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Ping-Ann Addo received her PhD from Yale University in Socio-Cultural Anthropology. Her dissertation explored how women from the Polynesian Kingdom of Tonga who now dwell in Auckland, New Zealand, employ their traditional arts in enhancing and reinforcing their community's cultural identity as it exists dynamically in diaspora. Her current research addresses similar issues in the lives of Tongan migrants to California, with the aim of helping to bring about respect and cultural appreciation for immigrant cultures in the United States. She has managed community-based educational art programs, taught classes at the California College of the Arts in the Anthropology of Art, and curated *Pieces of Cloth, Pieces of Culture: Tapa Textile Arts of Tonga and the Pacific Islands*, an exhibition held during summer 2004 in Oakland. She is jointly editing a collection of papers tentatively titled, *Hybrid Textiles of the Pacific: Pragmatic Creativity and Contemporary Identity*.

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Sharon Gordon Barber studied textile conservation at the Abegg-Stiftung in Berne, Switzerland, and served her apprenticeship at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art as an Andrew H. Mellon Fellow. She was field conservator on both the Chotuna-Chornamcap and Pacatnamu Archaeological Projects in Peru from 1980 to 1987, sponsored by National Geographic Society and University of California at Los Angeles. As a graduate student in anthropology, she conducted extensive field research on the ikat rebozo of Mexico, and documented graphic urban art in Los Angeles and Mexico City. Her current research traces the manufacture and distribution of a popular embroidered belt from the barrio dance floors of twenty-first century Los Angeles to its pre-Hispanic origins in the mountains of Oaxaca, Mexico.

Vandana Bhandari has wide and varied experience in the teaching, research and documentation of Indian textiles. She has studied the traditions and lifestyle of the people of Rajasthan. Extensively published in journals and magazines, Dr. Bhandari has authored and compiled books on Fashion and Textiles. Her works include: *Celebrating Dreams: Weddings in India* (1998), *Textiles and Crafts of India: Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Manipur* (1998), the NIFT Millennium Document titled *Evolving Trends in Fashion and Costume, Textiles and Jewellery of India – Traditions in Rajasthan*. Dr. Bhandari has a Master's Degree in Textiles and Clothing. The subject of her PhD was Women's Costume in the Thar Desert. She currently holds a teaching position at the National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi, India.

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Charles Carroll is a graduate student in Cultural Transformation, Political Economy, and Social Practice at the University of California, Berkeley. He is the husband of Dalounny Phonsouny, a weaver from Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic. Through work and interactions with Dalounny's family and members of her community, and research trips together in Thailand and Lao PDR, he has achieved an understanding of practices of textile production in the region.

Patricia Cheesman has conducted in-depth field research on textiles in Thailand and Laos over the past 30 years. She has published numerous books and articles and has been lecturing at Chiang Mai University in the Thai Art Department since 1984. Originally trained in England in ceramics, Cheesman worked for the UNDP/ILO in Laos from 1973–81. From 1981–84 she lectured at Sydney and N.S.W. Universities, Australia, on Southeast Asian art history. She worked for the Crafts Board of Australia on weaving projects for Lao refugees and contributed to numerous international exhibitions including *Indigo Textiles - Laos, Japan, Nigeria, Lanna Textiles - Yuan, Lue, Lao, Textiles and the Tai Experience in Southeast Asia*, and *Textiles of Asia: A Common Heritage*. She serves as textiles consultant to the Thai Ministry of Education, the Bank of Thailand collection, and the Lao Women's Union.

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Maria Christou received her BA in cultural anthropology from the University of British Columbia. As a student curator at the UBC Museum of Anthropology, she became interested in woven structures and continued her studies at Capilano College, receiving a Diploma in Clay and Textiles. She received her MA from the University of Alberta. Her thesis is titled *An Ethnographic Study of the Loom and Weaving of the Sa'dan Toraja of To'Barana'*. She was granted a World University Service of Canada participant's award that enabled her to localize the Sa'dan Toraja field area.

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Kate Fitz Gibbon writes on Central Asian art and arts policy issues. With co-author Andrew Hale, she received the George Wittenborn Award in 1997. She is Editor of *Who Owns the Past: Cultural Policy, Cultural Property, and the Law*, to be published by Rutgers University Press in Fall 2005.

