



# New York Textiles Summit

## Innovations in Textiles Manufacturing, Waste Reduction, and Reuse

*Fashion Institute of Technology, John E. Reeves Great Hall*

**Tuesday, October 31, 2017**

Time	Session Description	Speakers
7:30 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>	
8:30 - 9:00 am	<p><b>Welcome + Textiles in Context</b></p> <p>This opening session will set the stage by providing an overview of the successes and challenges of increasing U.S. textiles reuse and recycling beyond the current rate of 15 percent. The Re-Clothe NY Coalition, a collaborative effort by recyclers, non-profits, and governments working to increase textiles reuse and recycling across New York State, will highlight their initiatives—which include the two previous statewide textile summits—and outline the roles and opportunities for key players along the supply chain (including life-cycle management).</p>	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Steven Frumkin</b>, Dean of the School of Business + Technology, Fashion Institute of Technology</li> <li>• <b>Kate McArdle</b>, New York State Pollution Prevention Institute</li> <li>• <b>Dan Lilkas-Rain</b>, Town of Bethlehem, NY; NYSAR3; Re-Clothe NY Coalition</li> <li>• <b>Andrew Radin</b>, Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency, NY; New York Product Stewardship Council</li> </ul>
9:00 - 10:15 am <b>Session 1</b>	<p><b>Sustainable Manufacturing and Design</b></p> <p>This session will explore sustainable manufacturing processes of both natural and synthetic fibers. The choice of material often influences the degree to which a product can be reused or recycled, and the associated cost. Speakers will discuss supply chains aimed at waste reduction and the incorporation of recycled content into apparel. Additional topics to be discussed include sustainability ratings to help consumers with purchasing decisions.</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Tricia Carey</b>, Denim Lenzing Fibers</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ajoy Sarkar</b>, Fashion Institute of Technology</li> <li>• <b>Tara St. James</b>, Study NY; Brooklyn Fashion + Design Accelerator</li> <li>• <b>Trish Donohue</b>, New York State Pollution Prevention Institute</li> </ul>
10:15 - 10:45 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:45 - 12:00 pm <b>Session 2</b>	<p><b>Collection</b></p> <p>This interactive session will begin with presentations by those in the public and non-profit sectors who are collecting textiles. The panel will also include two retail sustainability leaders who will discuss the role that retailers can play in taking back clothing, managing the products they make after consumers use them, and developing innovative recycling technologies. The session will also examine the relationship between fashion trends and the quality and volume of secondary materials generated.</p>	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Eric Stubin</b>, 2ReWear/SMART</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Ben Rose</b>, The City of New York Department of Sanitation</li> <li>• <b>Katy Gaul-Stigge</b>, Goodwill Industries NY/NJ</li> <li>• <b>Nellie Cohen</b>, Patagonia, Worn Wear</li> <li>• <b>Cynthia Power</b>, Eileen Fisher Renew</li> </ul>

12:00 - 12:45 pm	<b>Lunch</b>	
12:45 - 2:00 pm  <b>Session 3</b>	<p><b>Markets</b></p> <p>As we increase the collection of used textiles, we will need new and expanded secondary clothing markets. This session will include a domestic and international market overview that considers global economic perspectives. It will also explore the opportunities and challenges of exporting secondary materials to developing countries.</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Scott Cynamon</b>, Cyntex Co.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eric Stubin</b>, 2ReWear/ SMART</li> <li>• <b>Dan Green</b>, RecycleThat</li> </ul>
2:00 - 2:15 pm	<b>Break</b>	
2:15 - 3:30 pm  <b>Session 4</b>	<p><b>The Circular Economy and Innovative Recycling Technologies</b></p> <p>In today's circular economy, system-wide innovations hold the power to reduce waste across the supply chain and return post-consumer materials back into new products. This session will cover new technologies being embraced by brand owners to overcome technical challenges to textiles reuse and recycling. It will also highlight current collaborations among industry leaders that link textile waste with the apparel supply chain to tangibly demonstrate the concept of the circular economy. You will also learn about the textile "extended producer responsibility" law in France that requires manufacturers to collect, reuse, and recycle textiles they put in the marketplace.</p>	<p><b>Moderator: Tasha Lewis</b>, Cornell University, Department of Fiber Science &amp; Apparel Design</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Stacy Flynn</b>, Evrnu</li> <li>• <b>Jennifer Gilbert</b>, I:CO</li> </ul>
3:30 - 4:30 pm  <b>Session 5</b>	<p><b>Textile Reuse and Recycling: Tangible Next Steps</b></p> <p>This facilitated session will summarize Summit discussions and explore a vision for the future by collaboratively identifying action items to drive change. Participants will leave the Summit with tangible next steps, new networks, and an expanded understanding of the issues and opportunities.</p>	<p><b>Facilitators:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scott Cassel</b>, Product Stewardship Institute</li> <li>• <b>Kate McArdle</b>, New York State Pollution Prevention Institute</li> <li>• <b>Dan Lilkas-Rain</b>, Town of Bethlehem, NY; NYSAR3; Re-Clothe NY Coalition</li> <li>• <b>Andrew Radin</b>, Onondaga County Resource Recovery Agency, NY; New York Product Stewardship Council</li> </ul>

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