

2014 ITAA Fellow – Kathleen Rees



Dr. Kathleen L. Rees, Regents Professor and Chair, Department of Human Sciences at Texas A&M University-Kingsville, **is a strong** supporter and advocate for the field of textiles and clothing and has made important contributions to the field.

Dr. Rees has led several departments in addressing critical needs of faculty and students, and in adapting curriculum to prepare professionals for future employment. Notable contributions to the undergraduate and graduate programs include the development of an online master's program, expanded internship programming, and the distribution of distance learning coursework. Her research contributions in the area of international trade are many and varied.

Dr. Rees' vast contributions to ITAA include service on ITAA Council (6 years; President, President-Elect, Counselor, Vice President for Education), Board, (Chair of the Graduate Education Committee), Co-Chair of the ITAA-KSMS Joint Symposium in Seoul, Korea, and numerous committee roles. In ITAA leadership roles, Kathleen has identified opportunities and challenges facing our organization and has effectively provided viable solutions to move ITAA forward.