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President's Message

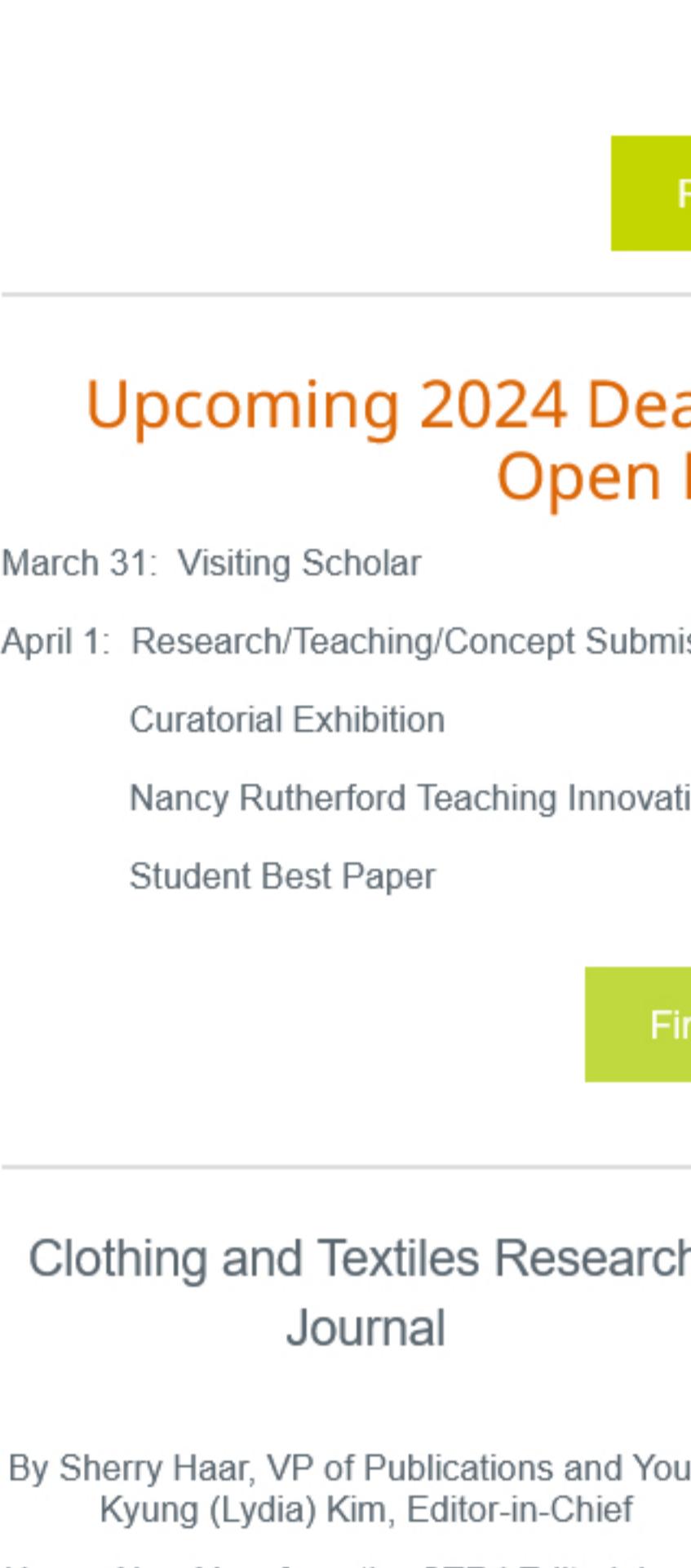
Happy New Year to you all!

I am honored to serve as the President of ITAA this year. ITAA has been my professional

most important professional organization for my professional growth, friendship, and mentorship. I am sure many of you feel that way, too. I am excited and motivated to work for you and ITAA.

The council has been busy implementing strategic plans that we developed in 2021. This year marks the 3rd year into the strategic plan implementation, and I am happy to report that so much has been accomplished. Corporate partnership and institutional partnership programs made huge impacts on making partnership structures formalized and streamlined. Various professional development opportunities are being developed for all membership categories. New Unity Committee is formed and the committee has begun working to develop various programs to achieve the committee charges. Special Interest Group initiatives were launched in 2023 and I have heard much excitement about them. Corporate Partnership Committee is also developing various strategies for mutual benefits between ITAA members and corporate partners.

