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#### 2012 ABSTRACTS

# BARROWS, JEFF

**Dr. Jeffrey Barrows** is an Obstetrician/Gynecologist who in 2005 began working with the State Department's Trafficking in Persons office to study the health consequences of human trafficking. From 2005-2008, he compiled and submitted an annual report to the Director of the State Department's -Office to Monitor & Combat Trafficking of Persons. This research resulted in the article *Human Trafficking and the Healthcare Professional* published in the May 2008 Southern Medical Journal. He began teaching healthcare professionals how to recognize potential human trafficking victims and in 2006, he completed a consultation on the health needs of trafficking victims in Sierra Leone and Liberia. He is the Founder of Gracehaven, a non-profit organization working to build a shelter for adolescent girls who have been commercially sexually exploited in Ohio. He is also the Director of the Abolition International Shelter Association, a developing association of trafficking shelters across both the U.S. and the world.

Engaging Healthcare Professionals in the Fight Against Human Trafficking

This session will address the important topic of training healthcare professionals to recognize, identify, and help victims of human trafficking. One study has shown that 28% of human trafficking victims encounter a healthcare professional while in the trafficking scenario. Unfortunately, another study performed in 2007 showed that less than 3% of emergency room personnel had ever received any formal training on human trafficking. This deficit in training healthcare professionals on human trafficking is in part to blame for the low percentage of trafficking victims currently being identified and freed from captivity. This session will cover existing research regarding the various health consequences of human trafficking as well as known identifying characteristics of trafficking victims. Finally, this session will suggest specific steps to take when various types of trafficking victims are identified within the healthcare setting.

# **BRADLEY, JEANETTE**

**Ms. Bradley** obtained an Associate's degree in Mental health/Chemical Dependency and a CDCA License (Chemical dependency counselor assistant license), both in 2011 from Columbus State Community College. She has been a member of CORRC (Central Ohio Rescue and Restore Coalition), and the Attorney General's Study Commission since 2007. She developed a street outreach for The Salvation Army for prostitutes and trafficked victims on the streets almost 3 years ago; and she is a volunteer and "C.A.T.C.H. Mom", CATCH is a court program which stands for Changing Actions To Change Habits, which partners with Amethyst a drug/alcohol rehab facility for women in Columbus, and together they help former prostitutes to rebuild their lives. She also helps these victims with an "Extreme Makeover" as they move into their own apartments as part of the program.

She received an Outstanding Service Award from Judge Paul Herbert, the founder of the CATCH

program, as well as being named Outstanding Student Leader at Columbus State in 2010. She received a Commendation letter from the Ohio House of Representatives for her service on National Human Trafficking Awareness Day 2012. She also testified at the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee regarding the passing of HB 262. She became an advocate and abolitionist in 2007 for trafficked victims, and has become an effective speaker since 2008, speaking at schools, universities, churches, Ohio Statehouse, and other various organizations. She is hoping to write her own story later this year, and her vision to one day soon open her own facilities for the homeless and down and out, as well as homes for human trafficked victims. She founded a street ministry called 2nd Chance in 2003, which has helped hundreds of homeless, the poor, prostitutes, and anyone who needs a second chance; she was once a homeless, alcoholic, drug addicted prostitute and trafficked victim.

Having been a survivor, and now an overcomer, she found her voice, and she knows the importance of feeling loved, and accepted, getting intensive counseling, and long term care and support to help someone on the road to recovery and restoration. She is passionate and determined to be a living epistle of Proverbs 31:8-9 "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those who are perishing. Yes, speak up for the poor and helpless, and see they get justice." She is now assistant to Theresa Flores, a nationally known victim's advocate and author, and founder of SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution). She travels with Theresa to the various SOAP events nationally and helps to organize and operate the events.

### Still Standing

This session is for those interested in gaining more insight into the life of a sex trafficking survivor. A revealing personal story of victimization and survival will be told. I will discuss the warning signs and the best ways to engage a potential victim, including the need for sensitivity and compassion, and an understanding of vulnerability, ignorance, and innocence. Public awareness is my goal. I will illustrate the importance of knowing about your child's life, friends, and leisure activities, along with an understanding of their development, personality, and self esteem. I wish to speak out in hopes of educating the uninformed and answering the questions that you need to ask. Because the best way to help victims is to hear a story and understand in a very compassionate way, what victims go through, including the emotional, physical, and mental health damage involved, and the years of repair, recovery, and healing needed to become a successful survivor.

#### **BURNS, OLIVIA & SPROUSE, FAITH**

**Olivia Burns** received her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Sociology along with her Peace and Conflict Studies Certificate from the University of Colorado in 2010. More recently, she has pursued a Masters in Criminal Justice at the University of Toledo. Ms. Burns is a scholar in training for the National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Her primary research focus is domestic minor sex trafficking, with a particular focus on trauma-informed care. She has prior professional experiences in trauma counseling and creative therapies in Boulder, Colorado.

**Faith Sprouse** earned her Bachelor of Social Work Degree at the University of Bowling Green. She has worked as a behavioral specialist working directly with severely emotionally disturbed youth at a local behavioral health agency. Faith is currently pursuing an MSW degree at the University of Toledo while also interning at the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition.

This session is for those new to the field of human trafficking and provides a basic overview of human trafficking, including information on domestic and foreign trafficking and labor and sex trafficking.

# CIMINO, ANDREA

**Andrea N. Cimino** is a PhD candidate in the School of Social Work at Arizona State University. She completed her MSW at ASU, and studied sociology and women's studies as an undergraduate. Her research focuses on developing and testing health behavior prediction models, specifically, a quantitative model examining intentions to exit street-level prostitution. Andrea has advanced statistical training, and a special interest in psychometrics. She has over four years of experience developing and managing program evaluations with a state-wide Latino empowerment organization in Arizona.

Advances in Developing an Assessment to Measure Intentions to Exit Street Prostitution

Exiting street-level prostitution is a notoriously long, difficult and involved process. Women can cycle in and out of prostitution as many as 5 times before successfully exiting (Saphira & Herbert, 2004), if they are able to leave at all. Even when women make deliberate attempts to leave by enrolling in a formal intervention program, several studies have shown that only about 20-25% successfully leave prostitution (i.e., Davis, 2000, N = 291; Saphira & Herbet, 2004, N = 47; Dalla, 2006, N = 18). Currently, clinicians do not have an objective assessment to help them identify persons at risk of returning to prostitution, and may not be providing the appropriate intervention or the necessary level of care. This presentation describes advances in developing an assessment that may be useful in identifying a risk of returning to prostitution, and may potentially explain and predict an exit from prostitution. Specifically, the assessment examines attitudes, norms, and self-efficacy beliefs that underlie a prostituted woman's intention to exit street-level prostitution. Practitioners are encouraged to attend.

### **DE CHESNAY, MARY**

**Mary de Chesnay** is: Professor, WellStar School of Nursing, Kennesaw State University-(near Atlanta); Former Dean of Nursing, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh and Jean Bushman Endowed Chair, Seattle University; Psychotherapist since 1973 specializing in child sexual abuse, including trafficking survivors

Member, Georgia Governor's Office Task Force on Commercial Sex Exploitation of Children (CSEC Task Force); and Author, Sex Trafficking: A Clinical Guide for Nurses published by Springer, Dec., 2012

Post-Rescue Interventions for Victims of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking

The physical and mental traumatic events experienced by victims of domestic minor sex trafficking (DMST) are profound and not unlike the experiences of victims of state-sanctioned torture. Injuries sustained during the period of exploitation leave scars not only on the body but on the spirit that will prevent the child from having any semblance of a happy life unless interventions are designed, funded and delivered by well-trained service providers. The depth of trauma complicates both

rescue efforts and post-rescue treatment. While evidence-based research on interventions is sparse, this paper is an attempt to summarize the best practices to date by incorporating data from survivors, clinicians, researchers, and administrative specialists who have developed comprehensive programs to help victims become survivors. The paper progresses from a description of how prostituted children differ from other children who have experienced violence, leading to a summary of the wide range of mental and physical health risks, cost implications of treatments, and ending with culturally appropriate treatments for this population. It is hoped that the information presented here will be useful to policy makers and others committed to putting an end to modern slavery.