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Laurann Gilbertson has been textile curator at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum in Decorah, Iowa, since 1991. She has a BA in Anthropology and a MS in Textiles and Clothing, both from Iowa State University. Among her recent publications are a two-part series on "Using Clothing Styles to Date Photographs of Women" in *The Hoosier Genealogist* and "To Ward Off Evil: Metal on Norwegian Folk Dress," an essay in *Folk Dress in Europe and Anatolia: Beliefs About Protection and Fertility* edited by Linda Welters.

Barbara B. Goldberg received her BA and MA from Boston University and also studied at Radcliffe Seminars. She taught at the Program in Artisanry at Boston University from 1981–85, Swain School of Design from 1985–88. She also taught at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, from 1988–2002, where for ten years she was Director of MFA Programs in Artisanry, Fine Arts, and Design at the College of Visual and Performing Arts. Goldberg's work has been shown throughout the US, and in France, Japan, and Chile. Her work is in corporate and private collections, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the Aichi Shibori Archive in Nagoya, Japan. She is currently a full-time studio artist.

Cecilia Gunzburger is Assistant Curator at The Textile Museum in Washington, DC, where she specializes in indigenous textiles of the Americas. She received her MA in costume and textile studies from SUNY's Fashion Institute of Technology. Her thesis explored technological change over the 20th century in Huichol woven textiles from northwestern Mexico. A weaver herself, she has also worked with textiles at the Museum at FIT and the Brooklyn Museum of Art.

Rebecca Hall received her Master's degree in historic Textiles and Clothing from the University of Rhode Island in 2002. Her Master's thesis research focused on Lao textiles. She is currently a PhD student in Art History at the University of California, Los Angeles focusing on Southeast Asian and Islamic art. Hall has also interned at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, UCLA Fowler Museum of Cultural History, and the Peabody Essex Museum. She is an active weaver and textile artist, having received a BFA in fiber art from the Kansas City Art Institute.

Ann Lane Hedlund directs the Gloria F. Ross Center for Tapestry Studies, in the Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, where she also serves as curator of ethnology and professor of anthropology. Hedlund's research focuses on the cultural organization of artists and the social, economic and political dimensions of textile production.

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Pat Hickman is Professor of Art at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she has headed the Fiber Program in the Art Department since 1990. Before that she completed her graduate work at the University of California, Berkeley, living and working there as an artist during the formative years when the Fiber movement was at its height in the San Francisco Bay Area. In 1998 she received a Hawaii State Foundation on Culture and the Arts Individual Artist Visual Arts Fellowship. She is past recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts, Individual Artist's Grants, 1986-87 and 1994-95. With the late Lillian Elliott, she exhibited collaborative work in the Lausanne Biennial in Switzerland, 1985, devoted to *Textiles as Sculpture*. Hickman curated two traveling exhibitions with catalogs, one in 1987, *Innerskins/Outerskins: Gut and Fishskin*, and in 1993, *Baskets: Redefining Volume and Meaning*. Her artwork is in several major collections, including that of the Oakland Museum, the Honolulu Academy of Arts, the Hawaii State Art Museum, and the Renwick Gallery of Smithsonian Institution. In Hawaii Hickman's commission, *Nets of Makali'i—Nets of the Pleiades*, stands as monumental entrance gates for the Maui Arts and Cultural Center.

Joy Hilden has a degree in Fine Art from the San Francisco Art Institute. She taught secondary art and English in the Mount Diablo School District. She did field research in Bedouin weaving in Saudi Arabia for twelve years and traveled throughout the Arabian peninsula and other parts of the Arab world documenting techniques of spinning, weaving and dyeing, as well as terminology and anthropological information. She has taught classes and workshops and has written numerous articles and papers, and an unpublished book on the subject of Bedouin weaving. Publications have appeared in *Aramco World* (May–June 1988), *Threads* (February 1989), *Oriental Carpet and Textile Studies*, (vol. IV), and *Creating Textiles: Makers, Methods, Markets*, Textile Society of America Biennial Symposium, 1998.

Shiralee Hudson is a museum planning consultant with LORD Cultural Resources Planning & Management with its headquarters in Toronto, Canada. She is a graduate of the Master of Museum Studies Program at the University of Toronto. Prior to beginning her Master's, she was employed by the National Museum of Ireland in Dublin and had the opportunity to work closely with their extensive textile collection, which inspired this TSA presentation.

Joyce Hulbert has been weaving tapestry since the early 1980s. She wove for the Scheuer Tapestry Studio in New York City. Her tapestries have been exhibited widely, including Fiberart International 1991 and 1999. Recently, Hulbert's creative energies have shifted towards assemblage/collage, incorporating textiles with found objects, frottage and drawing. Since 1988 she has worked in textile restoration and conservation. Sole proprietor of Joyce Hulbert Tapestry and Textile Restoration, she currently lives and maintains a studio in Berkeley, California.

