



Laidlaw Recognized with AATCC Education Award

In recognition of her contributions to the educational and training activities of AATCC, **Ann C. Laidlaw** was honored with the AATCC Education Award at the 2022 AATCC Textile Discovery Summit in Charlotte, NC, USA.

Contributions

Laidlaw has been involved in the Association's educational workshops and symposia for more than 20 years and has taught at more than 40 workshops and symposia on topics involving color science, chemistry, and finishing. She participated on steering committees to develop program content, and served as program chair, moderator, and presenter at numerous AATCC workshops, symposia, and international conferences. From 1996 through 2019, Laidlaw was involved in at least one teaching event per year and, for several years, participated as an instructor in the AATCC Color Management Workshops. Laidlaw was the mastermind behind the Textile Bowl that was held during AATCC International Conferences. She created the questions, organized the college student teams, and emceed several of these popular events. Her questions challenged students and members alike!

In 2011, Laidlaw co-authored with Clemson professor and friend, J. Richard Aspland, the *AATCC Color Guidebook: Best Practices for Color Control in the Textile Supply Chain*. This book is still used today in AATCC Color Management Workshops. In 2015, Laidlaw co-authored another book with J. Richard Aspland entitled, *Textile Coloration for the Retail Supply Chain*. In 2011, Laidlaw presented two webinars entitled: *Introduction to Color Evaluation Part I and Part II*, and in 2012, she presented another webinar entitled: *Color and Lighting: Best Practices Today*.

Laidlaw has been active in several research and administrative committees over the years. In particular, she served on the Color Measurement Test Method Committee for 32 years and chaired this committee from 1996 through 1998. She is a member of the Concept 2 Consumer Interest Group and served as chair from 2005 through 2008 and vice chair from 2013 through 2015. She was elected as AATCC MidSouth Regional Board Member for two terms, from 2013 through 2016, and in this capacity, was a member of the AATCC Board of Directors.

For more than 30 years, Laidlaw was involved with the Inter-Society Color Council (ISCC) as a delegate representing AATCC; she chaired the Council from 1997 through 1999. Currently, Laidlaw, as a member of the AATCC Piedmont Section, serves as scholarship application reviewer for the AATCC Piedmont Section Scholarship and the AATCC Charles H. Stone Scholarship.

Laidlaw joined AATCC as a student member in 1979, while earning a BS in Textile Science at the University of California, Davis. She then went on to earn an MS in Color Science at Clemson University.

Laidlaw's passion for color is reflected in her work, her play, and her style! AATCC and its members throughout the entire textile supply chain have benefitted from the time, talents, and friendship she has freely given while sharing the importance and the science of color.

The Award

The AATCC Education Award recognizes those members who have contributed greatly to the educational activities of AATCC. Senior members with at least five years of continuous membership in AATCC, who have contributed to AATCC's educational activities within the past five years, are eligible.

For more information about the AATCC Education Award, visit www.aatcc.org/educationaward