

Consumer, Apparel and Retail Studies' Fall Symposium 2008

Keynote Speaker

**Eric Henry, President,
T.S. Designs, Inc.**



Eric Henry, President of T.S. Designs, Inc., lives in Burlington, NC, where he has lived for most of his life. He attended both N.C. State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, but found he could not contain his entrepreneurial spirit. While at UNC-CH, Eric started Creative Screen Designs, which sold screen-printed t-shirts to the college market. Before the start of his senior year, Eric left to become a business partner with Tom Sineath at T.S. Designs, Inc.

Eric devotes much of his time outside T.S. to volunteer organizations. He serves on the board of the Specialty Graphic Imaging Association, where he was the chairperson from 2001-2002, the Board of Advisors for the Elon University Center for Environmental Studies, Board of Directors for Co-op America and as Advisory for DENR's Environmental Stewardship Initiative. His latest endeavor is Local Action, LLC, dedicated developing resources from his local community of Alamance County to support that community. He is on the board of Company Shops Market Co-op that wants to establish a co-op grocery to reconnect local agriculture to the community.

He was also instrumental in starting the Burlington Biodiesel Co-op after experimenting with biodiesel in a small batch reactor. Located at the T.S. Designs plant, the Burlington Biodiesel Co-op now produces over 200 gallons of biodiesel a week.

Eric has served as a board member for the Burlington Bicycle Advisory Board, Piedmont Land Conservancy, Women's Resource Center, the Board of Advisors for the Martha & Spencer Love School of Business at Elon University and the Alamance County Planning Board. While at University of North Carolina, Eric was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. Contact Eric through his company's website (www.tsdesigns.com) or reach him directly on his cell 336.675.6266. He is asked to speak a lot on T.S. Designs transition to a triple bottom line business.