Petersburg, Secretary, ITAA Council, Membership Committee - Chair, Curricular Development and Review Committee, Student Fellowship and Awards Committee, Research and Theory Development Committee, Interdisciplinary Action Committee, Visioning Meeting (1998), and reviewer for CTRJ and annual conferences. Professional development: Guatemala Cultural Tour, and Preparing to Lead and Manage in Higher Education.

Related Activities:

Project director of three USDA NIFA Higher Education Challenge grants. The most recent funded project, a large-scale initiative, multi-institutional collaboration to create a professional development program to enhance educators understanding of scientific underpinnings of climate change and provide classroom materials (athenas.ksu.edu). Attended HERS Leadership Institute and ACE Regional Leadership Forum.

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

QUALIFICATIONS: full professor; active ITAA member since 1992; value collaboration, inclusion, building community, and strategic thinking. EXPERIENCE: My leadership experiences within ITAA, at Kansas State University, and multi-institutional programs have prepared me for this position. A few of the most relevant experiences include: ITAA Secretary, Faculty Senate President, 2025 Sustainability Strategic Planning Committee - Co-Chair, GPIDEA Merchandising Master Program - Chair, and Interim Department Head (2 years). GOALS: Highest priorities are to promote continued growth and relevance of our discipline in institutions of higher education and preparing next generation professionals for success in an industry transitioning toward sustainability.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

ITAA supports professional development of scholars and provides recommendations for educational standards for the discipline. Into the future, I believe ITAA must also take a leadership role in guiding proactive responses to a changing industry and global environment by fostering greater levels of engagement with industry and community partners.

Andrew Reilly



Current Position or Title:
Associate Professor

Place of Employment:
University of Hawai'i, Manoa

Educational Degrees/Institutions:
Ph.D., The Ohio State University; M.S., and B.A., Florida State University.

ITAA Activities:

I became an ITAA member in 1997 as a graduate student and have served on various committees. More recently, I have had so much joy serving the ITAA membership as Chair for the 2012 Annual Conference in Honolulu followed by serving as VP of Scholarship for the past three years.

Related Activities:

I also serve the profession as founding editor of Critical Studies in Men's Fashion and am author or editor of four text books (three more in production!)

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

I understand the complex, varied nature of our discipline and have worked as VP of Scholarship to ensure all forms of research are presented and disseminated. I also understand the rules and policies of ITAA and work well with people, often finding a solution to difficult issues. ITAA is my sole (and long term) professional organization, so I can dedicate my time to serving its needs. My goals are to support all types of scholarship and to further connections between ITAA and other scholastic organizations in order to expand our reach and visibility.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

I see ITAA as an all-inclusive professional organization where we acknowledge, respect, and celebrate our multi-talented members. Our purpose is to bring visibility to our discipline and provide a platform for the dissemination of information. In the future, I would like to see more attendees from other disciplines who can benefit from our knowledge.

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ITAA Council Candidates - VP Operations

Lynn Boorady



Current Position or Title:

Associate Professor and Chair, Fashion and Textile Technology

Place of Employment:

State University of New York College at Buffalo

Educational Degrees/Institutions:

Ph.D., University of Missouri; M.P.S., Cornell University

ITAA Activities:

Member since 1993; Chair of the Administrative Leadership Committee, 2013 – present; Chair of the Design Review Committee, 2012 –2013; Chair of Graduate Education Committee, 2006 – 2007; Member of Graduate Education Committee, 2005 – 2012; Conference Planning Committee, 2001; Reviewed abstracts for conference acceptance and student and/or faculty awards yearly since 2005

Related Activities:

Appointed by the President to the Committee for Undergraduate Retention 2015-2017 and College Planning Council 2015-2016, Faculty Senator 2012-2018 (Chair of By-Laws and Elections, 2016-2017), twice chair of Awards for Student Excellence (2016, 2017), Chair of the search committee for Assistant Director of International Exchange programs (2016) and Board member of the Center for China Studies since 2012.

