

# Sustainable Fashion: Expert Speakers

## Featured Speakers at Sustainable Fashion Symposium



### **Nick Hahn**

*Founder, Hahn International Ltd.*

Nick Hahn has decades of experience working as a Motivational Keynote Speaker, Association Executive for Non-Profit Organizations, Global Apparel Marketing, Textile Fiber Merchandising, and advising third-world farmers on Supply-Chain Competitiveness. During his tenure as CEO of Cotton Incorporated (“The Fabric of Our Lives”), Hahn was inducted into the Apparel Industry Hall of Fame, and was honored as **One of The 25 Most Influential Leaders** in American Textiles by Textile World Magazine. [Read full Biography http://www.hahnmanagement.com/biography](http://www.hahnmanagement.com/biography)



### **Amy DuFault**

*Editor-in-Chief, ECOSALON.com*

Amy DuFault is the Editor-in-Chief of EcoSalon and has been working in the sustainable fashion industry for over 6 years. In addition to her work at EcoSalon editing and writing about fashion, Amy has worked as a rep for over 15 fashion labels, co-owned an eco boutique, given PR coaching for a number of fashion labels and serves as both a vital connector and resource within the sustainable fashion industry worldwide. Amy DuFault has been writing about fashion and design at such publications as

Boston Magazine and Coastal Living, as well as appearing on ABC’s Emmy award-winning Boston news magazine Chronicle and NBC’s “Style File” as a fashion expert. When not falling in love with beautiful clothes, she can be found supporting green business, fashion and community development and dreaming of the day when she’ll overcome stage fright enough to get up and sing with her husband’s band.

<http://ECOSALON.com>



### **Christine Helm**

*Coordinator of the Enterprise Center, Fashion Institute of Technology*

Christine Helm is coordinator of the F I T Enterprise Center where she develops credit and non-credit programs for creative entrepreneurs and those who need to update their software repertoire. Sustainability, Social media, Web Analytics and SEO has become important to both groups. In both credit and non-credit programs she has created online learning opportunities and a new program for emerging fashion talent, Design Entrepreneurs NYC, an extended online independent study. She earned an M.A. in Anthropology and Education and M.Ed. in Applied Anthropology at Teachers College, Columbia University. <http://www.fitnyc.edu/6564.asp>



### **Holly Henderson**

*Assistant Adjunct Professor, FIT*

*Founder & Creative Director, Simply Natural Clothing*  
*President, Holly Henderson Consulting, LLC*

Holly Henderson has been an adjunct faculty member of FIT since 1997 in Textile /Surface Design and involved in developing continuing education seminar programs, online courses in design, product development and sustainability in addition to teaching Fashion Technology at Buffalo State College. She is a fashion design graduate of FIT who has worked professionally for global companies as well as in her own businesses for over 30 years. She is an expert in industrial technology applications and the creator of the first CAD studio in NYC in 1988.

Ms. Henderson has also been involved with sustainable textile product development for many years and has strong interest in Made in USA initiatives. "Technology and the environment have been my passion. It's now that I see how the two shall meet." Being a nature lover and an alpaca fan at heart inspired her to create the sustainable fashion collection Simply Natural Clothing; combining ecology with the latest in whole garment knit technology. <http://simplynaturalclothing.com/>



**Georgia Kalivas,**  
*Institute for Marketecology (IMO), USA Representative*  
*Associate Adjunct Professor, FIT*

Georgia Kalivas is a coordinator and inspector for the IMO, one of the most renowned international agencies for inspection, certification and quality assurance of eco-friendly products. She performs third-party inspections for those organizations wishing to be certified according to the Global Organic Textile Standard, the USDA's National Organic Program (NOP) and other organic standards as well as for the IMO Fair Trade and Social Accountability standard, Fair for Life.

Georgia also teaches in the Textile Development and Marketing Department at the Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) and is a founding member of the FIT Sustainability Group.



**Rachel Miller**  
*Artist, Educator & Researcher*

Rachel Miller's work focuses on environmental patterns and how they interconnect with our own patterns of growth, departure, and rejuvenation. Using both the body and landscape as cynosure and subject, she coalesces topics from ritual, archeology, architecture, travel, textiles, and nature. Her works, which include sculpture, installation, performance and costume, examine the constant resurfacing of the past, and its integration with the present.

Concurrent with her studio practice, Miller teaches and lectures at various institutions, including coursework in Sustainable Design in the Fashion Department at Pratt Institute, NY; Sustainable Design Entrepreneurs program at FIT in New York, and the Fiber Department at University of the Arts in Philadelphia. She has also worked in India, where she has done extensive research, in addition to teaching textile design / fibers to university students. Miller's work has been published, commissioned, and reviewed internationally, and is included in both public and private collections. <http://www.rachel-miller.com/>



**Chuck Stewart**  
*President, **Tumbling Colors***

Chuck grew up in the shadows of Cannon Mills in Concord N.C. and earned his BS in Textile Chemistry from NCSU in 1977, followed by an MS in Textile Engineering from Georgia Tech in 1979. His father also graduated from N.C. State and spent his entire career as a dyer for Cannon.