#### **DEMERS, CAROLE**

**Carole Demers** holds a bachelor of Social Work from the University of Sherbrooke. She has been with the Monteregie Youth Center for 20 years, where she has intervened with teenager with the Youth Protection Act. For two years now, she has been working as a counsellor in project MOBILIS. She supervises, accompanies and trains youth workers in order to develop their expertise for intervention with teenagers at risk of joining street gangs. She participates in multisectorial youth worker tables in order to support and mobilize community partners to ensure a concerted effort in the fight against street gang phenomenon.

Discussion of Project Mobilis: A Partnership Between Police and Youth

The "project Mobilis" is a partnership between "the Youth Center of Monteregie", the police force of the agglomeration of Longueuil and the Youth club "Kekpart", located also in Longueuil. This integrated approach offers a fight to the sexual exploitation of teenagers by the street gangs. At the time of the workshop, we will speak about the implementation of the project, its challenges but especially the result of such a partnership on the level of the widened knowledge of the problems, the acquired expertise of the case workers and the social rehabilitation of the girls. We will also speak about the accompaniment of the girls through: their personal difficulties, their first contacts with the gangs, the beginnings of their sexual exploitation, their progress, their participation in the criminal activities, the problems lived in the gangs and their search for empowerment. Thereafter, we will approach the role of police officers in the journey of these girls, particularly during the arrests, the spontaneous statements made by the girls to the police officers, the criminal charges submitted to the state attorneys and through their testimony in Court. We will discuss the support necessary in these procedures for the girls, the social workers, the prosecutors and the investigators. To conclude, it will be question of the commitment necessary from the different organizations throughout the intervention in order to help these girls in their social reintegration in a long-term vision. We will share with you our different experiments.

#### **ESPINOZA, MICHELLE CASARELLA**

**Michelle Casarella Espinoza**, M.A. is a doctoral candidate at Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology located in Sacramento, California. Michelle currently works as a research assistant and a staff therapist at Sage psychotherapy associates. Her research and clinical interests include immigration stress, trauma, human trafficking, women's issues and personality assessment. Michelle is currently in the process of conducting dissertation research; which focuses on victim blaming within sex trafficking.

# Victim Blaming within Sex Trafficking

The study will examine victim blaming attitudes towards survivors of human trafficking. Extensive research has been conducted on the role of attribution and victim blaming in regards to survivors of rape; yet this has not been examined for survivors of sex trafficking. Nonetheless, when evaluating the definition of sex trafficking, it certainly contains components of sexual assault and exploitation. Building upon previous blame attribution research for sexual assault survivors, levels of victim blame will be examined for both survivors of sexual assault and sex trafficking. In addition, participants will be separated according to gender and ethnicity, to examine possible cultural and gendered effects of victim blaming. Evaluating the degree of secondary victimization in the form of victim blaming is crucial to understanding the underlying societal components of sex trafficking.

The following hypotheses will be examined:

- 1. Males from both the White and Hispanic ethnic groups will report higher levels of blame attribution for both female victims in the hypothetical vignettes depicting rape and human sex trafficking than White and Hispanic female participants.
- 2. Whites from both genders will attribute more blame to victims of human trafficking than victims of sexual assault. Hispanics from both genders will attribute more blame to victims of sexual assault than human sex trafficking.

This study is being completed as dissertation research. Data is currently being collected and preliminary analysis will be completed at the time of the conference.

# FEDOR, TERESA

Since 2000, **Representative Teresa Fedor** has served as both a State Representative and a State Senator in Ohio. She has made it her mission to work to combat human trafficking. Her legislation has made trafficking a stand-alone felony, has formed the Trafficking in Persons Study Commission and, most recently, has comprehensively addressed the issues associated with connecting trafficking victims to the services they need to become survivors.

Safe Harbor Legislation: What it is and How to Pass it and Implement it

The responsibility of any politician is to speak for the people, particularly those that are vulnerable, oppressed, and often invisible to society. Human Trafficking, particularly Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking, is an act of modern day slavery, one in which youth are exploited and often treated as criminals instead of victims. Too often traffickers and customers have walked away from the halls of justice. Because of the collaborative work of governmental and nongovernmental organizations, we were able to pass two anti-trafficking laws in Ohio to protect victims. In July, 2012, Ohio signed the Safe Harbor Legislation into law. Independence Day took on a renewed meaning. Ohio began to truly be a "Free State". Session attendees will learn what the Safe Harbor law is and what was done to get it passed. Ohioans attending this session will learn what to do to take this information back to their communities and advocate for the necessary pieces to be in place to implement the new law. Those from other states will learn how to take this information back to their state to begin the process of passing a Safe Habor Law and joining Ohio in truly becoming a "free state".

#### FLORES, THERESA

**Ms. Flores** has been a licensed Social Worker for over twenty years. She received her Master's in Counseling Education from University of Dayton and a Bachelor's of Social Work from Ball State University. Ms. Flores was appointed to the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission in 2009 and has testified before the Ohio House and Senate in supports of Human Trafficking Legislation. Her efforts were a major part of the success of SB235 being passed into law by Governor Strickland on Dec. 23rd, 2010. Ms. Flores was recognized by current Ohio Governor Kaisch and received the Courage Award for her work in human trafficking.

Ms. Flores is featured by the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Museum in a traveling exhibit entitled, Invisible Slavery and has published two books, "The Sacred Bath" and "The Slave Across the Street". The audio version of her latest book was nominated for The 2011 Audie Award, being in the top 5 of all memoirs and biographies. Her story has been seen on The Today Show & MSNBC: Sex Slaves-The Teen Trade and SOAP has been featured on Nightline and America's Most Wanted.

Finding Your Voice: How to tell your story- The Pitfalls and Benefits

This session is directed to survivors and providers who work with survivors. It will discuss the benefits and pitfalls of telling a survivor story publically. We will discuss how to do TV interviews, documentaries and all types of media. We will discuss how a survivor can find their voice, write their story and how not to become victimized or exploited in doing so. The session will also discuss the ethics of having a survivor in a program share their story.

# FOSTER, MEG

**Meg Foster** is a 23-year-old sociology student, a member of SWOP-Chicago, and a former sex worker. Her academic interests include human sexuality, gender, NGO-networks, and the organization of underground economic marketplaces. She has spent the last year and a half studying formal and informal virtual commercial sex marketplaces and is a passionate advocate for sex worker rights and innovative solutions for improving the lives of individuals involved in the sex trade.

Virtual Commercial Sex Communities: Harm Reduction from the Inside and New Frontiers for Outreach

The majority of media attention on prostitution in the dot com era construct virtual marketplaces as facilitating underage and forced prostitution. However, the Internet also provides invaluable resources for keeping women in the sex industry sane, independent and safe. I will begin by discussing how virtual marketplaces, screening programs, blacklists and formal and informal virtual networks of sex workers directly or indirectly reduce the risks of working in the sex industry. I will proceed to argue that virtual marketplaces present an outstanding, low-cost, high-impact opportunity for outreach, focusing on two John Boards (BestGFE & Punternet) that prominently list information on trafficking indicators and resources for sex workers. I will then discuss how existing legislation impedes outreach efforts by individuals in sex worker communities

as well as how effective initiatives to abolish the sex industry would require the dismantling of marketplaces and regulatory systems that ultimately keep workers safe. I will conclude by urging NGO representatives and academics to direct more attention to informal commercial sex marketplaces on the internet, marketplaces that lack the formal and informal infrastructure currently used by sex workers, and the risks individuals using these virtual spaces face.

#### **GROVER, TOMI LEE**

**Tomi Lee "T.L." Grover** serves as an educator with TraffickStop, an anti-human trafficking initiative. She is currently involved in several initiatives pertaining to human trafficking. T.L. holds a Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work and Ministry-Based Evangelism, a Master of Arts in Christian Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a BA in Criminal Justice from the University of Florida.

MANGO: Mobilization, Advocacy Non-Governmental Organizations

MANGO - A new niche of community response and education has emerged in the activities concerning human trafficking. This kind of specialty was identified in a recent publication of the Law Enforcement Executive Forum, Vol. 12, No.1, March, 2012 by John Vanek and Kirsten Foot. (http://traccc.gmu.edu/pdfs/Law\_Enforcement\_Executive\_Forum.pdf#page=8)

"... increasing societal awareness of human trafficking over the last few years is both due to and resulting in the growth of a different type of NGO: those focused on mobilizing citizens against human trafficking and on (mostly) local and state-level advocacy for stronger anti-trafficking laws and better services for trafficking victims. These **mobilization/advocacy NGOs (MANGOs)** rarely if ever provide direct services for victims and, thus, may not have any direct contact with law enforcement or other government entities.

