Welcome
We hope you enjoy the inaugural issue of CIFFI News, intended to keep you informed about activities of the Cornell Institute of Fashion and Fiber Innovation and the Department of Fiber Science and Apparel Design. If you are not yet a member of CIFFI, you will find more information in the CIFFI brochure at http://www.human.cornell.edu/fsad/ciffi. Please contact us at CIFFI@cornell.edu with questions.

CIFFI Activity
The Laundress Joins CIFFI
Lindsey Boyd and Gwen Whiting of The Laundress, Inc., developers of high quality clothing and home cleaning products, are the newest members of CIFFI. Both are graduates of Fiber Science and Apparel Design at Cornell who have routinely supported FSAD students via internships, speaking engagements, and other activities.

Lindsey and Gwen participated in the Entrepreneurship@Cornell Celebration’14 last week with a panel discussion From Young Fashion Enthusiasts to International Soap Mavens - an Entrepreneurial Road to Clean! The discussion was moderated by S. Kay Obendorf, Sr. Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education for the College of Human Ecology, who mentored product development for The Laundress prior to their launch 10 years ago.

Frances Kozen named CIFFI Associate Director
Fran Kozen, a long-time Fiber Science and Apparel Design department member with experience as a lecturer in fiber science and apparel management, coordinator of a New York study tour, apparel industry outreach programming, and support for research in various areas, has been named Associate Director of CIFFI. Fran earned both B.S. and M.S. degrees from FSAD.
CIFFI Advisory Board Meeting
The CIFFI Advisory Board met on March 28 to discuss progress on research projects and collaborations, as well as to hear FSAD departmental updates. Current members of the CIFFI Advisory Board are:
- Mort Bishop III, Pendleton Woolen Mills, USA
- José P. Chan, Founder, The New York Fashion & Retail Association
- Lorival Flor, Chairman and CTO, Golden Tecnologia, Brazil
- Urban Geiwald, Founder and CEO, Five elements Performance, a WINDS Group Co. (With operations in the USA, Asia, Africa & Europe)
- Harry Lee, Chairman and CEO of TAL Apparel Limited, Hong Kong
- Lincoln Lau, Director, L Industries, and EPRO Group Co., Hong Kong
- Alan Mathios, Dean, College of Human Ecology, Cornell University
- Tom Nastos, President ENK International LLC, New York
- May W. Sia, President, ACE Style Business Services LLC, New York
- Pat-Nie Woo, Director, Central Textiles (Hong Kong) Ltd.

Left to Right: Jintu Fan, CIFFI Director and FSAD Department Chair; Tom Nastos, CIFFI Board Chair; Alan Mathios, Dean of Human Ecology

FSAD Notables
C.C. Chu Named to American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering College of Fellows
C.C. Chu was inducted into the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineering’s College of Fellows in March, joining the most accomplished and distinguished leaders in the fields of medical and biological engineering. Dr. Chu studies biomaterials, particularly the design and synthesis of novel biodegradable polymers/fibers/fabrics for tissue regeneration and repair including vascular grafts, wound closure and drug control/release purposes.

Kay Obendorf Honored by Fiber Society
Professor and Associate Dean for Research & Graduate Education for the College of Human Ecology S. Kay Obendorf has been named an Honorary member of the Fiber Society in recognition of her life-long contributions to the field. Dr. Obendorf’s research interests are in the area of fiber science, chemistry of fibers and films and protective clothing.
New Faculty Book
Juan Hinestroza and Anil Netravali are the editors of Cellulose Based Composites, New Green Nanomaterials, just published by Wiley VCH.

Cornell Fashion Collective Runway Show
The Cornell Fashion Collective’s 30th Annual Runway Show was held April 12 in front of a large crowd. The CFC is an extra-curricular student organization advised by Anita Racine and Van Dyk Lewis. CIFFI members ENK International and The laundress were among the event sponsors. The Cornell Daily Sun covered the event and also ran in-depth profiles of the senior designers and a review of the fiber science projects designed for the show:

Marianne Dorado
Caterina Gutierrez
Holly Meyers
Julia Shapiro
Lesley Young
Lea Freni
Justine Lee
Madeline Miles
Abby Spatz

Athletic Apparel Designed by Fiber Science Students Shows off How Hot You Are

Pendleton Scholarship Collection
CIFFI member Pendleton Woolen Mills sponsored the Pendleton Scholarship Collection developed by a team of ten undergraduates with guidance from Susan Ashdown and Tasha Lewis. This year the collection, titled INTERIM, consisted of 8 complete looks featuring original print designs integrated with Pendleton Fabrics. The collection was presented during the CFC Runway show. Learn more at http://pendleton.human.cornell.edu.
**CAD Competition Winner**

FSAD freshman Rachel Powell submitted the winning entry in the International Textiles Market Association 2014 cover design competition. Her design, created in Huiju Park’s Introduction to CAD class, will be printed on the cover of the *Showtime Directory & Guide* of the ITMA magazine, which will be distributed to industry executives from around the world. Read details in the Cornell Chronicle article, *Cover Girl*.

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**Senior Justine Lee wins $30K Geoffrey Beene scholarship**

Senior fashion design major Justine Lee received a $30,000 Geoffrey Beene National Scholarship for her design of a clothing system of items that can be converted from one purpose or shape to another. Justine made use of cutting edge technology including a laser cutter and a 3-D printer. FSAD senior designers Carley Campbell, Alix Cantor, Marianne Dorado, Emily Fipphen, Nicole Fitzsimmons, and junior Blake Uretsky were also honored at the YMA Fashion Scholarship fund Awards for their designs. Read more details in the Cornell Chronicle.

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**FSAD Faculty Activities**

**Cornell Experts help make clothes new again**

Tasha Lewis is the lead researcher for a Cornell faculty-student team working with Toronto-based LB Designs to assist them in their goal of remaking thrift shop clothing in Haiti into fashionable new professional wear. This work, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is one approach towards greater sustainability in fashion, focusing on “upcycling” and zero waste. Read more at [http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2014/02/cornell-experts-help-make-old-clothes-new-again](http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/2014/02/cornell-experts-help-make-old-clothes-new-again) and [http://www.treehugger.com/sustainable-fashion/how-one-manufacturer-makes-old-clothes-new-again.html](http://www.treehugger.com/sustainable-fashion/how-one-manufacturer-makes-old-clothes-new-again.html)

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**Moving Ahead**

The CIFFI website, [http://www.human.cornell.edu/fsad/ciffi](http://www.human.cornell.edu/fsad/ciffi), is scheduled to be expanded and enhanced shortly so that you will be able to locate faculty fellows and other CIFFI members, as well as explore FSAD resources. A CIFFI research roundtable for members will be held Fall 2014. We will announce dates and topics shortly so that you can plan to attend.