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

Having served as a chair of three different committees within ITAA, I have had the opportunity to observe how the council works and understand the expectations of this position. I have strong leadership skills with a focus on setting goals and achieving them in a specified time frame. If elected, I would focus on building membership both nationally and internationally and streamline the fellowships and awards process so that the process is not cumbersome or overwhelming in order to increase applications. I would also focus on public relations opportunities to let industry and the academic community learn more about our research and what knowledge we bring to the worldwide community.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

ITAA is a professional organization which advances the research and scholarship of fashion, textile and merchandising educators. ITAA should continue to grow international membership, mentor early career professionals and recognize outstanding students, teachers and researchers. Our highest priority should be to increase our public relations to inform others of our service and expertise through strategically placed publicity which allows industry, community members and educational collaborations and information exchange.

Kim Hiller



Current Position or Title:

Associate Professor and Undergraduate Program Coordinator

Place of Employment:

Kansas State University

Educational Degrees/Institutions:

Ph.D. and M.S., Michigan State University; B.S., University of Alberta

ITAA Activities:

Chair of Graduate Education Committee (2014-16); Co-Chair of Conference Abstract and Paper Review Committee (2012-15); Conference SSR Track Chair (2011); Member of Graduate Education Committee (2009-present); Reviewer for Teaching and Research Abstracts, Student Best Paper Award, and CTRJ; Member since 2003

Related Activities:

AT Undergraduate Program Coordinator, KSU (2014-present); Associate Editor, Fashion and Textiles (2015-present); Member, ESRAP Steering Committee (2016-present); Member, KSU's Sustainability Steering Committee (2016-present); Member, KSU's College of Human Ecology (CHE) Academic Affairs Committee (2009-present; elected Chair 2012-13), CHE Scholarship Committee (2014-present), and CHE Assessment Review Committee (2014-present)

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

By serving as Chair for ITAA committees for a combined seven years, I have gained leadership within and understanding of the functioning of ITAA. If elected my priorities would be to utilize my strong leadership and organizational skills to continue strengthening the committees related to membership, awards, and public relations. ITAA members have communicated they would like increased involvement in the organization beyond the conference. Therefore, a goal of mine would be to seek mechanisms for this to occur. I would also work to ensure quality nominations for all awards, transparent award review standards, and widespread recognition of award winners.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

In this era of increased fiscal constraints in higher education, ITAA's mission to advance excellence in education and scholarship is crucial. ITAA must play a significant role in ensuring TA programs remain relevant and strong; and, as an organization, we must ensure the value of TA education and scholarship is recognized globally.

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ITAA Council Candidates - Secretary

Melanie Carrico



Current Position or Title:
Associate Professor

Place of Employment:
University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Educational Degrees/Institutions:
M.F.A., University of North Texas;
B.F.A., Virginia Commonwealth University

ITAA Activities:

Chair, Design Awards Committee, 2014-15; Chair, Design Education and Scholarship Committee, 2010-11; Chair, Submissions and Jury for Annual Design Competition, 2009, 2005-06; Track chair, Design and Aesthetics, 2007; Chair, Faculty Scholarships and Awards Committee, 2001-03; Co-Chair, Design Competition for Cincinnati, OH conference, 2000; Reviewer for various tracks 2010-2015

Related Activities:

As a member of ITAA for more than 20 years, I have presented oral and poster presentations at annual conferences, shown juried designs in both the runway and mounted exhibitions, and participated in special topic sessions. Additionally, I was a member of the Design and Aesthetics committee from 200-2010.

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

More than twenty years of membership gives me familiarity with the organizational structure and many of the council members. As chair of several different ITAA committees, I communicated with committee members and the necessary council members to accomplish our goals and wrote the committee reports. In addition, I have chaired many committees (student scholarships, faculty searches, university budget, undergraduate curriculum) and served on even more at two different universities. My goals will be to effectively maintain the records of meetings and actions taken by council and to facilitate communication among members.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

As the premier organization promoting education and scholarship in the apparel and textiles fields, ITAA must stay current on trends in both higher education and in the fashion industry. ITAA should have a strong voice advocating for our members to industry groups, academic organizations, and government agencies.

