

## **Annual Meeting of the WRC University Caucus**

Room C204 School of Continuing Studies, 640 Massachusetts Ave NW  
Georgetown University, Washington, DC  
Thursday, May 4, 2017 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

### Meeting Agenda

8:30 a.m. Light breakfast

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

9:10 a.m. **The Year in Review: 2016-2017**

A review of the WRC's work over the last year, including key factory investigations and remediation efforts, updates on ongoing cases and projects, and organizational developments.

*Presentation by Scott Nova and WRC staff, with questions and discussion.*

10:30 a.m. **The Historic Impact of University Labor Codes**

A look at the ways in which universities, through their codes of conduct and enforcement efforts, have been innovators in the labor rights sphere and how universities' work has affected labor rights efforts in the broader garment industry.


*Presentation by WRC staff, and representatives of leading labor rights organizations (by video), with questions and discussion.*

11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:15 a.m. **Nike, University Labor Standards, and Compliance Verification**

A review of ongoing efforts to resolve the issue of Nike's stance on factory access, including an update on labor rights violations and remediation at Hansae Vietnam.

*Presentation by Ben Hensler, WRC Deputy Director for Policy, with questions and discussion.*



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12:10 p.m.

### **Licensee Roundtable**

Presentations by representatives of three licensees that have been active on labor rights and code compliance: Zephyr Graf-X, Outerstuff and Tailgate Clothing. These brands will discuss their individual approaches to compliance with university labor codes and take questions.

1:00 p.m.

Lunch

2:00 p.m.

### **Guest Speaker: Brian Ross, Chief Investigative Correspondent for ABC News**

Presentation by Brian Ross of ABC News on how the media approaches coverage of labor rights issues in the global supply chains of US companies. Ross, who reports for “World News Tonight,” “Nightline,” “20/20,” and Good Morning America,” was the first television journalist to recognize the depth of the safety crisis in Bangladesh and continues to provide important coverage of global labor issues. He will offer an inside perspective on how today’s media tackles worker rights, corporate responsibility and the relationship between US brands and overseas factory conditions.

2:30 p.m.

### **Addressing Labor Violations: What Constitutes Adequate Remediation?**

A discussion of the critical question of what constitutes adequate remedies for different kinds of labor rights violations and a comparison of remediation efforts under university labor codes with efforts under the auditing systems of leading apparel brands and retailers.

*Presentation by Jess Champagne, WRC Deputy Director for Field Operations, with questions and discussion.*

3:15 p.m.

Coffee Break

3:30 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.

4:15 p.m.

### **Wrap-Up and Adjournment**