



WORKER RIGHTS CONSORTIUM

Annual Meeting of the WRC University Caucus

Room C204, School of Continuing Studies, 640 Massachusetts Ave NW
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Thursday, April 30, 2015 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meeting Agenda

8:30 a.m. Light breakfast

9:00 a.m. **Welcome and Introductions**

9:15 a.m. **Worker Rights Consortium: 2014-2015**

A review of the WRC's work around the world over the last year, including new university factory investigations and remediation efforts, special projects, and updates on ongoing cases, as well as organizational news and reports.

Presentation by Executive Director Scott Nova, WRC Staff and Field Representatives, with questions and discussion.

10:30 a.m. **Guest Presentation: Chris Fox, Vice President of Corporate Social Responsibility, Hanesbrands**

Presentation from a top manager of labor rights issues at Hanesbrands', which owns Gear for Sports and is in the process of acquiring Knights Apparel. Chris will discuss the company's approach to supply chain labor issues and university code compliance and its engagement with monitoring organizations, including the WRC.

Presentation, followed by questions.

11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:15 a.m. **Worker Rights in Bangladesh and Implementation of the Accord on Fire and Building Safety**

Update and discussion regarding the worker rights crisis in Bangladesh and ongoing efforts to address it. This section will include a report on progress with implementation of the Accord, including accomplishments to date and ongoing challenges and a discussion of

the growing numbers of incidents of violence and other illegal retaliation against workers seeking to exercise basic rights.

Presentation by Scott Nova and WRC Communications Director Theresa Haas, followed by questions and discussion.

12:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Open Discussion

Participants will have the opportunity to raise any additional topics, projects or cases of interest and/or to engage in further discussion of items on the agenda.

2:15 p.m.

Progress on Minimum Wage in Haiti and the Broader Problem of Wage Theft

Update and discussion of the WRC's ongoing effort to remedy systemic minimum wage violations in Haiti, which affect multiple collegiate factories. The presenters will also touch on broader issues of wage theft in global supply chains.

Presentation by WRC General Counsel Ben Hensler and WRC Research Director Jess Champagne, followed by questions and discussion.

3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:30 p.m.

Gender Discrimination

A discussion of the challenges facing women workers in the global garment industry, with examples from the collegiate supply chain.

Presentation by Jess Champagne, followed by questions and discussion.

4:15 p.m.

Wrap-Up and Adjournment