2026 ITAA Fellow
Dr. Jung E. Ha-Brookshire



Jung E. Ha-Brookshire is Chair and Professor in the Department of Textile and Apparel Management at the University of Missouri. Dr. Ha-Brookshire's research interests include moral responsibility of corporate sustainability, global supply chain and sourcing strategies, sustainable production and consumption of textiles and apparel, and firm/industry identity issues. She has published over 70 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals, 7 book chapters, and presented her research over 125 times at various international, national, and regional conferences. She authored the widely adopted textbook, Global Sourcing in the Textile and Apparel Industry. Her service to ITAA includes VP of Operations (2015-2017) and VP of Publications (2019-2021). Most recently, she led the organization as President in 2024. Dr. Ha-Brookshire has received multiple ITAA Paper of Distinction and Best Paper awards for publications and presentations, many of which include students as co-authors, and she was the 2021 ITAA Distinguished Scholar. Other notable awards she has received include the 2015 Fulbright Core Scholar Hong Kong PolyU, the 2017 William T. Kemper Fellowship for Teaching Excellence at the University of Missouri, and the 2025 Ribin G. Walker Award for Mentoring at the University of Missouri.

2026 ITAA
Ha-Brookshire Distinguished Lecturer
Dr. Young-A Lee



Dr. Young-A Lee, Under Armour Professor and Head of the Department of Consumer and Design Sciences at Auburn University, has been an ITAA member since 2000 and has made significant contributions to the product design and development field through the seamless integration of innovative design technologies and sustainability practices. Her scholarship, encompassing both research and creative work, focuses on STEM in Fashion within a framework: “Leading-edge technology applications to sustainable product design, development, and evaluation for health and well-being of people and the planet.” She co-authored over 270 works, including peer-reviewed papers, edited books, book chapters, juried design exhibits, refereed conference presentations, and invited presentations at the international, national, regional, or local level. She was the recipient of various external funds and research/creative design awards. She served as associate editor for various journals, including *Clothing and Textiles Research Journal* and as VP of Awards for ITAA. Her recognitions include ITAA Service Award (2018), ITAA Mid-Career Excellence Award (2016), and CTRJ Outstanding Reviewer Award (2016). She currently serves on the Executive Committee and as President-Elect of the Textile and Apparel Program Accreditation Commission. She is a dedicated scholar who devotes her time and effort to the field with genuine passion and commitment.

ITAA Mid-Career Excellence Award

Dr. Chunmin Lang



Chunmin Lang, Ph.D. is an Associate Professor at Louisiana State University, where she teaches both undergraduate and graduate courses. Her research and publications focus on sustainable consumption and fashion entrepreneurship. Dr. Lang has published more than 46 refereed journal articles in high-impact SSCI- and SCI-indexed journals, including *Business Strategy and the Environment*, *Journal of Cleaner Production*, *Sustainable Development*, *Sustainable Production and Consumption*, and *Journal of Consumer Behavior*, among others. Dr. Lang is the recipient of the ITAA Rising Star Award and five Best Paper Awards. She was ranked as a Top 11 Scholar in Sustainability Studies worldwide by ScholarGPS in 2024. Her scholarly impact is further demonstrated by an h-index of 23 and more than 3,384 citations to her research. Dr. Lang is also highly active in securing research funding, having submitted more than $1 million in external and internal grant proposals, with over $246,000 awarded. In addition, she serves as a reviewer for numerous high-ranking refereed journals and has held leadership roles as a track chair at multiple ITAA conferences and as a co-chair for the ACRA conference.

ITAA Rising Star
Dr. Kerri McBee-Black



Dr. Kerri McBee-Black, Assistant Professor in Textile and Apparel Management at the University of Missouri, is a nationally recognized scholar advancing inclusive fashion and adaptive apparel design. Her research bridges apparel, disability studies, and human-centered design, and she has secured over $250,000 in grants and multiple awards, including the Lee Henson Access Mizzou Faculty Award and the Langsam Family Faculty Appreciation Award. Dr. McBee-Black has published extensively in leading journals such as *Clothing and Textile Research Journal, International Journal of Consumer Studies,* and *Fashion Practice*, with work cited by PBS, *Business of Fashion*, and *Phys.org*. She has collaborated with industry leaders on projects with Gamut Management, No Limbits, and Cotton Inc., helping shape adaptive apparel standards and certification marks. Her creative scholarship includes juried exhibitions and curated collections, while her mentorship has guided graduate and undergraduate students to national recognition. A sought-after speaker, she has presented internationally on inclusive design and digital fashion innovation. Through her accomplishments, Dr. McBee-Black champions accessibility and equity in fashion, positioning the University of Missouri as a leader in adaptive apparel scholarship.