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Upcoming 2024 Deadlines - Submission Sites Open February 15

March 31: Visiting Scholar

April 1: Research/Teaching/Concept Submission

Curatorial Exhibition

Nancy Rutherford Teaching Innovation Award

Student Best Paper

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Clothing and Textiles Research Journal

By Sherry Haar, VP of Publications and Youn-Kyung (Lydia) Kim, Editor-in-Chief

Happy New Year from the CTRJ Editorial Group! This post contains changes to reviewer and author timelines, use of large

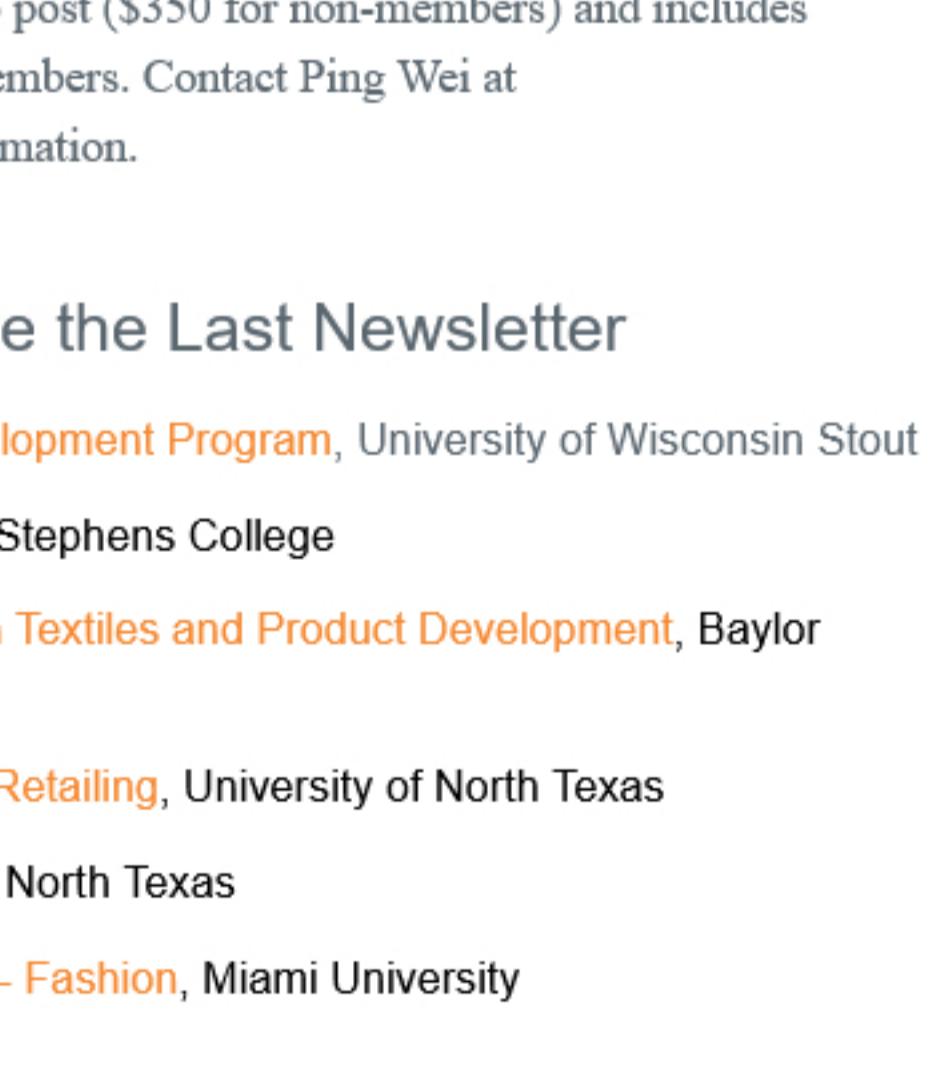
language models (LLM) and artificial intelligence (AI) tools for authors and

reviewers, welcome of new associate editors

and publications policy committee (PPC)

members, and focus issue calls.

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TAPAC Highlights of 2023

TAPAC is pleased to announce the following 2023 Highlights!

- Three newly TAPAC accredited programs: University of North Texas, Western Michigan University, and Virginia Tech (<https://www.tapacaccreditation.org/accredited-programs>)

- Updated TAPAC Accreditation Standards and Self-Study Guide utilizing 2021 ITAA Metagoals (<https://www.tapacaccreditation.org/documents>)

- New TAPAC website (<https://www.tapacaccreditation.org>)

- 2023-2024 Webinar Series for Program Enhancement (<https://www.tapacaccreditation.org/events-1>)

- Professional Membership option for individual faculty, graduate students, and industry professionals (<https://www.tapacaccreditation.org/professional-membership>)

- ITAA 2023 Special Topic Session: Textiles & Apparel Curricula: Challenges & Opportunities

- Elected 2024 TAPAC Board of Commissioners and officers (<https://www.tapacaccreditation.org/leadership>)

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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@itaonline.org for more information.

Positions Listed since the Last Newsletter

Assistant Professor of Fashion Design and Development Program, University of Wisconsin Stout

Assistant Professor & Program Chair - Fashion, Stephens College

Tenure-Track Assistant or Associate Professor in Textiles and Product Development, Baylor University

Assistant Professor - Merchandising and Digital Retailing, University of North Texas

Lecturer: Digital Retailing Program, University of North Texas

Assistant Teaching Professor/Assistant Lecturer - Fashion, Miami University

Special Calls

Call for Manuscripts: Focus Issue of CTRJ - Fashioning the Future: Exploring Technological Innovations and Implications for Fashion Businesses, Consumers, and Education, Deadline: July 31, 2024

Call for Manuscripts: Focus Issue of CTRJ - Fashion and Textiles: Engine for a Better Future, Deadline: May 31, 2024

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