TraffickStop is a MANGO—educating and connecting community organizations focused on human trafficking. Trainings focus on prevention, intervention, education, and restoration and create connections for dialogue between disciplines for NGO's, medical professionals, service providers, educators, homeless networks, and others to law enforcement as well as governmental agencies. This workshop will give specifics on education, advocacy, and engagement. The focus will be on working within local communities and connections to form a community-based model. Readiness to respond to victims of trafficking continues to be a dilemma for those receiving training especially in areas where a coordinated taskforce of law enforcement professionals, medical, and service provider organizations have not been formed. Resources for next steps will be made available.

# HARDIE, JAMES & SWARTZ, PETER

**Special Agent Jake Hardie** has been employed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for approximately 10 years. SA Hardie is currently assigned to the Cleveland Division, Toledo Resident Agency where he serves as the coordinator of the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Northwest Ohio Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force (NWOVCACTF). The NWOVCACTF was formed in 2006, and to date has recovered or identified over 70 victims of child prostitution. SA Hardie has extensive experience investigating violent crime matters, to include crimes against children, and Indian Country matters. Prior to SA Hardie's employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigation,

he served in the United States Marine Corps. SA Hardie graduated from Tiffin University where he received a Bachelor of Criminal Justice, in the Forensic Psychology program.

**Detective Pete Swartz** joined the Toledo Police Department in October 1992, after graduating from the University of Toledo with a Bachelor of Business Administration. Detective Swartz worked uniform patrol for five years before being assigned to the Special Enforcement Bureau Vice/ Narcotics Section where he has worked for the last thirteen years. Detective Swartz is currently assigned to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Northwest Ohio Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force (NWOVCACTF). The NWOVCACTF was formed in 2006, and to date has recovered or identified over 70 victims of child prostitution. Detective Swartz is one of the original members of the NWOVCACTF.

United States v. Willoughby - Sex Trafficking Case Study

This course will cover the investigation and prosecution of a federal juvenile sex trafficking case, United States v. Willoughby. This case was one of the first sex trafficking cases to go to trial in the Western Division of the Northern District of Ohio. It was investigated by the Northwest Ohio Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force, using their victim centered approach to sex trafficking investigations.

# **HEART, CRYSTA**

**Crysta Heart** has worked in a variety of areas of adult entertainment for 15 years. Raised with philanthropic beliefs, she has been an active human and animal rights advocate and activist since 1987. Crysta became proactive in the sex workers rights movement after attending the first Desiree Alliance conference. After meeting and being inspired by Robyn Few, she started SWOP-MI in 2006. She uses a social justice approach to serve and educate her community. Crysta believes in the recognition of all to consensually and fluidly explore and express their spiritual and sexual selves as they choose is right for them.

Scarlet Road: Sex Work with the Disabled

Scarlet Road follows the extraordinary work of Australian sex worker, Rachel Wotton. Impassioned about freedom of sexual expression and the rights of sex workers, she specializes in a long overlooked clientele – those with disabilities. Crysta Heart, a former sex worker with experience also serving the disabled population, will show the video and discuss her experience and the need for this type of sexual expression, sexual freedom, and the rights of sex workers.

# LEE, SAMUEL

**Samuel Lee** is a financial economist in the Stern School of Business at New York University. Among other things, his research focuses on governance and the regulation of control in financial markets.

Human Trafficking and Regulating Prostitution

The effect of prostitution laws on human trafficking and voluntary prostitution is subject to debate. We argue theoretically that neither legalization nor criminalization can simultaneously protect

voluntary prostitutes and unambiguously reduce trafficking. We propose a novel, "hybrid" policy that achieves both objectives and restores the free market outcome that arises in the absence of trafficking. If a regulator aims to eradicate all prostitution instead, the optimal policy criminalizes all johns. Criminalizing prostitutes is ineffective and unjust because it fails to eradicate trafficking and penalizes victims. We consider cross-border trafficking, sex tourism, social norms, and political support for prostitution laws. The model predicts that the female-male income ratio is a key determinant of what share of prostitutes is trafficked, the consequences of prostitution laws, and the political will to enact or enforce them.

### LIBERTINE, SERPENT

**Serpent Libertine** is the current Director of Sex Workers Outreach Project-Chicago, former media team coordinator for the Desiree Alliance, an organizer with the Chicago Recovery Alliance's "Recovery Rags" program, and creator of the sex worker-made media site Red Light District Chicago. She has lectured on issues related to sex work and trafficking at various colleges and universities including Northwestern University, DePaul University, University of Maryland, the University of Illinois at Chicago and is the current host of the "Chicago Sex Tour" for the Discovery Center. She holds a BA in Documentary Film and is currently working on a Master's degree in Social Work.

Nothing About Us, Without Us: the Importance of Including Sex Workers and Rights-based Perspectives in Addressing Sex Trafficking

This presentation will give a critique of the current anti-trafficking movement, most notably the neglect of many anti-trafficking groups and legislators to include sex workers and sex workers rights organizations in those efforts. As an expert about the diverse experiences of those in the sex trades, and the challenges faced by those providing sexual labor, I feel that the lack of inclusion of sex workers and rights-based policy is a huge detriment to finding real solutions to exploitation and human trafficking.

The first portion of the discussion will be about the lack of understanding of the wide range of experiences in the sex trades, and why it's important to understand those complexities when discussing options for addressing human trafficking. I will also cover ways in which sex workers and their allies have unique insight and access to exploited communities that law enforcement and outside organizations lack, showing the importance of our inclusion in those efforts.

The second part of discussion will focus on the trend for legislative response, and the human rights concerns involved when some of these tactics are applied. How do some of these laws affect consensual workers? Colleagues? Workers' families? Consumers? The community at-large?

I further will discuss the gender bias and messaging of the movement:

- how some groups exploit the issue, ironically using the "sex" vs. other types of labor
- trafficking to raise funds and gain community awareness
- lack of representation of young boys/trans/gender non-conformists as victims
- messaging of male consumers, other workers or activists as "traffickers"
- co-opting of human trafficking to push conservative/moral policy

While our presentation will be a critique of current trends in anti-trafficking, our intention is create an environment for all of us involved in fighting human trafficking to take stock in past efforts, and possibly re-evaluate our approaches for the future. We feel that including sex workers and sex workers rights organizations is an essential part in those efforts, and hope to find more opportunities to participate through this presentation.

# **LUCKING, JENNIFER**

**Jennifer Lucking** is a front-line worker with Walk With Me Canada Victim Services, an organization which provides support and services to victims of human trafficking. She is enrolled in the MA program in Social Justice & Equity Studies at Brock University in St. Catharines, Ontario where she is completing her thesis on recruitment methods in domestic sex trafficking.

Playing "The Game": How Canadian females are recruited into domestic sex trafficking

Pimps rely on a variety of physical, social and psychological methods to recruit and trap females into the dark world of sex trafficking or "the Game." The mindset of victims as they are targeted, recruited, and conditioned by pimps needs to be better understood by policy makers, law enforcement, youth workers, health services, and social organizations not only to provide adequate services for victims, but also to identity behaviours in youth that may indicate that they are at risk of becoming trafficked. Through semi-structured interviews with experienced individuals knowledgeable of current recruitment methods, I explore the strategies pimps utilize to recruit Canadian females into domestic sex trafficking.

My investigation into the strategies includes the initial meeting between the trafficker and the target and the consequent physical, social and emotional methods utilized to condition the victim into compliance to perform sexual acts with customers of the trafficker. Data collected through interviews with those knowledgeable of recruitment trends in Canada is compared with four "pimping manuals" (Coates, 2006; Gholson, 2001; Pimpin' Ken, 2007; Royal, 2000) which provide explicit instruction on how to exploit females. In collecting data from both pimping manuals and the experiences of individuals familiar with current cases in the Canadian context, a presentation of the initial findings of this ongoing research will begin to provide a comprehensive assessment of popular domestic sex trafficking recruitment methods and techniques.

#### LYNDS, HEATHER

**Heather Lynds** is a recent graduate of the MA Political Science program at the University of Windsor. As a feminist political scientist and sex work advocate her work focuses on the experiences of female prostitutes in relation to the state.

Where are the Women? A Feminist Institutionalist Analysis of the Role of Gender in Canadian Prostitution Legislation

My research addresses the legislative paradox surrounding prostitution in Canada. Specifically my work is a Liberal Feminist effort that utilizes the methodology of Feminist Institutionalism to identify where women are in this legislative process. Feminist Institutionalism is used by Feminist

Political Scientists to uncover gendered norms that exist within institutions and validate the experiences of women affected by these biases.