Ira Jacknis is Research Anthropologist at the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley, where he has worked since 1991. Before coming to Berkeley, he worked at the Brooklyn Museum of Art, the Newberry Library, and Smithsonian Institution. He is the author of *The Storage Box of Tradition: Kwakiutl Art, Anthropologists, and Museums, 1881–1981*, and *Carving Traditions of Northwest California*. His research on the Design Department at Berkeley is part of his on-going investigation of the relationships between artists and anthropologists.

Tina Kane is Conservator in the Department of Textile Conservation at The Metropolitan Museum of Art and principal of Tina Kane, Textile Conservation & Restoration in Warwick, New York. She is adjunct instructor at Vassar College, where she teaches in the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program. She received an MA in Comparative Literature from the University of California, Berkeley, and has published articles on tapestry and other subjects.

Keiko Kobayashi is an artist and researcher of traditional weaving. After graduating from California College of Arts and Crafts, where she learned textile history from Ruth Boyer, she studied Japanese textile history under Professor Tomoyuki Yamanobe at Tama Art College in Tokyo and wrote her MA thesis entitled, “Double Cloth Weave on Back-strap Loom in Hachijo Island.” At previous Textile Society of America symposia she presented “Recreating a Warp-faced Compound Weave with the Jacquard Mechanism-Considering Heizo Tatsumura” (1998), and “Creative Methods of Reproduction: Two Japanese Weaving Innovations Developed in Imitation of Complex Foreign Textiles” (2002). She has published an article in the *Textile Museum Journal 2001-2002*, on the new *kasuri* techniques invented after the Meiji period titled, “The Effect of Western Textile Technology on Japanese *Kasuri*: Development, Innovation, and Competition.”

Margo Krager is the owner of ReproductionFabrics.com, an online source of reproduction fabrics (1775-1970) with a storefront located in Bozeman, Montana. She received a Bachelors of Science degree in Medical Technology in 1970 from Michigan State University. In 1984 she switched needles and became a fabric retailer.

Sumru Belger Krody is Associate Curator for Eastern Hemisphere Collections at The Textile Museum where she has worked since 1994. She is also Managing Editor of *The Textile Museum Journal*. Curator of *Flowers of Silk and Gold: Four Centuries of Ottoman Embroidery* (2000) and author of its accompanying catalog, Krody has coordinated and co-curated several Textile Museum exhibitions, including most recently *Floral Perspectives in Carpet Design* (2004). Born in Izmir, Turkey, Krody earned a BA from Istanbul University and an MA in Classical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. Since 1998 Krody's research has focused on embroidery traditions of cultures along the Mediterranean rim with the further focus of the role of textiles as exchange medium, especially in trade. She has presented numerous lectures and published several articles on Ottoman and Greek Island embroidery traditions, the subject of her next major exhibition.

Christine Laffer chose to pursue weaving in the midst of studying architecture at the University of Illinois in Chicago. Her interest in textiles turned into the specific study of tapestry, training under Jean Pierre Larochette at the San Francisco Tapestry Workshop. In 1985 she studied at the Manufacture Nationale des Gobelins and followed that with an MFA degree from San Jose State University (1995). She has exhibited, lectured and taught across the U.S.

Mary Lane is an artist and art historian. She was a founding member of the Scheuer Tapestry Studio in New York City. Her tapestries have been published and exhibited internationally and have been collected by both private and corporate art collections, including the IBM Corporation, the State of Maine, Northland Investment Corporation and Mary Bridge Children's Hospital. She has taught at Parsons School of Design, University of Maine and Evergreen State College, and has published widely on contemporary textiles.

Donna F. LaVallee is a Master's degree candidate at the University of Rhode Island in textile conservation. She is currently completing an internship at the Cooper Hewitt National Design Museum and will graduate in May 2005. Her thesis is on sheer overlay fabrics used in textile conservation. She spent twenty-five years as a community nutritionist before returning to school to change her avocation for weaving, embroidery and sewing into a vocation in textiles.