ITAA Rising Star
Dr. Changhyun (Lyon) Nam



Dr. Changhyun (Lyon) Nam is an Assistant Professor in the Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship at Florida State University, where he advances interdisciplinary scholarship in textile and apparel product development, sustainability, and technology-enabled design. He has published 25 peer-reviewed articles, including journal articles and book chapters, reflecting the breadth and impact of his contributions to the field. He has also presented 58 peer-reviewed conference papers and received four Best Research Awards and two Design Awards from international conferences, including the International Textile and Apparel Association (ITAA). Dr. Nam's scholarship is distinguished by its emphasis on translating research into applied and societally meaningful outcomes. He holds a patent for an indoor ski-training simulator and secured three approved invention disclosures in 2025, including smart airbag protection and predictive technologies for healthcare and elderly safety. His research program has been supported by approximately $389,000 in competitively funded grants, underscoring both the feasibility and international relevance of his work. Dr. Nam is also deeply committed to teaching and mentorship. He has developed and taught interdisciplinary courses in product development, design technology, sustainability, and entrepreneurship, while mentoring students on 28 research and design projects that foster applied, technology-driven learning.

ITAA Teaching Excellence Award

Dr. Eunjoo Cho



Eunjoo Cho, Professor and Assistant Dean for Bumpers College Honors Program at the University of Arkansas. As a Teaching Academy Fellow, she holds the highest distinction for educational leadership at her institution. She has fundamentally shaped both undergraduate and graduate programs by creating new courses, leveraging service learning, and incorporating industry software. She has secured over $420,000 in funding from USDA NIFA and Cotton Inc. to enhance curricula. As Graduate Coordinator, she elevated the curriculum, creating frameworks that continue to benefit students and faculty. She demonstrates a clear commitment to advancing pedagogical practice through her scholarship. She has mentored 13 master's and honors theses and currently directs four theses. Her mentorship yields remarkable outcomes: nine students have secured $20,000 in competitive internal and external funding, and eight have presented their theses at ITAA, earning a Paper of Distinction award. These achievements reflect her ability to nurture scholarly excellence and prepare students for impactful careers. Her 10 institutional teaching excellence awards reflect her sustained commitment to educational innovation and student success.

ITAA Service Award
Dr. Kelly L. Reddy-Best



Kelly L. Reddy-Best is Professor and Chair of the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Illinois State University. Previously, she was a Morrill Professor in Fashion Design and Merchandising at Iowa State University and served as Curator and Director of the ISU Textiles and Clothing Museum. Her research, grounded in cultural and historical contexts, examines how fashion products, media, and management both shape and contest power, regulation, and meaning, drawing on critical theories to illuminate these dynamics. She employs a wide range of methods, including curatorial scholarship, creative design, historical research, ethnography, oral history, interviews, focus groups, photo elicitation, participatory action research, and analysis of material culture, artwork, texts, and visual media. She has taught across the fashion curriculum, including design, merchandising, history, and culture courses, and has mentored numerous master's and doctoral students. Reddy-Best has received national and international recognition, including being named a Fellow of the Costume Society of America and receiving the Marilyn DeLong Curatorial Exhibition Scholarship University Excellence Award. A dedicated ITAA member since 2010, she co-founded the Curatorial Exhibition Scholarship dissemination process and serves as associate editor for CTRJ's history and culture track, advancing scholarship, mentorship, and critical discourse in the field.

2026 ITAA AWARDS

ITAA FACULTY AWARDS

ITAA Fellow
Jung Ha-Brookshire, University of Missouri

Ha-Brookshire Distinguished Lecturer
Young-A Lee, Auburn University

Mid-Career Excellence Award
Chunmin Lan, Louisiana State University

Rising Star Award
Kerri McBee-Black, University of MIssouri
Changhyun (Lyon) Nam, Florida State University

ITAA Teaching Excellence Award
Eunjoo Cho, University of Arkansas

ITAA Service Excellence Award
Kelly Reddy-Best, Illinois State University

Janet Else Visiting Scholar/Practitioner Award
Kalina Kukielko, University of Szczecin, Poland

CTRJ Best Reviewer Awards
Saheli Goswami, University of Rhode Island
Sun-Woo Kim, Seoul National University

CTRJ Most Cited Publication Award:
Brubacher, K., Tyler, D., Apeagyei, P., Venkatraman, P., & Brownridge, A. M. (2023).
Evaluation of the Accuracy and Practicability of Predicting Compression Garment Pressure Using Virtual Fit Technology.