Lorynn Divita



Current Position or Title:
Associate Professor

Place of Employment:
Baylor University

Educational Degrees/Institutions:
Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro; M.S., University of Missouri; B.S., and B.A., California State University - Chico

ITAA Activities:

Member since 1996, have presented multiple times and served as session president. Committee experience includes: Culture and Industry Learning Tours Committee Member (2014-present), Public Relations Committee Member (2016-present), Electronic Communications Committee Member (2015-present), Mounted Design Exhibit Volunteer and Lead Team Member (2015-present).

Related Activities:

Session Chair and Registration Desk volunteer, Popular Culture Association; reviewer, Clothing and Textiles Research Journal; book reviewer, Journal of Fashion, Style and Popular Culture; Co-chair, Baylor University Fashion Show; Subject Editor, Marketing and Merchandising, Bloomsbury Fashion Business; co-author Fashion Forecasting 4th ed. (2015).

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

The position of Secretary requires an individual who is focused and detail-oriented, with strong time management skills, and my professional activities have instilled these traits in me. I understand the importance of properly executing specific tasks, such as recording meeting minutes, that are fundamental to an organization's success, while maintaining a broad perspective that enables strategic planning. In my role as Secretary, I would strive to accurately convey any proposed bylaw changes and motions passed, and to continually maintain and update the ITAA Policies and Procedures Handbook while contributing my perspective of what I feel will ensure our continued success.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

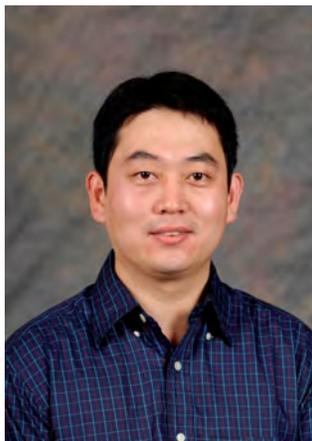
The topic of transparency regarding where, how and by whom our clothes are made is gaining prominence in the media and with consumers. In response to this burgeoning interest, I would love to see ITAA promote itself more deliberately to the media and industry as the best source for finding experts on all subjects related to textiles and apparel. Our membership is our best resource and we can increase our public profile

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Ting Chi



Current Position or Title:
Associate Professor

Place of Employment:
Washington State University

Educational Degrees/Institutions:
Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Greensboro; M.S., Donghua University

ITAA Activities:

Active member since 2005; ITAA annual conference International Track Chair (2014-current); member of ITAA faculty award committee (2016-current); In the last 12 years, I've reviewed approximately 70 abstracts and full papers submitted for ITAA conferences and presented 18 research papers/posters at ITAA conferences.

Related Activities:

Served as CTRJ reviewer since 2008 and become a member of CTRJ Editorial Board since 2017. Published 30 refereed papers, including Journal of Business Research, International Business Review, Management Decision, Journal of Fashion Marketing and Management etc. As PI or Co-PI, obtained \$1.5 million grants from USDA, EPA, Walmart etc.

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

It has been a very joyful and fruitful experience being an ITAA member and active participant since 2005. Through this truly leading organization in the field of textiles and apparel in higher education, I have met and worked with great researchers, teachers, and educators. Serving as track chair and committee member, and networking with other members have helped me understand the structure and mission of ITAA better and more effectively serve the needs of ITAA and its members. To expand leadership, I will identify and nominate diverse candidates who are dedicated to the success of ITAA and its members.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

I would like ITAA to be a global leading organization in the textile and apparel higher education with a focus on discovery, dissemination, and application of excellent teaching and research, and being a primary resource for its members in leadership and professional development and service to society.