Abby Lillethun received her PhD in the history of textiles and dress from Ohio State University. Her dissertation examined the foundation, entry, emergence, and practice of batik in America. She continues to research Asian influences on western dress and textile design during the early twentieth century. She also investigates Bronze Age Aegean (Minoan) dress through garment recreations based on art and archeological textile evidence. Publications include "The Reconstruction of Aegean Cloth and Clothing" in *METRON* (2003). In June 2004 she presented "Apparent Movement and Character of Pleated Cloth in Bronze Age Aegean Skirt Flounces" at *Ptychosis = Folds & Pleats: Drapery from Ancient Greek Dress to 21st Century Fashion*, part of the Cultural Olympiad in Athens, Greece. As a member of the faculty of the University of Rhode Island, she teaches historic, social, and cultural aspects of dress.

Dr. Hazel A. Lutz completed her BA in Indian Civilization and Language Studies (University of Chicago), her MA in Anthropology (University of Minnesota), and her PhD in the Department of Design, Housing & Apparel (University of Minnesota). Her doctoral research, "Design and Tradition in an India-West Africa Trade Textile: Zari-Embroidered Velvets," analyzed design development in the contemporary production and trade network for gold-embroidered velvets produced in Chennai, India for consumption in culturally defined West African markets in Nigeria and around the world. She is independently employed as a fiber artist and as a scholar of South Asian textiles and dress. In January 2005 she begins an 18-month course of artistic study under the Mentorship Program at the Textile Center of Minnesota.

Suzanne P. MacAulay, PhD, chairs the Visual and Performing Arts Department at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. She is currently writing a book based on New Zealand expatriate narratives, which analyzes diaspora, memory, culture and identity politics vis-à-vis the stories of these “professional” exiles. Her article, “Diaspora by Degree: Narrative and Performance in Interviews of Expatriates from Wanganui, New Zealand,” appears in *Journal of American Folklore* (2004). MacAulay’s *Stitching Rites*, about creativity and folk art revitalization, received Honorable Mention for the American Folklore Society’s Elli Kōngäs-Maranda Prize in 2001. Research interests include ethnoaesthetics and material culture emphasizing Hispanic and South Pacific textiles.

Yuka Matsumoto received her Master’s in Home Economics from Nara Women’s University, where she is currently enrolled in a doctoral course of study. Her dissertation focuses on cultural meanings and the creativity of Indonesian fashion designers. She teaches clothing science and culture at Kochi Women’s University in Japan. In 1999 she published “Internationalizing Fashion, Tradition and Creativity in Indonesian Dress Culture,” *The Live Dress Culture, Its Cultural Context* edited by Kimiko Yokogawa, (Kyoto: Kagakudojin, pp. 166-77, in Japanese), and in 2004, she published “Indonesian Fashion Design and National Politics,” *Asian Climate and Its Costume Culture* edited by Mihoko Domyou and Teruko Tamura (Tokyo: The University of The Air, pp. 211-22, in Japanese).

Linda S. McIntosh is a PhD Candidate at Simon Fraser University, BC, Canada. Her doctoral research focuses on textiles and dress of the Phuthai ethnic group and neighboring ethnic minority groups living in southern Laos. Research for her Master’s degree in Southeast Asian Studies examined the use of hand-woven textiles to create a national identity in Thailand. She has given presentations based on her research in Thailand and Laos at previous Textile Society of America conferences and other venues and has published articles about textiles and weaving in Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos.

Priya Ravish Mehra is a graduate in Fine Arts, with specialization in Textiles, from Visvabharti University, Santiniketan, India. She studied Tapestry Weaving at the Royal College of Art, London, and West Dean College, Sussex, under the aegis of Commonwealth Foundation and Charles Wallace India Trust Fellowships. She has been Research Consultant in the States of Bihar and Gujarat, India, for the Project *Saris of India* sponsored by the Development Commission Handlooms, Ministry of Textiles from 1987–2002. Co-author of *Saris of India – Bihar and Bengal*, vol. 2, published by Wiley and Eastern National Institute of Fashion Technology and AMR Vastra Kosh, she is also co-author of *Saris of India: The Gujarat Manuscript* (forthcoming). She initiated a creative weaving program for the female inmates of Tihar prison, Delhi, a project sponsored by the Danish Embassy from 1993–96. For the last ten years she has worked with Tushar Kumar on Benaras Brocades for Baya, The Weaver Bird Studio. A weaver herself, she has exhibited tapestries in solo and group shows in India and abroad.

Lucy Norris received her PhD in Social Anthropology from University College London in 2003. Her thesis investigated the life-cycle of clothing in contemporary urban India, from domestic consumption and use to strategies of reuse and recycling. Her research juxtaposes two opposing trajectories of waste garments in the global marketplace: the transformation of Indian clothing into new products exported abroad, and the recycling of Western garments in India. Having presented papers at anthropological conferences in the USA and Europe, she is now preparing a manuscript based upon her doctoral research, developing work published in the *Journal of Material Culture*, and chapters in *Old Clothes, New Looks* (Berg) and *Clothing and Materiality* (Berg). She was previously the Collections Manager at the Horniman Museum, London.