My research represents a selected chronology of prostitution legislation in Canada spanning from 1839 until present day, with an emphasis on the *Bedford v. Canada* case. I conducted a qualitative study of Canadian prostitution legislation that evaluated the law making process to determine whether or not the laws were gendered or considered the input of the primarily female group being criminalized. I used the results of this investigation to inform my research question: *Does the Bedford v. Canada case represent an increase in gender recognition in the decisions made by the courts? Furthermore, if this is the reality, what has provoked the courts to consider gender as a factor now?* 

Given the opportunity to present at this year's conference I would detail the results of this investigation. I would share highlights from my extensive research on Canadian prostitution legislation and explain how it is gendered. I would also take the opportunity to discuss the unique circumstance of legislated prostitution in my home town of Windsor Ontario and how it relates to the *Bedford* case.

# MAMPANE, JOE

Johannes Mampane is a Doctoral Candidate in the Department of Health Studies, and a Research Assistant in the Department of Sociology at the University of South Africa. His research interests lie in the fields of Health, Sexuality and Gender Studies, with a specific focus on the Sexual and Mental Health aspects of Minority groups in Southern Africa, particularly Gay Men, Lesbian Women and both Female and Male Sex Workers.

Male Sex Workers and the risk of HIV-infection in Hillbrow, South Africa

Background: There has been a paucity of research that deals with men who sell sex to other men in South Africa. Researchers have focused mainly on female sex workers, and paid limited attention to male sex workers, despite the fact that male sex workers have been in existence for a long period of time. This study sets out to investigate the risk of HIV-infection among male sex workers and their clients, as well as to empower male sex workers with knowledge to safeguard their own sexual health and that of their clients.

Methods: A qualitative research strategy of phenomenology was utilised to collect data by means of in-depth interviews and participant observation. The researcher observed and interviewed male sex workers in Hillbrow brothels and streets, with the help of an insider, a former male sex worker. Ethical clearance to conduct the study was obtained from the University of South Africa Research Ethics Committee.

Results: It is revealed by this study that male sex workers and their clients have been involved in risky sexual behaviours and activities which have exposed them to HIV-infection. Substances such as alcohol and drugs, which exacerbate the risk of HIV infection, have been excessively used and abused by these men. Socio-economic factors such as poverty, lack of education and unemployment compelled these men to become involved in sex work with the aim of earning money in order to survive.

Conclusions: The study demonstrates that male sex workers are also susceptible to HIV-infection. It is shown by this study that there is a need to develop interventions to prevent the spread of HIV among male sex workers and their clients. The study informs the South African government to work towards the decriminalisation of sex work in order to be able to introduce policies that will protect the health and wellbeing of sex workers. The decriminalisation of sex work will also enable sex workers to access HIV prevention, treatment, care and support services.

#### MANSFIELD, KIMBERLEY

**Kimberley** is a former Sex Worker who has been a guest lecturer at numerous Universities where her first book 'Danced in my Brain' (General Store Publishing House 1995) was used as required reading for Social Work, Women's Studies and Sociology. Her early activism began in the mid 70s, and was followed by her work in 1989 in AIDS education, Sex Worker Advocacy, Harm Reduction, Program Development and Implementation. She has been and continues to be an advocate for women involved in survival sex work and currently provides frontline services in Ottawa, Ontario, through Minwaashin Lodge's STORM (Sex Trade out Reach Mobile) program, which she developed and implemented. Kimberley has consulted for various Law Enforcement agencies and sits on Local Human Trafficking Committee and several sub committees, & numerous other VAW committees and advisory committees.

Outcomes, Successes, Challenges and Ethical Dilemmas as experienced by Frontline Support Workers, and the women involved in Survival Sex Work that services are delivered to: Partnering with Law Enforcement in critical times.

Minwaashin Lodge Aboriginal Women's Support Center, STORM program (Sex Trade out Reach Mobile) is the only program in the City of Ottawa, Ontario, working directly with survival sex workers, where they work. A relationship with police was developed to ensure Outreach to marginalized women could occur without fear of police interference, which was extremely successful. This partnership was then further developed in light of a National Media Release & Alert from Ottawa's Chief of Police directed at Sex Workers, announcing that a serial killer was targeting their community. To help facilitate communication between criminalized women and police to assist in the investigation of a serial killer, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada targeting this vulnerable and marginalized group of women, a Safe Reporting pilot project was entered into between STORM and police. The STORM program is on the ground & meets with an average of 100 women 3 nights a week until 1am, providing support, informal counseling, food, clothing, harm reduction supplies, emergency shelter, bad date info, and housing help and takes numerous disclosers nightly of violence. As such, STORM entered into the agreement with police to ensure women were able to safely report all incidents of violence. This presentation will look at the outcomes, successes, challenges, and some of the ethical dilemmas' faced by support workers when partnering with Law Enforcement.

# MARTIN, LAUREN & LOTSPEICH, RICHARD

**Lauren Martin** is Director of Research at the Urban Research Outreach/Engagement Center (UROC) at the University of Minnesota. Lauren Martin received her PhD in Anthropology and Historical Studies from the New School for Social Research in NYC. She has been conducting community-engaged and participatory action research on sex trading and trafficking since 2006;

she also uses that research-based knowledge to help build programs, develop interventions and guide policy decisions.

**Professor Lotspeich** completed a Ph.D. at the University of New Mexico while beginning work at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in the Systems Analysis Group. In 1990 he joined the Economics Department at Indiana State University, where he is currently a professor. During his tenure at ISU he has also held visiting positions at universities in St. Petersburg, Russia and Shenyang, People's Republic of China. In addition to courses in beginning and intermediate microeconomics, he teaches and conducts research in three areas of applied economics: environmental policy; transitional economies; and economics of crime, conflict and corruption.

Early Intervention to Avoid Sex Trading by Minnesota's Female Youth: A Benefit-Cost Analysis

This presentation describes our study of the monetary impact on Minnesota taxpayers of early intervention to prevent sex trading among Minnesota's female youth. We analyze the monetary impact of a new and an innovative policy in Minnesota designed to reduce social harms from sex trading among adolescents (e.g. survival sex, prostitution, sex trafficking). Our economic model treats the intervention program as an investment project and calculates its long-term return on tax payer investment. We view "benefits" as the monetary cost of harms of sex trading that are avoided by successfully preventing juvenile involvement sex trading. The "cost" is the monetary cost of programming and housing needed to prevent sex trading. The analysis only examines the issue from the narrow perspective of the public budget. We do not examine the full social and economic cost of sex trading, prostitution, and trafficking.

Our valuation of harms caused by sex trading is a conservative estimate based on available social science data. We constructed models to account for individual variation in experience and the wide range of type and degree of harms documented in the literature. Our model also considers different levels of intervention program effectiveness and different discount rates in a sensitivity analysis. We find that it is in the best interest of tax payers to fund early intervention. The program returns positive Net Present Value in all but the most pessimistic effectiveness scenario. This study was commissioned by Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center with funding from the Nathan Cummings Foundation.

#### MATTIMOE, MEGAN

**Megan Mattimoe** is an attorney and guardian ad litem who works directly with minor victims of domestic sex trafficking through the Northwest Ohio Violent Crimes Against Children Task Force and the Office of Victims Services at the FBI in Toledo, Ohio. Ms. Mattimoe holds a Juris Doctor in International Law, cum laude, from the University of Toledo.

The Importance of Educated Guardians Ad Litem in Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Work

During this interactive workshop you will learn what role a guardian ad litem plays in the life of minors involved in domestic sex trafficking, the juvenile court, and the child welfare system; the importance of this role, from the minor's first disclosure to the court or law enforcement through the minor's reintegration into society; and how and why a guardian ad litem who is specifically trained to work with trafficking victims, and the agencies which serve them, is essential to working in the minor's best interest.

# MONTO, MARTIN

Martin A. Monto, Ph.D., is a Professor of Sociology at the University of Portland, Oregon's Catholic University. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from UCLA in 1992, specializing in the intersection between social psychology, gender, and deviance. One of the nation's leading authorities on the customers of prostitutes, his career has focused on understanding and reducing violence against women. Other recent research topics include sexual assault prevention, graffiti, and homophobia. His studies have been supported by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Justice. He recently received a 3-year grant from the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Violence Against Women to help his institution launch a peer intervention program to reduce violence on campus.

