

Annual Meeting of the WRC University Caucus

Conducted via Zoom

May 6, 2020 | 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm ET

Meeting Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. **Welcome and Agenda Review**
WRC Board Member Alixe Holcomb and WRC Executive Director Scott Nova.
- 1:15 p.m. **The Impact of Covid-19 on Garment Workers**
Covid-19 is having a devastating impact across garment supply chains, including the suspension or termination of millions of workers around the world. We will outline the unfolding consequences of Covid-19, and the WRC's work to document and address the crisis confronting workers and the industry.

Presentation by Scott Nova and WRC staff. Followed by questions and discussion.
- 1:45 p.m. **Responding to the Crisis: Worker and Industry Perspectives**
A key worker advocate, a representative of a leading apparel firm, and the head of Bangladesh's factory owners' association will discuss their organizations' efforts to grapple with the impacts of the pandemic and their views on what is needed to protect workers.

WRC Board Member Craig Westemeier will moderate a panel with Kalpona Akter of the Bangladesh Centre for Worker Solidarity, Rubana Huq of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association, and Michael Bride of PVH (Calvin Klein, Tommy Hilfiger).
- 2:30 p.m. **Year in Review: 2019-2020**
We will review the WRC's body of work over the last year, including a review of several key factory investigations, updates on major projects, and reports on organizational developments.

Presentation by Scott Nova and WRC staff. Followed by questions and discussion.

3:25 p.m. **Forced Labor in the XUAR and the University Apparel Supply Chain**
We will discuss the forced-labor crisis in China's Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region (XUAR); its implications for the garment industry, including the university apparel sector; and the industry's response.

Presentation by Scott Nova and WRC staff. Followed by questions and discussion.

3:45 p.m. **Concluding Remarks**
WRC Board Member Rachel Duffy and Scott Nova.

3:55 p.m. **Break**

4:00 p.m. **Open Forum**
Moderated by WRC Board Member Kyle Muncy.

4:30 p.m. **Adjourn**