Karen Olsen received her BA in Anthropology from University of Maryland. She has been executive secretary at Gunston Hall Plantation, special-exhibitions assistant at Vesterheim Norwegian-American Museum, and a bookkeeper for the National Geographic Society. Currently, she is an independent researcher focusing on topics related to needlework.

Ismail Oztürk teaches at Dokuz Eylül University in Izmir, Turkey, where he received his doctorate in 1984 from the Institute of Social Sciences. A specialist in traditional Turkish arts, he is the author of three books, *Introduction to Traditional Turkish Handicrafts* (Urun Publications, Ankara, 1998), *Dying Wool With Natural Vegetable Dyes* (Dokuz Eylül Publications, Izmir, 1999), and *Bibliography of Carpet, Rug, Felt and Fabric Arts* (Ataturk Foundation, Ankara, 2000); the last publication is co-authored with Gonca Karavar.

Claire Campbell Park received her MFA from the University of California, Los Angeles, in 1978. Her exhibits include *Made in California 1900-2000: Art, Image and Identity* at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art; *The Twelfth International Biennial of Miniature Textiles* in Szombathely, Hungary; and *The International Textile Competition* in Kyoto, Japan. She has lectured at the Louvre and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Arts Décoratifs in Paris; Seian College of Art and the World Textile Conference in Kyoto; Apeejay College of Fine Arts in Jalandhar, India; and the Center for Middle East Studies at the University of Arizona. She has served as an exhibit consultant for The Textile Museum and published articles in American and French textile journals.

Pamela A. Parmal is David and Roberta Logie Curator of Textile and Fashion Arts at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, where she oversees the collection of Asian textiles and costume. At the Biennial meeting of CIETA in 2001, she presented the related paper, "The Colors of Progress: Aniline Dyes in Meiji Japan," which subsequently appeared in the 2003 CIETA *Bulletin* published in honor of Krishna Riboud. Most recently Parmal curated the MFA exhibition, *Draped in Dragons: Chinese Court Costume*, on display from December 3, 2003, through September 20, 2004.

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Elena Phipps is currently co-curator for a special exhibition: *Tapestries and Silverwork from the Colonial Andes* at The Metropolitan Museum of Art (September 27 – December 12, 2004). She has been a conservator in the Textile Conservation Department at the museum since 1977, with a PhD from Columbia University in Pre-Columbian Art History and Archaeology. She has published on various aspects of Andean textiles, including “Color in the Andes: Inka garments and 17th Century Colonial Documents,” in *DHA* (2003) and “Tornesol: a Colonial Synthesis of European and Andean Textile Traditions,” in *TSA Symposium* 2000. In conjunction with her research, she has been a Museum Guest Scholar, Getty Research Institute for the History of Art and the Humanities, and she received a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship for Independent Scholars.

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Jane W. Rehl received her PhD in Art History from Emory University under the direction of Dr. Rebecca Stone-Miller. During her fieldwork, she examined over 260 DWW textiles dating from ca. 300 BCE – 1540 CE in museums and private collections in North and South America, as well as in Europe. She has taught at Skidmore College, Rutgers University, and Emory University, and is presently Professor of Art History at the Savannah College of Art and Design. She has also served as Assistant Curator and Curator of several museum and archival collections and is a member of the Museum Studies faculty at SCAD. While at Emory, she curated the exhibit, *The Social Life of Kuba Cloth*, for the Michael C. Carlos Museum of Art and Archaeology. At the Textile Society of America's Seventh Biennial Symposium in 2000, she presented “The Order of Things in Ancient Peru: Visual Metaphors in Wari-Associated DWW Textiles.”

Elizabeth A. Richards is a PhD candidate in the History of Art and Archaeology at Cornell University. She organized *New Media and Global Visual Culture: Interventions and Interpretations*, a graduate symposium in the spring of 2003. She was the organizer of the 2003-2004 Visual Culture Colloquium at Cornell, a forum for interdisciplinary discussion on the arts, media and material culture. Sponsored speakers included Katy Siegel, Arindam Dutta, and Fred Wilson. Richards teaches 'Fabrics in Modern American Art: Not just your Grandma's Macramé,' a survey of the use of fabrics in American art from Abstract Expressionism to the present.

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