

# Virginia Heaven

## Consulting Costume Curator



### **Experience:**

**Columbia College Chicago** (Assistant Professor Fashion Studies 1999, 2003-present)

**Chicago History Museum** (Inspiring Beauty Costume Curator, 2011-present)

### **Education:**

Art and Design Foundations, Hornsey College of Art, 1976; B.A. with Honors, Fashion/Textiles with fashion focus, Middlesex University, 1979; M.A., Adult Education, DePaul University, 2008.

Ms. Heaven has dedicated her professional life to fashion and education teaching at Columbia College Chicago and producing exhibitions and other projects that have been important to the interpretation of fashion history. Such projects have included *Thoroughly Modern Mary, Paper Dress*, Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum (2007); *Fashion Victims: AIDS in the 1980s*, Columbia College Chicago (2007); *Home Sewn/Home Grown: Sewing Culture in America*, Columbia College Chicago (2010); among many others.

Ms. Heaven currently teaches at Columbia College Chicago in the Fashion Design major specializing in the history and theory of dress and demystifying the design process. Heaven's research interests include determining how best to teach visual learners and how to prepare fashion studies graduates for the ever changing fashion industry. Ms. Heaven has also received many awards including *Malone Fellow*, National Council on U.S. - Arab Relations, 1996; the *Excellence in Teaching Part-Time Faculty*, 2006, Columbia College Chicago, as well as being nominated for *Excellence in Teaching Full-Time Faculty*, 2010, Columbia College Chicago.