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**RACHEL MCQUEEN, MONIKA MARIA KEELAN,  
AND SWAPNA KANNAYIRAM  
HONORED FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTION  
TO TEXTILE SCIENCE LITERATURE**

**RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C., USA, Thursday, May 5, 2011— Rachel McQueen, Monika Maria Keelan, and Swapna Kannayiram were the winners of the 2010 J. William Weaver Paper of the Year Award. AATCC presented the Award to the Paper of the Year winners at the yearly AATCC International Conference held in Charleston, S.C., USA this past March.**

**Rachel McQueen, Monika Maria Keelan, and Swapna Kannayiram** published a paper on the "Determination of Antimicrobial Efficacy for Textile Products Against Odor-Causing Bacteria," in the July/August 2010 issue of *AATCC Review*. The report was selected as the best peer reviewed paper published in the journal in 2010. For their significant contributions to textile science literature, the authors will be honored with the J. William Weaver Award.

**Rachel McQueen** holds a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Science, and a PhD in clothing and textile sciences from the University of Otago, New Zealand. Her PhD thesis was on the 2007 University of Otago sciences division *List of Exceptional PhD Theses*.

McQueen is an assistant professor at the University of Alberta, Canada. She joined AATCC in 2007, and is also a member of the International Textiles and Apparel Association (ITAA) and the Institute of Textile Science (ITS). She has previously published three other peer reviewed papers, and two books or book chapters.

**Monika Maria Keelan** holds a Bachelor of Science, Master of Science, and PhD in medical sciences from the University of Alberta. She is an

associate professor at the University of Alberta in the department of laboratory medicine and pathology.

Keelan is a member of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology. She has numerous Poster of Distinction awards, an American Gastroenterological Association Student Research Prize, a Canadian Association of Gastroenterology Young Investigator Award, an Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research Post-Doctoral Fellowship, a Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology Staff Recognition Award for mentoring graduate students, and research funded by the Natural Sciences & Engineering Research Council and the Canadian Institutes of Health Research. Keelan has also published 15 peer reviewed papers, two book chapters, and presented and published 50 abstracts.

**Swapna Kannayiram** is an undergraduate student at the University of Alberta working toward a biological sciences degree. Kannayiram was granted a University of Alberta Excellence Scholarship, a Rutherford Academic Scholarship, and has won a Lois Hole Humanitarian Award.

In February 1979, the AATCC established an award for the best peer reviewed paper published annually in the *Textile Chemist and Colorist* (now *AATCC Review*). In 1990, the award was named for J. William Weaver (1916-1990), who was chair of AATCC's Editorial Board at the time of his death. The award is presented annually at the AATCC International Conference during the Association's Awards Luncheon.

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