

1997 ITAA Fellow – Leslie Davis Burns



This year the Membership Committee is pleased to announce that Leslie Burns was selected to be an ITAA Fellow. Leslie is a Professor at Oregon State University. One of the most widely cited authors in the field of textiles and clothing, Leslie has contributed significantly to the research literature in the areas of social perception of dress and consumer behavior related to dress.

Leslie was selected to give the 1996 Distinguished Scholar Lecture at the Banff conference. She is an associate editor for the Clothing and Textiles Research Journal, and has served as a reviewer for CTRJ; as Vice President for Program Development of ITAA and as President of ACPTC-Western Region. Leslie has helped guide ITAA through her committee participation, including Strategic Planning, Development, Futures, and Membership Committees.

Leslie has co-authored texts that have been widely adopted as curriculum materials. She recently developed a graduate course on fashion theory through the world wide web. As chair or member of many graduate committees, Leslie has been a positive influence on many of our discipline's newest scholars. As one colleague state, "Leslie is generous in giving others credit for their contributions to her career but her work has contributed to laying the foundations on which others can build their careers. She is a mentor to many students, both as a major professor to master's and doctoral students, and as a professor for undergraduate students. Leslie is a professional in every sense of the word. Leslie deserves to be named an ITAA Fellow in recognition of her contributions to the field of clothing and textiles and to the organization."

Leslie retired from Oregon State University in 2015 to start her own business dedicated to continuing education and training around responsible global fashion.