

## President's Message

By Andrew Reilly, President

One of the most valuable ideas I have learned from living in the multi-ethnic, multi-cultural islands of Hawai'i is kuleana (koo-lee-an-a), a concept that loosely translates as responsibility, usually of a reciprocal nature. For example, Islanders have the responsibility of nurturing the land, and the land, in turn, nurtures the people. I view ITAA as my kuleana; I help take care of ITAA so that ITAA can take care of all of us. With this in mind, I am very excited that Council has approved two new committees that will benefit our organization and its members, and I ask that members reciprocate by offering to assist with the work of these committees.

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## ITAA 2023 Annual Conference

By Jennifer Yang and Kelly Cobb, 2023 Conference Co-chairs

We are making good progress on planning the ITAA 2023 Baltimore Annual Meeting. We have planned a full-day tour to Washington DC, which is only 40 miles down South from Baltimore.

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## 2023 Election Results

By Andrew Reilly, President

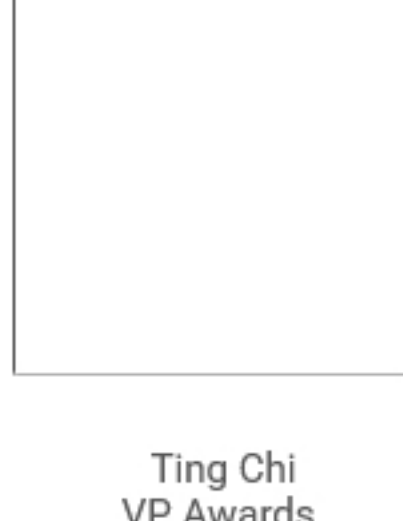
On behalf of the ITAA Nominating Committee, I am pleased to announce the results of the 2023 ballot. Congratulations to the ITAA members who were elected by majority vote of the membership for each of the following offices:



Melanie Carrico  
President-elect 2024,  
President 2025 &  
Counselor 2026



Jihyung Kim-Vick  
Secretary  
2024-2026



Ting Chi  
VP Awards  
2024-2026



Jennifer Yang  
VP Conferences  
2024-2026



Michelle Childs  
Nominating Committee  
2024

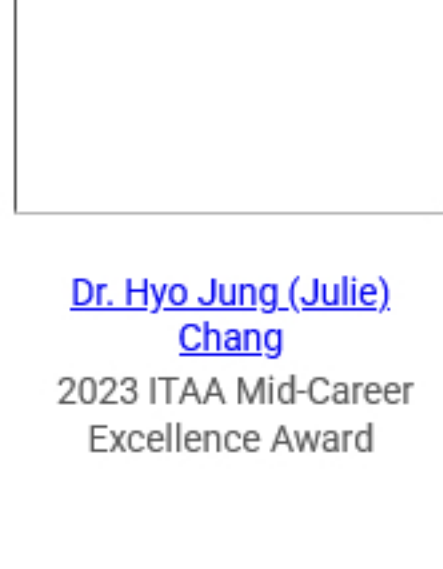


Amy Dorie  
Nominating Committee  
2024

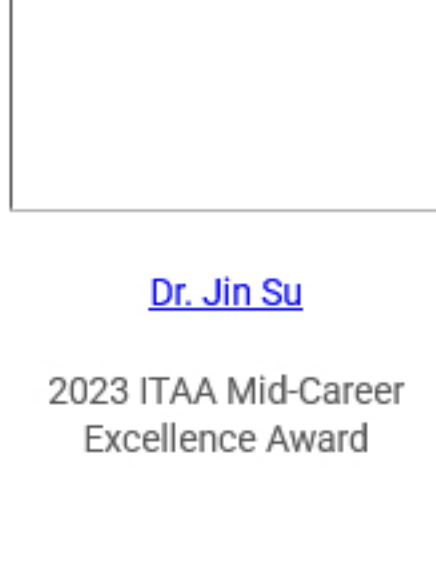
## 2023 ITAA Faculty Awards

By Young-A Lee, Vice President of Awards

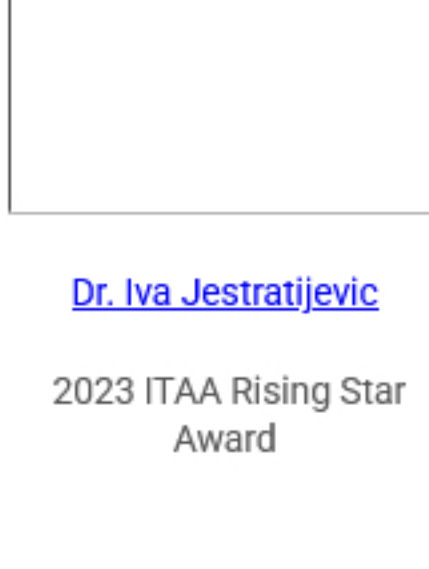
Each year, ITAA recognizes our professional members in the areas of teaching, conducting research or contributing service in our discipline. Candidates demonstrate excellence in their respective award categories, are active in ITAA, and demonstrate professional leadership. We will have an opportunity to congratulate the faculty award winners in person at the 2023 ITAA Annual Conference in Baltimore, MD, November 8-11, 2023. It is still great to applaud each winner's accomplishments in advance through the newsletter. Please take your time to click through and read about the accomplishments of the following aspirational and inspirational members. Deadlines for faculty awards is February 1 each year.



