

PROJECT UPCYCLE

2019 JUDGES PANEL

JUSTIN DESPER is a Southern Maine based artist who graduated from Maine College of Art with a degree in textile and fashion design. Justin specializes in wearable sculptures and avant garde garments that create a unique experience for the wearer. Since winning last year's *Project Upcycle*, he has been commissioned for a wedding dress, is designing his first ready to wear collection, and has begun to explore an interest in architecture and interior design as a way to bring the experience of his art to a larger audience.

NADINE FARAG is the author of *One Who Dresses*, a digital space that thoughtfully probes our relationship with our clothes. She is an emerging voice in the conversation on sustainability and fashion. She has regularly contributed content to Man Repeller. She authored *Zady's New Standard*, a consumer-facing guide to apparel manufacturing's environmental and social challenges. She was included as a speaker in the 2017 event *Fashion is Kale* at The Museum of Modern Art. Her academic background is in global health and development, where she earned a Masters and completed a year of doctoral training, both at Harvard, before leaving to pursue her passion for this work.

NATHALIA JMAG is a sustainable and ethical fashion designer who believes that fashion doesn't have to hurt people animals or the environment. She studied fashion design at Framingham State University graduating in 2016, and has been a professional fashion designer since. She has participated in many fashion shows, one being Helsinki Fashion Week, which was coined as the first sustainable fashion week by Vogue. She also curates fashion shows featuring other emerging fashion designers. JMag is a luminary at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and was part of *Project Runway Season 15*. She is currently getting a Masters at RISD in Nature Culture and Sustainability.

ALLISON SPAHR is the director of material development for global outdoor lifestyle brand Timberland, headquartered in Stratham, New Hampshire. She focuses on searching out the most sustainable materials to incorporate into commercial products for footwear. Spahr is an energetic visionary leader focused on innovation, color, trends and emerging technologies. For over 30 years she has developed textiles for the home, office, apparel and footwear industries. Spahr received her degree from Rhode Island School of Design where she focused on Textile Design and Innovation. She lives in Portsmouth, NH with her husband and four children. When not traveling the world looking for the next innovation, she enjoys yoga, painting and gourmet cooking.

