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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear GAHTS members,

I am pleased to present to you the first edition of the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars quarterly newsletter. In coordination with our mission to further the knowledge base, this series is thoughtfully constructed, with the help of our members, to present opportunities for learning, collaboration and inspiration. No matter where you are from or what you do, you play a vital role in fighting human trafficking by engaging and expanding your understanding of this complex, global issue. Thank you for being part of this international partnership to make quality research available to all.



-Dr. Celia Williamson, PhD, Director

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WEBINAR

Knowing and Living Your Mission: Getting Involved and Staying Involved in Social Justice Work

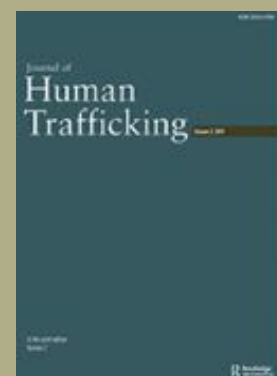
Dr. Celia Williamson

International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference 2018



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Check out the Journal of Human Trafficking for more research information.





Grant Announcements

Project Beacon: Increasing Services for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Sex Trafficking

- US Department of Justice
- Up to \$550,000 USD
- US based direct service and capacity building.

Trust Fund for Victims of Human Trafficking

- United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- \$20,000-\$60,000 USD
- Non-governmental organizations providing direct assistance to trafficking victims

Contribution Program to Combat Child Sexual Exploitation and Human Trafficking (CPCCEHT)

- Government of Canada
- not-for-profit organizations, Aboriginal and non-status governments
- international not-for-profit organizations, non-governmental organizations

Featured Job



International Rescue Committee (IRC) Senior Economic Recovery and Development Manager Amman, Jordan

Program management, budget and grants management, monitoring and evaluation, proposal and program development.

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Spotlight on a Researcher: Dr. Celia Williamson



Dr. Celia Williamson is the founder and Executive Director of the Human Trafficking and Social Justice Institute, a professor of Social Work at The University of Toledo, a co-founder of the Lucas County Human Trafficking Coalition, and a member of the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars Executive Committee among numerous other accomplishments. Dr. Williamson's research has largely focused on prostitution, vulnerable women, and domestic minor sex trafficking. However, Dr. Williamson's interests do not lie only in studying the problem of human trafficking in the United States, but also in developing methods of prevention and intervention. In 1993, Dr. Williamson founded Second Chance, now known as RISE (Recovering Individuals from Sexual Exploitation) which "offers comprehensive case management services to those involved in or at risk for sex trafficking or street based prostitution, peer support and advocacy through the work of both paid and volunteer sex trafficking survivors," (RISE).

Additionally, Dr. Williamson founded the International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference, the oldest academic conference with a focus on human trafficking in the United States, now in its 16th year. This conference continues to expand the dialogue surrounding human trafficking and other social justice issues, creating a platform where researchers and students can engage in academic presentations, conversation, and learn about resources and strategies to address trafficking in their field of expertise.

Selected Publications:

- Fedina, L., Perdue, T., Bright, C. L., & Williamson, C. (2019). An Ecological Analysis of Risk Factors for Runaway Behavior among Individuals Exposed to Commercial Sexual Exploitation. *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*, 12(2), 221–231.
- Fedina, L., Williamson, C., & Perdue, T. (2019). Risk Factors for Domestic Child Sex Trafficking in the United States. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 34(13), 2653–2673.
- Perdue, T., Prior, M., Williamson, C., & Sherman, S. (2012). Social Justice and Spiritual Healing: Using Micro and Macro Social Work Practice to Reduce Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. *Social Work & Christianity*, 39(4), 449–465.