The Every Man or the Peculiar Man? New Research on the Motives and Misconceptions Surrounding Customers of Prostitutes

Prostituted women, particularly those working the streets, are frequent victims of violence. Are their customers bent on violence against women, naïve participants in a system of violence, or do they play some other role? Using new data as well as existing data, this presentation will contrast frequent users of prostitutes (or *hobbyists*), arrested customers, national samples of men who have paid for sex, and representative samples of men who have not. The presentation will also critically examine recent claims about customers and describe their motives, orientations, and contribution to the problems associated with prostitution. Understanding the customers of prostitutes has the potential to contribute to reduced demand for prostitution without compromising existing efforts to meet the needs of survivors.

# MORRIS, MEAGAN

**Meagan Morris** works at Denver based Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking. LCHT focuses on community-based research, training and education initiatives to address the issue of human trafficking. In 2011 Meagan was the lead researcher for a study examining the enforcement of prostitution laws in the City and County of Denver in order to identify potential points of intersection between prostitution and human trafficking.

The Influence of Law Enforcement Attitudes on Prostitution Enforcement and Sex Trafficking Investigations

As prostitution enforcement becomes a vehicle for combating sex trafficking, it is important to explore law enforcements attitudes about prostitution and sex trafficking. In 2011 Denver---based Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking conducted a study examining prostitution---related offenses in the City and County of Denver. *Prostitution and Denver's Criminal Justice System: Who Pays?* Features data to better understand attitudes, perceptions and actions regarding prostitution enforcement broadly by conducting surveys and interviews with various law enforcement personnel. The study included an analysis of archival data in order to create a comprehensive picture of the systems involved in prostitution enforcement efforts. The motivation for this study was to examine the enforcement of current prostitution laws to better understand the links between the purchasing of sex and human trafficking. One primary finding of this study

demonstrated gender disparities in arrests. Moreover, the assumptions of who a john is compared to who a prostitute is were corroborated with data collected from this study.

Dichotomies emerged from the data: johns are "everyday men" and prostitutes are either "drug---addicted criminals" or "victims in need of assistance." Our findings suggest that law enforcement attitudes may influence motivations for arrests, and can either deter or encourage sex trafficking investigations.

#### MUELLER, DARIA

**Daria Mueller** is the Associate Director of Policy at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless (CCH), a leading non-profit in Illinois that organizes and advocates to prevent and end homelessness based on the belief that housing is a human right in a just society. During her seven years at CCH, she has specialized in advocacy focused on ending youth homelessness and violence against women. Daria leads the Prostitution Alternatives Round Table (PART), a network of public and private agencies and survivors of the sex trade that work together to address prostitution in Chicago and statewide. She has worked within the End Demand Illinois coalition to successfully pass legislation in Illinois that benefits women impacted by the sex trade, including a bill which allows victims of sex trafficking to have their prostitution convictions vacated, providing immunity from prosecution for prostituted minors, and expanding the definition of trafficking to include the coercive tactics used to control victims.

She has also advocated for legislation that offers alternatives to incarceration, criminal record sealing for those who have been convicted, and civil relief for those prostituted by others. As an organizer for PART, she worked with survivors of the sex trade in Chicago to develop their leadership and political activism. She recruited and co-facilitated a group of 15 survivors of the sex trade who created the 2006 documentary film, Turning A Corner, produced by Beyondmedia Education. Daria most recently worked to establish and acts as a special consultant to the WINGS Project, a new Cook County problem-solving court for women charged with felony prostitution, which offers women community-based services instead of prison time. A long-time advocate for homeless individuals, Daria also worked in homeless services in Milwaukee, WI. She received her Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago (Jane Addams College of Social Work), and her BSW from the University of Wisconsin- Madison.

Treatment and Diversion Court Projects in the U.S.: An Alternative Criminal Justice Approach to Prostitution.

Specialty courts for prostitution offenses are a newer form of "problem-solving" or "treatment" courts modeled after drug and mental health courts. Instead of incarcerating prostituted individuals, these courts divert them into treatment and social services in the community. Several "community courts", which have existed since the 1990s, have included prostitution related offenses in their diversion programs as well. While some of these courts started with the intention of appeasing the local community's desire to increase public safety, the majority now aim to address and change the underlying issues which lead to prostitution.

In January of 2011, with the help of the Prostitution Alternatives Round Table (PART) of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, the WINGS Project, a treatment court for women with felony prostitution offenses was launched in Cook County. WINGS (Women in Need of Gender-Specific Services) and its overflow court call, "Feathers," have seen over 125 women enter into services.

During the two years we spent planning and preparing for WINGS, PART gathered information about other court models around the country that divert individuals with prostitution offenses away from prison time and into community based treatment and services. We learned that though many court projects were not aware of each other, there were many similarities and common challenges.

My presentation would 1) discuss the conception, planning, and dynamic nature of the WINGS Project, and 2) provide a review of the different court models, recommendations about best practices, and strategies for starting other specialty treatment courts for individuals with prostitution offenses.

# PERDUE, TASHA & WILLIAMSON, CELIA

**Tasha Perdue** graduated with her MSW focused on social policy and evaluation from the University of Michigan. She is a currently a visiting lecturer at the University of Toledo. She is a member of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition.

**Dr. Williamson** has been awarded federal grants to study the issue of prostitution and human trafficking. She has published over 20 research articles on the subject. Dr. Williamson founded the Toledo based Second Chance program for survivors in 1993. In 2009 Dr. Williamson developed a county wide Human Trafficking Coalition. She currently chairs the Research and Analysis Subcommittee of the State's Trafficking in Persons Commission.

# Human Trafficking 2.0

Findings from a study of five Ohio cities, reveals the experiences of domestic minor sex trafficking victims six months and a year before being trafficked. These experiences, identified as early indicators, may be used by first responders to recognize trafficked or high risk youth. Using an immediate assessment, first responders may detect and report potential victims to those who will be able to respond. Session participants will learn to conduct an immediate assessment leading to immediate reporting. In addition to learning to identify victims and high risk youth, session facilitators will educate the audience on those recruiting victims into the sex trade and those purchasing victims.

#### PERVAIZ, FATIMA

**Fatima Roohi Pervaiz** is an experienced public speaker and educator who has lovingly provided social justice and comprehensive sexuality education to thousands of area youth at Planned Parenthood of Northwest Ohio, AIDS Resource Center Ohio and currently in UT's Office of Multicultural Student Success. A graduate of The University of Toledo with her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and her Master's Degree in Liberal Studies, Ms. Pervaiz is also a certified HIV Tester/Counselor who is trained in Bridges out of Poverty.

# MISS-Representation

In 2012, the average youth in America is engaged in an average of 7.5 hours of entertainment media per day. *Miss-Representation* is the award-winning documentary that exposes how mainstream

media contributes to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence in America. The film challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman or girl to feel powerful herself. The facilitator will show the film and discuss with the audience the strong influence of the media and how both girls and boys can have a positive and healthy view of females.

# PETRO, MELISSA

**Melissa Petro** is a freelance writer and experienced teacher with two Masters including an MFA in Creative Nonfiction from The New School. She is Program Coordinator and Instructor of the Becoming Writers Program, an 8 week creative writing workshop sponsored by Red Umbrella Project, a New York City nonprofit organization dedicated to amplifying the voices of people in the sex trade.

How Sex Worker Advocacy Groups and Anti-Trafficking Organizations Can Work Together Better

Individuals participate in the industry by choice, by force and because of circumstances other than force. Whatever one's experience or opinion on the industry, current and former sex workers deserve respect and require community support when representing oneself publicly in the media. Dubbed the "Hooker Teacher" in 2010, former sex worker- turned NYC elementary school teacher Melissa Petro works today as a freelance writer, teacher (of adults) and sex worker advocate, dedicated to promoting the message that everyone, particularly people who've been historically rendered invisible, have the human right to be seen as well as heard, and that true social change comes about by listening without judgement or condescension to the communities we purportedly seek to help. She will lead a conversation that explores how sex worker advocacy groups and antitrafficking organizations can better work together to promote self-representation and reduce backlash when sex workers are 'outed' or choose to 'out' themselves. The desired outcome of the conversation are talking points that both sides agree to release that speaks in general support of sex workers' willingness to share their stories and the importance of sex workers' firsthand involvement in the public debate over prostitution.

