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## **IIDA ANNOUNCES LISA TUCKER AS 2016 EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR**

Chicago — The **International Interior Design Association (IIDA)** proudly announces **Lisa Tucker, Ph.D., IIDA, FIDEC, AIA, ASID, LEED AP BD+C**, as the 2016 IIDA Educator of the Year. Tucker is currently an Associate Professor and the Interior Design Program Chair at Virginia Tech. The IIDA Educator of the Year Award recognizes and celebrates the outstanding accomplishments and commitment to interior design education by a full-time educator. Tucker will receive \$10,000, sponsored by Milliken, and a complimentary 2017 IIDA membership.

“Professor Tucker is at the forefront of incorporating sustainability, historic preservation, and biophilic design into interior design education, providing valuable expertise to students on these extremely timely and critical topics,” said **IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP**. “In addition, her desire to positively impact her students through practical and theoretical experiences illustrates her deep commitment to interior design education. We are so pleased to name her the recipient of this year’s IIDA Educator of the Year Award.”

Tucker has been recognized nationally as one of the Most Admired Design Educators of 2010 by Design Intelligence; she was nominated for the Robert Cherry Award for Great Teaching by the Center for Instructional Design Education and Research in 2014; and in 2015, she was awarded the prestigious Nancy Vincent McClelland award for contributions to interior design education. At Virginia Tech, she has been honored with the School of Architecture and Design’s 2008 New Faculty Teaching Award, the College of Architecture and Urban Studies Teaching Award in 2008 and 2009, the College Certificate of Teaching Excellence in 2011, and the Alumni Teaching Award in 2013, which included induction into the university’s Academy of Teaching Excellence.

Tucker will be presented with the award and celebrated at the IIDA Annual Meeting on Sunday, June 12, 2016, at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. For more information about the IIDA Educator of the Year Award, visit [iida.org](http://iida.org).

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