Erin Irick



Current Position or Title:
Assistant Professor

Place of Employment:
University of Wyoming

Educational Degrees/Institutions:
Ph.D., Oklahoma State University; M.S. and B.S., Kansas State University

ITAA Activities:

Design Awards Committee member 2011-present
Design Awards Committee chair 2016-2017

Related Activities:

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

I have been active with ITAA through the annual conference since 2008. I have presented both papers and posters at the conference and have exhibited designs. I've been an active member of the Design Awards committee since 2011 and am currently serving as the committee chair through 2017.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

I believe ITAA fosters collaboration between the apparel and textile industry and academia through numerous efforts, including the annual conference. It is my vision to continue and grow this collaboration through providing students and academicians hands-on opportunities with industry partners.

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Rayneld Johnson



Current Position or Title:

Sr. Lecturer/Coordinator Fashion Design and Merchandising

Place of Employment:

Wayne State University

Educational Degrees/Institutions:

Ph.D., Wayne State University; M.A., Michigan State University; B.A., Wayne State University

ITAA Activities:

Active member for over thirty years. Participation in Committees: Planning Committee, Hospitality Committee for annual conference, and Aesthetic Committee. Also, exhibits in Design category, and presentations in Creative Teaching and Research at annual conferences.

Related Activities:

Currently, board member of Fashion Group International (FGI). Also, past Regional Director of FGI, 2006-2008 and chair of Scholarship Committee for ten years. Additionally, current member of Michigan Surface Design Association, Detroit Institute of Arts Founders Society, AuSable Arts Guild, Historical Society of Michigan and Costume Society of America.

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

As coordinator and educator of Fashion Design and Merchandising at WSU, broad experience in subject matter and research in diverse areas of Apparel, Textiles and Design. Also, exhibited and published creative and scholarly works. Recipient of grant awards. Broad experience in academic committees and policy development. Curator of historic costume collection. Recipient of (TC)2 Textile Technology Clothing Corporation faculty fellowship. Apparel designer and art couture artist. Industry experience as advertising designer.

Through long standing ITAA membership, knowledge of organization's history and mission. If elected, will remain committed to ITAA's goals to foster excellence in education, industry, society, theoretical and research bases, apparel design and art couture practices.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

Membership in ITAA continues to be inspiring and enriching. Annual conferences offer a platform to network, and develop relevant practices, policies and subject matter. In a constantly changing world, it's essential to be the best to foster best professionals, practices and institutions in all areas of textiles and apparel.

Seung Bong Ko



Current Position or Title:

Assistant Professor

Place of Employment:

Texas A&M University-Kingsville

Educational Degrees/Institutions:

Ph.D., Oklahoma State University; M.S., Washington State University

ITAA Activities:

Chair of Membership Committee, 2016-Present
Member of Membership Committee, 2014-2016
Reviewer of the Consumer Behavior Track, 2014-Present
Reviewer of the Sustainability Track, 20143-Present
Active Member of ITAA, 2002-Present

Related Activities:

CTRJ Reviewer, 2014-Present
Presented 10 research and teaching scholarships at ITAA annual meetings
Presentation Presider at ITAA annual meetings

Qualifications, experience, & highest priorities for this position:

ITAA is the most influential organization devoted to research and teaching about fashion design and merchandising and related fields. I have been involved with ITAA for 15years and participated in most conferences after being a member. Also, after becoming Membership committee, I have made effort to find ways to meet the need of current members on grant opportunities for members, mentoring, and graduate student opportunities. I believe these experiences should contribute to my ability to identify dedicated candidates who are passionate about ITAA and appropriate to ITAA vision and mission.

Philosophy about ITAA as an organization and the highest priorities for the field:

In order for ITAA to continue to accomplish its goals and support its members, it is imperative that ITAA become a more diverse organization that provides a solid link between members. Also, ITAA should continue to encourage members' research in various forms and dissemination of this knowledge.