# PHIBBS, BARBARA & BASSETT-TRIMM, CHARMAINE

**Barbara Phibbs** graduated from Victoria Hospital School of Nursing where she received her RN. She worked at Victoria Hospital in Oncology, Surgery, and Urology. She also worked for the Langdon Allergy Clinic. She attended the University of Western Ontario, the University of Windsor, and the University of Toledo. She Graduated from Florida College of Integrative Medicine AP, OMD. She is certified in Laser Surgery, NADA, Facial Rejuvenation, and Hypnosis, Auricular Therapy.

Charmaine Bassett-Trimm was one of the top aerobic athletes in the country and founder of Team Miami (FL) whose members placed first in every area of competition they entered. She has coached many top athletes to superior performance. She has been working for over 35 years in the health/nutrition field. Her parents own and operate two of the largest health food stores in Ohio. Charmaine teaches, lectures, and practices a variety of modalities including nutrition, diet, exercise, supplementation, sport's nutrition, and body work, along with microcurrent, biofeedback, neurofeedback, lymph draining, balancing biochemistry, balancing pH and oxidative stress,

balancing neurotransmitters and brain biochemistry, in regards to addressing stress, addictions, anxiety, learning disabilities, behavioral issues, and increasing cognitive function.

Healing the Mind, Body & Spirit: Alternative Ways of Healing Trauma Part I

Well-Being encompasses all our parts, not just the physical body. Trauma disturbs the mind, body, and spirit. When acute or chronic trauma has occurred, our mind, body, and spirit have been affected and health is compromised. Attending to the whole person, which includes spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical needs, should be addressed for complete healing to occur. Presenters in Part I and Part II of this session discuss perspectives that are complementary to traditional western medicine.

# **PYC, IWETTA**

Iwetta Pyc is an Academic Director and an Assistant Professor at the Washington Semester Program at American University. She teaches the International Law and Organizations Seminar, Internship Seminar and/or Research Project. Professor Pyc specializes in the International Protection of Human Rights, Gender and Law, and Children's Rights. Prior to joining American University, she served as a Legal Senior Fellow at the Polaris Project, a D.C. nonprofit organization fighting human trafficking. Professor Pyc also taught Fundamentals of Law at Georgetown University. For the past three years, Professor Pyc has served as a judge at the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition in Washington, D.C., in which more than 252 universities from 39 countries participate each year. She travelled to, as well as collected information on human rights abuses and conditions in Honduras, Nepal, and Guatemala. Professor Pyc earned her J.D. degree at Saint Louis University School of Law and an LL.M. degree at Washington College of Law.

# Cambodia's Shameful Trafficking in Young Girls and Boys

Sexual exploitation of children is widespread in some countries. In Cambodia, it has reached epidemic proportions. Half population of Cambodia is under 18 and the brutal past of the Pol Pot regime, genocide, and civil war left the country with low literacy rates, corruption, and weak rule of law. This created haven for human traffickers. Many young Cambodian girls are sold for their virginity and placed in brothels. Children as young as 4 are sold for sexual acts and boys are abused as much as girls.

It is the Cambodian men, not foreigners, who drive the child sex industry in the country. There are many reasons for that, including: (1) Cambodia's anti-human trafficking laws are not enforced; (2) corrupt officials participate in this business; (3) stricter laws and enforcement in neighboring countries push the demand over the border; (4) respect for children and women is lacking in Cambodian society; (5) education is expensive and girls attend school rarely; and (6) poverty drives some parents to selling a child.

There are no simple solutions to this problem in Cambodia. However, there are some ways to curb this practice. Demand is what drives sexual exploitation and Cambodia must focus on reducing such demand quickly. Anti-human trafficking educational campaign must be implemented - if not by the government then by civil societies. Education must be met with police enforcement of the rules already in place. Finally, fighting corruption and training of judges, police officers, prosecutors, and social workers is vitally necessary.

#### **ROBAR, SUSANNA**

**Susanna Shutz Robar**, Founder of RapeSpeaksOut!, and husband Robert, a retired Los Angeles City Fire Captain II, have five children: 2 are with the Lord; 3 adult children and 3 grandchildren live near them in Southern California. Susanna has a Graduate Certificate in Christian Ministry from The King's University, Los Angeles, California.

#### ChildWise

Child exploitation and human trafficking are crime related phrases that are more widely used today than ever before. Far more than definitive words, they illustrate thousands of people who have been their imaged victims. For most Americans, the problem only exists in foreign countries. Or, if it does exist in America, it is thought to be closely related to foreign women and children, and it is believed to be a recent anomaly.

These perpetrator-friendly myths allow perpetrators to stay in the shadows – shadows maintained by unbelief.

The answer to this reality is by helping children and adults to know and understand *the telling of the truth*. There is a protocol that parents and other adults can use with children to ensure a level of trust that will help the child to have the ability to verbalize the misdeeds perpetrated against them sooner rather than later.

ChildWise © is an advanced program that:

- returns a sense of self-guided *gut-trust* back to the child;
- gives a concrete understanding concerning *secret-keeping* that releases the child and adult into a broader place of trust;
- fosters a secure direction for children in verbally reporting the people and events that produce that "icky" feeling;
- undergirds a child's self-directed permission to say "no"; and
- helps adults to *lower the radar* so that the critical observations that are made are registered and responded to more quickly.

Education for everyone is always the first line of defense against the scourge of human trafficking and prostitution. Human trafficking in the United States of American is not new. The ploys that are being used with today's children are the same ploys that were used in 1956. It is the same game for the same gain.

Helping the victims after the fact (with judicial efforts, support groups and self-help programs, etc.) is critical to returning victims back to participating and productive members of society.

However, beyond that, now is the time to educate the general population with tools and skills to turn the tide for future generations away from ever having to be concerned about human trafficking. We can do it. But, we must heed this timely, open window of opportunity now.

**Gayle Robinson** is a trauma counselor who focuses on addressing the affects of both acute and chronic trauma in the lives of those who are stigmatized, oppressed, and may be living in poverty. She has been involved in trauma work for several years in the local Ohio community. Gayle's motto is to believe what Ralph Waldo Emerson said: "what lies behind you and what lies in front of you pales in comparison to what lies inside you."

**Sister Geraldine Nowak** is a member of Stop Trafficking of Persons (STOP) in Toledo, Ohio. She is dedicated to the fight to end human trafficking and joins sisters from around the world who have taken a stance against modern day slavery. Sister Geraldine is associated with the Women Religious Communities in the Toledo Diocese. She has worked on several committees and has also been involved with a group offering spiritual healing for victims. In keeping with her – as well as her fellow sisters' – position on nonviolence and respecting the inherent dignity of each person, they stand corporately in support of human rights, by explicitly opposing the trafficking of women and children for the purpose of sexual exploitation and forced labor. Their mission has been is to educate and advocate for victims of Human Trafficking.

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# ROE-SEPOWITZ, DOMINIQUE & SABELLA, DONNA & HICKLE, KRISTINE

**Dr. Roe-Sepowitz** is a clinical social worker professor at Arizona State University, School of Social Work who provides psycho-education abuse and trauma-focused groups weekly to survivors of prostitution at a Prostitution Diversion Program and a half-way house for women with substance abuse problems. Dominique has co-designed and supervised sex trafficking specific groups and programming for adolescent victims of sex trafficking for 2 years. Dominique has worked with prostituted adolescents and adults for the past 10 years in residential programs, prisons, private practice and rehabilitation settings. Dominique has extensively published about the experiences and challenges of providing innovative programming to sex trafficked minors and adults attempting to exit prostitution.

**Dr. Sabella** is a mental health nurse, contributing editor for the Mental Health Matters Column in the American Journal of Nursing, and Assistant Dean of Health Sciences at Arcadia University. A former Program Director and a founding member of Dawn's Place, a residential recovery program for trafficked and prostituted women in Philadelphia, she is currently founder and Director of Project Phoenix, an outreach program which provides support and facilitates groups for prostituted and trafficked women in Philadelphia. She has presented at numerous conferences on prostitution and trafficking-related issues and is Director of Education for the National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation (NRC-CSE). In addition she is a consultant for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). She has experience working in crisis intervention, substance abuse, domestic violence, and forensic nursing and has provided direct services to vulnerable populations. Aside

from her nursing background, Donna holds degrees in education, Portuguese and English as a Second Language.