Chuck's professional career includes positions as the Technical Promotions Manager, Textile Dyes, Ciba Geigy, in Greensboro NC, Technical Partner, FabriCare Garment Dye and Denim Laundry in Los Angeles CA, VP Technical Sales / Service, Wink Davis Dye Equipment (Milnor) in Charlotte NC, Technical Sales / Service Garment Wet Processing Chemicals at High Point Chemical in High Point NC and Sr. International Group Leader, Textile Enzymes, Novo Nordisk, Franklinton NC and then comes TUMBLING COLORS, which he started in 1999 as a technical resource for designers, retailers, textile fabric producers, and any one else that wanted to do private wet development for color and finishing. <http://tumblingcolors.com/>



**Anthony Lilore**  
*Founder, **RESTORE Clothing***

Anthony is a designer with expertise in Fashion Design, Sustainability, Process and Manufacturing. He is also a critic and mentor with 25+ yrs industry experience spanning every aspect of concept development, branding, design and production. Member of the original Club Monaco design team in Toronto. Men's wear with Perry Ellis as Technical Design Director.

Co-Founder, Designer, Creative Director and Producer of the innovative, versatile, eco-active lifestyle clothing brand: RESTORE Clothing whose attributes include accountability, transparency and vetted supply/value chain for end-user "peace of mind". Brand vision: people enhance their lives and those of others through mindful product choices. Made in NYC, Donations to 1% for the Planet (RiverKeeper). Awards include: Sustainability All Stars - APPAREL MAGAZINE 2011  
Top 40 Innovators - APPAREL MAGAZINE 2009 <http://shop.restoreclothing.com/>





## **Jennifer Gootman**

*Executive Director, Global Goods Partners*

Jennifer Gootman has ten years experience working with economic development and arts-focused nonprofits and social enterprises. Prior to joining GGP, Jennifer was the deputy director of City Futures, the nonprofit parent of City Limits magazine and Center for an Urban Future think tank. She has also worked as communications director for Art in

General, a nonprofit cultural organization in Lower Manhattan, and with Agora Partnerships in Nicaragua, where she planned and implemented a distribution and scaling strategy for a jewelry business that trains and employs disadvantaged youth. She has consulted for the International Rescue Committee, ACCION USA, and Mumbai-based Dial 1298 for Ambulance. In addition to her work in social enterprise, Jennifer designs and produces her own line of jewelry. Jennifer received an MBA with distinction from NYU Stern where she specialized in Finance and Social Innovation and Impact and a BA from Harvard University where she majored in History and Women's Studies <http://www.globalgoodspartners.org>



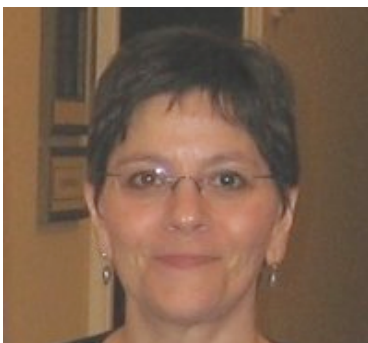
## **Lisa Hendrickson**

*Owner, The Hendrickson Group*

With over 15 years of experience as a business strategist, Lisa Hendrickson is an idea generator and a solution provider to Fortune 500 companies, SMB's, niche luxury brands and venture backed start-up technology ventures. Her focus on effectiveness and profitability helps companies maximize the value of their good ideas, great

talent and resources. Her dynamic approach brings growth and profitability to companies by creating strategies, methodologies, products and programs that drive innovation, employee and client engagement. She is known for her simple elegant solutions that address complex business problems.

<http://www.thehendricksongroup.com/>



## **Naomi Gross**

*Assistant Chair Fashion Merchandising, FIT*

Associate Professor and Assistant Chair of the Fashion Merchandising Management Department at FIT. Developed credit bearing Retail Management Certificate Program in

conjunction with the National Retail Federation Foundation. Launch date Fall 2012.

Wrote, teach and coordinate course: Sustainability in Fashion Merchandising encouraging students to use research skills to evaluate existing retailer/manufacturer sustainability engagement programs with the goal to pitch fact based and substantiated proposed changes to senior management.

Co-wrote, teach and coordinate course: Fashion Planning & Allocation that incorporates retail math refresher, advanced Excel skills and JDA/Advanced Store Allocation training. Teach and coordinate course: Fashion Inventory Management that incorporates Excel refresher and JDA/Advanced Store Replenishment training. Teach course: Retail Math Applications.

Co-Advisor to National Retail Federation Student Association (NRFSA) chapter at FIT. NRFSA launched fall 2011.