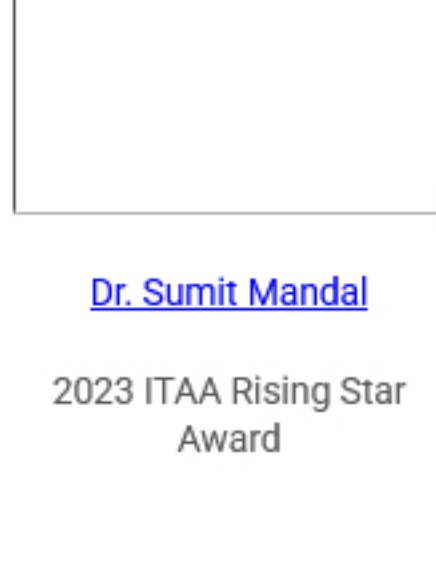
[Dr. Hyo Jung \(Julie\) Chang](#)  
2023 ITAA Mid-Career  
Excellence Award



[Dr. Jin Su](#)  
2023 ITAA Mid-Career  
Excellence Award



[Dr. Iva Jestratijevic](#)  
2023 ITAA Rising Star  
Award



[Dr. Sumit Mandal](#)  
2023 ITAA Rising Star  
Award

## Professional Development Seminars Committee

By Charles Freeman, Vice President of Professional Development

The Council is excited to announce the formation of a new committee within our organization called the Professional Development Seminars Committee. This standing committee will organize and coordinate seminars outside of our annual conference. The primary goal of this committee is to provide professional development opportunities for all members of the organization, including professionals, graduate students, and undergraduate students.

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## Corporate Partnership Committee

By Jung Ha-Brookshire, President Elect

I am excited to share that the council has approved to form a new committee called "Corporate Partnerships Committee." The thought of this new committee was originated from the strategic planning that we all conducted last few years. We are excited to see one of the key action items are now being implemented. This committee will look for corporate partnership opportunities that will benefit overall membership of ITAA.

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## ITAA Global Competition: Website Branding Contest

By Luis Quijano, ITAA Website Ad-hoc Committee Co-chair

The International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA) invites you to take part in our ITAA 2023 Global Competition: Website Branding Contest! This contest is a global competition inviting students to create a branding style guide for the future website of ITAA. Style guides are a design deliverable consisting of fonts, colors and interface elements that communicate the essence of a visual brand for the web.

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## 2023 Reviewers for Design Entries

The Design Review committee is recruiting Professional members to serve as reviewers for this year's design submissions. Please complete [this form](#) by June 8 if you are willing to be a reviewer. Thank you!

## ITAA 2023 International Bazaar

Please donate items for the auction. Your donation and participation is critical to fulfilling the International Relations Committee's mission to invite international scholars from underrepresented countries to attend the conference and for them to provide unique insights to the conference.

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## TAPAC Congratulates Western Michigan University and Virginia Tech

Western Michigan's Fashion Merchandising and Design program and Virginia Tech's Fashion Merchandising and Design program have both been awarded accreditation by the Textile and Apparel Programs Accreditation Commission, effective May 2023 through April 2030.

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## Is There Value to TAPAC Accreditation? YES!

By Mary Simpson, Western Michigan University

Are you looking for a way to make your program stand out? A way to improve and develop consistency in your current program? To develop and broaden the quality of your program? If you are, I strongly encourage you to look at going through the TAPAC accreditation process.

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## Professional Development Opportunities

Explore opportunities on the ITAA Website in the [Professional Development Center](#). You are welcome to submit information about your academic programs, study tours, and special programs at no cost. Open positions cost \$175 for members to post (\$350 for non-members) and includes distribution of the full announcement to ITAA members. Contact Ping Wei at [executive\\_director@itaaonline.org](mailto:executive_director@itaaonline.org) for more information.

## Since the Last Newsletter Positions Posted

- **Instructor for Academic Year 2023-2024**, Virginia Tech
- **Online Textiles Lecturer**, Central Washington University
- **Teaching Assistant Professor - Career, Apparel, Merchandising, Design and Textiles**, Washington State University
- **One-Year Full Time Temporary Faculty Position in Fashion Design**, Framingham State University
- **Fashion and Textile, Design and Development Teaching Assistant Professor**, North Carolina State University
- **Textile Brand Management and Marketing Open Rank Faculty Position (Tenure Track)**, North Carolina State University
- **Textile Brand Management and Marketing Teaching Assistant Professor**, North Carolina State University
- **Fashion Design and Development Open Rank Faculty Position (Tenure Track)**, North Carolina State University
- **Assistant/Associate Professor, Tenure Track, Nine-month Appointment**, Auburn University

## Special Calls

- **Call for Manuscripts: Focus Issue of CTRJ - Fashion and Textiles: Engine for a Better Future**, Deadline: May 31, 2024
- **Call for Abstracts: 2023 ITAA-KSCT Joint Symposium - Collaborative Innovation for Fashion**, Deadline: June 15, 2023
- **Call for Submissions: 2023 Salon Session - Digital Material Culture**, Deadline June 1, 2023

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