**Kristi** is a Ph.D. candidate in the School of Social Work at Arizona State University, where she also received her Master's degree in Social Work. Kristi's dissertation research is focused on understanding the process of exiting prostitution from the perspective of individuals who have succesfully exited. Other research interests include treating trauma and abuse, specifically with adult women and juveniles involved in the justice system, and treatment strategies for interventions that lead to successfully exiting prostitution. She currently teaches social work practice classes at ASU and provides a clinical intervention group focused on abuse and trauma among sexually exploited adolescent girls. Kristi has authored two articles on prostitution exiting and presented at a number of national conferences on intervention strategies for working with prostituted children and adults.

Project Rose (Reaching Out to the Sexually Exploited): An Adult Arrest-Alternative in Phoenix, AZ.

The process of exiting prostitution has been found in the literature to be a complex and difficult path. Hedin and Månsson (2004) and Herman (1992) found in their exploration of the experiences of women leaving prostitution, that there were multiple turning point, most requiring working through their traumatic experiences, reconnecting with their families, developing new healthy relationships, and in almost every case: the development of a relationship with a mentor or role model who was available to them even if it took them multiple tried to get out of prostitution.

Project ROSE combined these findings from the research and developed an arrest-alternative 2-day event to provide:

- 1. A mentor or role model who has successfully exited prostitution and has been out for at least 2 years;
- 2. On-site medical and mental health services;
- 3. Safe housing options including substance abuse treatment programs, transitional housing and prostitution-specific programs;
- 4. On-sight registration and engagement with the City of Phoenix Prostitution Diversion program (which assists with substance abuse treatment, support and case management for job and housing searches, life skill development, trauma and abuse psycho-education groups, and exposure to survivors of prostitution who have successfully exited the life).

The first PR served 51 clients with a 32.5% (14) completion of Diversion with no-arrest. A review of the process to initiate and sustain the program as well as lessons learned will be discussed.

# **ROSE, JARED & PERDUE, TASHA**

**Jared Rose** is a licensed professional counselor whose areas of expertise include human trafficking, gender issues, sexual minorities, and sexual health. Mr. Rose has been a member of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition since its inception. Mr. Rose is also currently working on his doctoral degree in counselor education and supervision at the University of Toledo.

**Tasha Perdue** graduated with her MSW focused on social policy and evaluation from the University of Michigan. She is a currently a visiting lecturer at the University of Toledo. She is a member of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition.

Today's culture is teaching girls at a younger and younger age that they have but one purpose: using their sex for someone else's pleasure. What's more, male pleasure is far from the sole focus when such behaviors are constructed and perpetuated often by the girls' mothers. Before they even know what sex is, girls are being shown how to perform sexuality through the activities they engage in to the merchandise with which they play and wear. Join the presenters as they explore toddler beauty pageants, under-10 pole and topless dancers, sexualized toys for minors, and many other pop culture examples of the obsession with sexualizing young girls. Discussion will include the damaging ramifications to the individuals, women & girls as a whole, and society itself. Finally, suggestions on how to address the issue with the youth population without alienating them will also be given.

#### SABELLA, DONNA

**Dr. Sabella** is a mental health nurse, contributing editor for the Mental Health Matters Column in the American Journal of Nursing, and Assistant Dean of Health Sciences at Arcadia University. A former Program Director and a founding member of Dawn's Place, a residential recovery program for trafficked and prostituted women in Philadelphia, she is currently founder and Director of Project Phoenix, an outreach program which provides support and facilitates groups for prostituted and trafficked women in Philadelphia. She has presented at numerous conferences on prostitution and trafficking-related issues and is Director of Education for the National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation (NRC-CSE). In addition she is a consultant for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). She has experience working in crisis intervention, substance abuse, domestic violence, and forensic nursing and has provided direct services to vulnerable populations. Aside from her nursing background, Donna holds degrees in education, Portuguese and English as a Second Language.

# Human Trafficking as a Health and Public Health Issue

Human trafficking is often viewed from a social science or law enforcement perspective, both of which provide valuable insight. However, what is notably absent from the discussion is a focus on victim health and consideration of the connection between human trafficking and public health. We know that victims experience numerous untoward psychological consequences from having been trafficked and require a number of behavioral health interventions in their road to recovery. However, there are also numerous physical and medical health issues which impact the lives of victims that need to be recognized, addressed and treated. And in addition to the individual harm, we need to consider the impact that this has on the public and society at large. This presentation will discuss some of the more common physical and medical health-related issues human trafficking victims experience and the impact that has on public health. In addition it will offer a discussion of what human trafficking looks like when framed from a public health perspective.

#### SHDAIMAH, COREY & BAILEY-KLOCH, MARIE

**Corey Shdaimah**, LL.M., PhD, is an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland, School of Social Work with degrees in law and social work. Dr. Shdaimah's research and writing focuses on how professionals and laypeople respond and adapt to policies and programs that they perceive as

ineffective or unjust. She has investigated these responses in areas such as housing-related child welfare decisions, court responses to truancy, and, most recently, alternative criminal justice responses to prostitution. Dr. Shdaimah has published numerous articles in journals and edited volumes and is the author of Negotiating Justice: Progressive Lawyering, Low-Income Clients, and the Quest for Social Change (New York University Press) and, together with Sanford Schram and Roland Stahl, Change Research: A Case Study of Collaborative Methods for Social Workers and Advocates (Columbia University Press).

Marie Bailey-Kloch, MSW, is a third year doctoral student at the University Of Maryland School Of Social Work with extensive research and clinical practice experience. She was involved for many years testing interventions at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health that promoted harm reduction for HIV, HCV and STI risk behaviors with Injecting Drug Users. She managed an NIH funded pilot program incorporating microenterprise (Jewelry Making) with a harm reduction intervention for Baltimore street level sex workers. She is currently an adjunct faculty member at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Social Work Baccalaureate program and at the University of Maryland School of Social Work MSW program teaching Research Methods and Social Work Practice with Individuals, Families and Groups. Her previous practice experience has been largely in adult and adolescent mental health services and in supervising Child Welfare practitioners in urban foster care services.

Participant Perspectives on Baltimore and Philadelphia Prostitution Diversion Programs

There are nearly 3,000 problem-solving court initiatives around the country, the majority of them drug courts (Farole, 2004). Little is reported about other types of problem-solving courts, and very few studies examine participant perspectives on this increasingly popular criminal justice model. The data reported here are from a study that examined Baltimore City's Specialized Prostitution Diversion program (SPD), which was initially modeled on the problem solving court initiative called Baltimore City's Mental Health Court. In order to shed light on court-related prostitution diversionary programs, this mixed-method study examined quantitative data collected by SPD social workers, including demographic information, self-assessment for areas of needs, participants' goals, and prior contact with the criminal justice system (N= 102).

The SPD collects information on court dates, whether participants keep appointments, inpatient stays, and program completion. Descriptive statistics were compiled from these data. In addition, qualitative data included observations of participants during their interactions with the court and SPD staff as well as semi-structured interviews with 21 SPD clients. Our findings indicate that the method for service delivery is often more important than the concrete services provided. Our findings also illuminate the controversial debate around whether people who are forced into programs may in fact find them helpful. Responsive and compassionate services are characterized as an investment in the respondents, belief in their abilities, and patience with their relapses and failures so long as they stay engaged or become re-engaged. A sense of accomplishment felt by the respondents had an overwhelming impact on their lives.

# TALBOTT, ANTHONY & BARTEL, ALISA

**Alisa Bartel** graduated from the University of Dayton with a Bachelors degree in Psychology and Masters degree in Public Administration. During this time, she wrote her undergraduate thesis on human trafficking in Ohio, lectured on the psychology of human trafficking, co-founded The University of Dayton's New Abolitionist Movement, and helped establish the university's Annual

Social Justice Convention. Currently, Alisa is researching Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Traumatic Brain Injuries at the Cincinnati VA. She hopes to earn a PhD in Clinical Psychology and specialize in the research and treatment of trauma.

Originally from Dayton, Tony Talbott joined the military and served a total of 13 years in both the Army National Guard and the US Navy. He travelled extensively throughout the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean regions—including Asia, Australia, and Africa. While finishing his tour of duty he earned a BA in History and Government from Columbia College. He then left the service to attend graduate school. He earned an MA in International Affairs from Ohio University and studied for his PhD in Political Science at Arizona State University. Tony has lectured at many different colleges and universities and has taught in the Political Science Department and Human Rights Studies Program at the University of Dayton since 2007. He has taught, lectured, and published on a variety of subjects dealing with global politics, Asian politics, and human rights—and is currently teaching one of the nation's first undergraduate courses on human trafficking. He is a credentialed Not For Sale Campaign, Citizen Investigator of human trafficking and a founding member of Abolition Ohio, the Miami Valley's Rescue and Restore Coalition. Tony is very active in the modern abolition movement. He chairs Abolition Ohio's general meetings and heads two subcommittees: 1) Awareness, Education, and Training and 2) Research. He serves on the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission and works closely with various other anti-human trafficking agencies around the state. He speaks regularly on issues dealing with human trafficking throughout Ohio and the Midwest.