CTRJ Highest Altimetric Score Award
Ryu, C., & Lee, Y. K. (2025).
How the Field of Fashion can use Chatgpt to Predict Fashion Trends.

CTRJ Recognition of Service: (2026 outgoing members)

ITAA Publications Policy Committee
Young-A Lee, Auburn University

ITAA Associate Editor, Textile Science
Rachel McQueen, University of Alberta

ITAA Editorial Board
Hae Jin Gam, University of North Texas
Seung-Hee Lee, Southern Illinois University

GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWSHIPS

Kitty Dickerson Fellowship for Professional Promise – Doctoral
Lauren Landsell, Auburn University

Kitty Dickerson Fellowship for Professional Promise – Masters
Faud Bin Ahmen, Auburn University

Lois Dickey Fellowship for Continuing Doctoral Student
Yuju (Rubie) Kao, Texas Tech University

Sara Douglas Fellowship for Professional Promise – Doctoral
Min Jun Kim, Washington State University/ Texas Tech University
Phillip Sidberry, Auburn University

Sara Douglas Fellowship for Professional Promise – Masters
Emilie Delaye, University of Delaware
Freya Qin, Cornell University

Oris Glisson Fellowship - Outstanding Beginning Masters Student
Raven Smith, University of Missouri

Robert C. Hillestad Fellowship: Outstanding Student in the Study of Historic Textiles or Costume Award
Samantha Jess Alberts, Cornell University
Jiajun Liang, Iowa State University
Iris Yiqun Luo, Cornell University

Marjorie Joseph Fellowship – Outstanding Beginning Doctoral Student
Sephra Lamothe, Cornell University

Joan Laughlin Fellowship for Outstanding Continuing Doctoral Student
Fnu Al-Amin, Auburn University

Blanche Payne Undergraduate Scholarships
Abigail Boyer, Miami University, Ohio
Joey Heidari, Kansas State University
Grace Monsees, Baylor University
Devin Reyes, Texas Tech University
Maggie Sandberg, Cornell University

STUDENT BEST PAPER AWARDS

Doctoral Level 1st Place (Tie)
Narmin Nasibli, Kent State University/ University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Not Just a Game: Using Virtual Reality to Drive Real-World Eco Apparel Purchases

Doctoral Level 1st Place (Tie)
Xun (Catherine) Sun, Illinois State University / University of Missouri
How to Enhance Emotional, Cognitive, and Intentional Readiness for Retail Automation? Holistic Assessment of Fashion Retail Employees' Digital Readiness

Doctoral Level 2nd Place

Min Jung Kim, Washington State University / Texas Tech University

AI Washing in Fashion: From Consumer Expectancy Violations by AI Claim–Behavior Discrepancies to Brand Avoidance

Master Level 1st Place

Elijah Weinshilboum, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

What Drives Sustainable Behavior Among Fashion Industry Professionals? The Role of Attitude, Subjective Norms, Perceived Behavioral Control, and Environmental Concern

Undergraduate Level 1st Place

Matthew Cares, University of Georgia

From Pandemic to Persona: Lessons on Avatar-Based Identity Formation

NANCY RUTHERFORD TEACHING INNOVATION AWARDS

1st Place

Julie Chang, Min Jung Kim, Texas Tech University

From Fiber to the Future: Advancing Sustainable Cotton Innovation through Industry and Community Collaboration

2nd Place

Cydni Robertson, Indiana University Bloomington; Patricia Quintana, Universidad Católica de El Salvador

Threads of Friendship (Hilos de Amistad): A Collaborative Virtual Service-Learning Exchange Project Between International Community Partners and Collegiate Students Studying Textile Trade, Circularity, Re-Design, and Manufacturing

3rd Place

Denise Green, Frances Kozen, Cornell University

From Experiential to Problem-Based Engaged Learning: Iterations on an Industry-Sponsored South Asia Apparel Production Capstone Collaboration

BETTER BUYING INSTITUTE PAPERS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

1st Place

Danielle Sponder Testa, Arizona State University

Redefining Design Thinking for Merchandisers: Evaluating Macroenvironmental Trends to Shape Fashion's Future

