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***INTERNATIONAL VISUAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES
2025 AWARDS AT 57TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE:
James G. Sucy Distinguished Service Award***

AGUASCALIENTES, MEXICO: On November 1, 2025, The International Visual Literacy Association named Michelle Wendt, Stockton University, USA, the winner of the James G. Sucy Distinguished Service Award. This honor celebrates exceptional dedication to IVLA through extraordinary service and leadership that advances the mission of the Association.

Since joining the IVLA Board in 2017, Past President, Michelle Wendt has provided steadfast leadership and community-building through her work with the Conference Planning Committee and beyond. Her initiatives have strengthened IVLA's role as a hub for interdisciplinary dialogue, connecting educators, artists, and researchers worldwide.

At Stockton University, her integration of design thinking, technology, and visual literacy has empowered students and educators to engage deeply with visual communication. Her inclusive, collaborative approach exemplifies the legacy of James G. Sucy and the ethos of service through scholarship.

The International Visual Literacy Association (IVLA) proudly announces the recipients of its 2025 Annual Awards, recognizing outstanding scholarship, creativity, and service in the advancement of visual literacy. These distinguished honorees were celebrated during the 57th Annual IVLA Conference, "The Power of Images in Sacred and Festive Practices," hosted by the Autonomous University of Aguascalientes, Mexico.

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Founded in 1968, the International Visual Literacy Association is an interdisciplinary organization of professionals working toward a fuller understanding of the way we derive meaning from what we see and the way we interact with our visual environment. For more information about IVLA, please visit <https://ivla.org/>.