Organizational Implications of Providing Human Trafficking Victim Services: Preparing for the Policy, Mental Health, and Security Concerns

Human trafficking, the modern-day slave trade, is the world's most egregious human rights abuse. There are more than twenty-seven million slaves today, but there are fewer than ten trafficking-specific rehabilitative shelters in the United States. However, rather than creating entirely new and separate shelters, we recommend enhancing existing shelters (e.g. domestic violence) to expand service provision to victims of human trafficking. The potential danger of serving this population, including policy, mental health, and security concerns, must be considered. We offer security recommendations for agencies intending to, or already in the process of, serving human trafficking victims, and we propose a "tier ranking" of incoming victims that ensures safe, effective, and efficient intake and emergency response protocols. Methodology includes a thorough literature review and interviews with law enforcement, social service personnel, and policymakers.

# **TODD, NANCY**

**Nancy Todd** is a writer and former sex worker who worked for over a decade in a variety of sex work roles from massage parlors, escort services, Mustang Ranch, to the streets. In 2009, she founded Because She Matters, which offers support to the families of sex workers, who have few resources to turn to when addressing their family member's lifestyle choices. She also offers support to sex workers who are trying to reframe and integrate their experiences as they build new lives. She has decades of experience working with this unique population. Nancy holds a Bachelors Degree with High Honors in Communication from Mills College in Oakland, California, and a Masters Degree in sociology from Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. Because She Matters is not associated with any religious organization and has no political affiliations or opinions regarding the legality of sex work.

# Discussion of Sex Workers Anonymous Support Group

As a survivor of the sex trade, Nancy Todd developed the "Because She Matters" program. Nancy ran away from home at age 15 from Phoenix and headed toward Oakland, California, with absolutely no idea of what that might entail. She became a heroin addict at 16 and from there ultimately ended up working the streets. Eventually, using methadone maintenance, Shewas able to "get it together" enough to get off the streets and start an escort service. From massage parlors to the streets to escort, she worked in much of the sex industry. In 1984 she got clean through a 12-Step program, yet was unable to stop hooking. Eventually, with a group of other women, started a Prostitutes Anonymous meeting in Oakland, and was able to quit the life. Today she has a career in an industry where she cannot disclose that part of her past and struggles with keeping silent. She puts her energy in helping sex workers exit the industry and in starting this support group for the loved ones of family members. Nancy Todd holds a Master's degree in Sociology.

The presentation will cover the following:

- A brief history of her experience and exit from the industry.
- Her experience one-on-one with women who exit the industry and the importance of providing support for them in a very structured way.
- An outline of what "Because She Matters" is doing and how staying non partisan and out of political fights about legalization or further criminalization, etc., allows us to serve the greater good.
- The need for family support groups, because it is such as shame-based arena that many parents and friends have absolutely nowhere to turn for support.
- A call to action to ask others to begin forming support groups for the friends and families of sex workers.

# **TUCKER, CATHERINE**

**Dr. Tucker** holds a PhD in Counselor Education from the University of Florida. She teaches in the counseling area programs at Indiana State University, and is the coordinator of the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program there. She holds school counseling licenses in the states of North Carolina and Indiana, and is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in Indiana. She is also a registered play therapist supervisor. She has over ten years of direct clinical counseling experience and has authored multiple journal articles and book chapters on counseling related issues.

Creative Counseling Interventions for Adolescent & Adult Survivors of Sexual Abuse

Recent research in the area of neuroscience shows that survivors of trauma often store memories of their traumatic experiences in the highly emotional and non-verbal areas of the brain. Symptoms of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder are thought to be caused or exacerbated by trauma memories that are "stuck" in the emotional rather than verbal and rational areas of the brain. In order to relieve the symptoms of PTSD, the therapist must help the client to access and process these memories. This aspect of therapy often requires therapists to use non-verbal, emotive, and creative interventions. Traditional "talk therapy" is often not sufficient when working with trauma survivors because many trauma memories are not accessible in the rational, verbal areas of the brain. However, not all therapists are well equipped to use non-verbal techniques.

This session will introduce participants to four creative interventions appropriate for use with adolescent and adult abuse survivors. All of these techniques have been used by the lead presenter with multiple clients, and all have been found to be very effective in helping trauma survivors explore and process difficult memories. We will explore techniques using drawing, guided imagery, paper doll construction, and mask making. If time and space allow, this will be an experiential workshop. If not, the techniques will be explained and samples of finished work will be shared. A handout listing resources for further learning will be available to participants.

# VICARIO, MARY

**Mary Vicario**, LPCC - S is a Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor Supervisor and the clinical director for St. Aloysius Orphanage's Butler County Programming. She has developed in home trauma treatment programs that help families build resiliency in children, address attachment issues and improve permanency. She has more than 25 years experience working with children and families as an educator, clinician, supervisor, consultant, clinical director, and as a People to People delegate with members of the American Counseling Association to China and Mongolia.

Healing, Resiliency, and Hope: A Trauma Treatment Framework

This hands on training is designed to coordinate trauma informed care into a manageable framework of interventions for anyone who assists victims of human trafficking and other forms of trauma, such as shelter workers, police, advocates, therapists, court personnel and caregivers. The framework includes the three stages of positive trauma resolution (re-experience, release, and reorganize) and the five resilience factors found in people who move beyond their traumatic experiences. Additionally, how trauma effects brain chemistry, development, belief systems, relationships, and the ability to function in all life domains are explored.

Relational Cultural Theory (RCT) is the foundation for this trauma treatment model which posits that all growth occurs through relationships which are embedded in culture. It focuses on growth-fostering relationships as central to healing from violent relationships like trafficking, prostitution and sexual assault. Since our life beliefs, developmental milestones and even brain development result from our interactions and ongoing connections with others, interventions derived from relational cultural theory have an increased opportunity to provide outcomes that are more comprehensive, reparative and include post traumatic growth. Since trauma is processed and stored in pre and nonverbal parts of the brain, expressive and relational interventions are used to promote more direct, integrated healing and assist clients of all ages and ability levels. In April 2012, RCT was featured at an international conference on human trafficking in Hildesheim Germany and in July, 2012, Second Chance providers will begin training in this model to inform their care of human traffic survivors.

# WELSH, MYIA

**Myia Welsh** is an independent evaluation consultant that provides ethical, culturally appropriate and practical solutions to the evaluation challenges of nonprofit organizations. Her passion for helping nonprofits improve programs and meet their missions is backed by over 12 years of experience in the sector and her dedication to social justice work. Myia began her career as a direct

practice social worker in domestic violence and mental health organizations, and expanded into advocacy work before discovering a passion for evaluation. Her clients have included Polaris Project, The U.S Human Rights Fund, Migrant Clinicians Network, and The West Virginia Hub. Originally from Northeastern Ohio, Myia holds an MSW specializing in Social Policy and Program Evaluation from the University of Michigan and a BS in Social Work from the University of Toledo. For more information, visit www.myiawelsh.com .

# Program Evaluation Basics for the Real World

Funders are paying more attention than ever to the return on their philanthropic investments. To get, and keep, program funding nonprofits must be able to talk about the results of their work and how they are learning from those results to improve programs. The best way to do that is to integrate evaluation practices for measuring program outcomes into your work. Evaluation can be overwhelming - there are multiple types of evaluation, different levels of analysis and a whole language of confusing terms in the mix. This session will help break down evaluation basics into reasonable steps communicated in plain language that program providers can use to improve both program delivery and reporting to funders. Special attention will be paid to the real world limitations that programs often operate under (such as staff and budget shortages) as well as the unique challenges of collecting data in programs that address prostitution and trafficking (such as evaluating advocacy efforts, coalition building and communicating results to funders).

Session participants will come away with:

- Understanding of what evaluation is and how it improves programs
- Knowledge of evaluating methods that address the measurement challenges inherent in programs for trafficking and prostitution
- Concrete steps to take in implementing program evaluation
- Tools to use as a starting point
- A list of free resources for further evaluation support

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