2nd Place

Sonali Diddi, Colorado State University; Md. Rafiqul Islam Rana, University of South Carolina

Preparing Future Professionals in Responsible Purchasing Practices: Applying the Better Buying Principles in Textile and Apparel Education

3rd Place

Dawn Michaelson, Lauren Lansdell, Auburn University

Integrating Responsible Purchasing Practices in Technical Package Development for Sustainable Apparel Supply Chains

4th Place

Youngjin Bahng, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Evolution of Responsible Purchasing: Integrating Data-Driven Retail Buying, Ethical Sourcing, and Sustainable Entrepreneurship

SPONSORED PAPERS OF DISTINCTION AWARDS

Marilyn DeLong Curatorial Exhibition Excellence Award

Denise Green, Catherine Blumenkamp, Cornell University

Fashioning Justice: Ruth Bader Ginsburg '54 and the Power of Presence

Margaret Rucker Paper of Distinction Award – Design and Product Development

Jia Wu, Lauren Lansdell, Dawn Michelson, Auburn University

Wear Testing and Evaluation of Adaptive Menstrual Underwear for Women Wheelchair Users

Youngone Paper of Distinction Award – Sustainability and Social Responsibility

Anika Kozlowski, University of Wisconsin Madison; Sheriff Mohammed, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology

The Export Gap in Textile Waste Accounting: Evidence from Ghana

Youngone Paper of Distinction Award – Sustainability and Social Responsibility

Jiwon Huh & Hee Hyun, Yonsei University; Chanmi Hwang, North Carolina State University

Beyond Functional Adaptation: An Evidence-Based Ideation Framework for Inclusive Activewear Design for Children with Developmental Disabilities

PAPERS OF DISTINCTION AWARD

Consumer Behavior

Salman Enayet Chowdhury, Dawn Michaelson, Auburn University

An Investigation of Firefighters' Perception Towards Flame-Retardant Undergarments

Culture

Manikya Sai Tejawwini Vallabhajosyula, Hae Jin Gam, University of North Texas

From Artisan Narratives to Audience Interpretation: Modeling Cultural Translation in Contemporary Fashion Through Designer-Led Mediation and a Unified SOR Framework

Design and Product Development

Kristen Morris, Colorado State University; Kerri McBee-Black, University of Missouri; Lida Aflatoony, Colorado State University

Gear- Garment Systems in Outdoor Recreation: The Role of Equipment and Apparel Interfaces in Mediating Participation for People with Paralysis

Historic

Yixiao Yan, Chuanlan Liu, University of Georgia; Sibei Xia, Iowa State University

Digital Reconstruction of Heritage Clothing: A Systematic Review of 3D Technologies and Workflow Paradigms

Management

Emma Nicoson, Jung Ha-Brookshire, University of Missouri

Digital Merchandising Practices for Product Display Pages and Their Effectiveness to Communicate Apparel Product Information Across HTML Structures

Pedagogy and Professional Development

Marine Aghekyan, Marie Botkin, California State University Long Beach

Integrity-by-Design Assessment: Making Generative AI Use Visible, Verifiable, and Ethical

Sociology and Psychological Aspects

Jiwoon Kim, Byoungho Ellie Jin, North Carolina State University

Attention Capital in Material and Experiential Consumption: Scale Development of Attention-Capturing Capability and Effects on Social Value and Consumer Intentions

Sustainability and Social Responsibility

Rui Zhao, Louisiana State University; Chuanlan Liu, University of Georgia

Identifying Drivers and Necessary Conditions of Consumer Acceptance of Digital Product Passports

Undergraduate

Angel Tran, Mickey Langlais, Jeong-Ju Yoo, Baylor University

Parental Body Image in the Context of Cancer and Its Impact on Child Functioning and Development

CREATIVE DESIGN AWARDS

Sandra Hutton Award for Excellence in Fiber Arts

ITAA Award for Innovative Design Scholarship-Professional

ITAA Award for Creative and Innovative Employment of Techniques – Professional

Margaret Rucker Best Design Award – Professional

Schofield Summit Design Award - Professional

Textile Fiber Consultant's Design Challenge – Professional or Graduate

ITAA Award for Innovative Design Scholarship – Graduate

ITAA Award for Creative and Innovative Employment of Techniques – Graduate

Margaret Rucker Best Design Award – Graduate

Schofield Rising Designer Award - Graduate

Schofield Emerging Designer Award – Undergraduate

Schofield Guiding Mentor Award