



# NEWSLETTER

Winter 2020: Volume 2, Issue 1



**GLOBAL  
ASSOCIATION  
OF HUMAN  
TRAFFICKING  
SCHOLARS**

## **In This Issue:**

Introduction Letter

Progress Report

Recent Publications

Spotlight on a Researcher



# GAHTS NEWSLETTER

Winter 2020: Volume 2, Issue 1

## Introduction Letter from the GAHTS Coordinator



Dear GAHTS Members,

I am honored to be the new Coordinator for the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars and to introduce this first issue of our 2020 newsletter! Aside from my work with GAHTS, I organize the International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference hosted every September at The University of Toledo. Through my work on the conference, I have had the pleasure of working with many great scholars and experts in the field of human trafficking; some of whom are members of GAHTS! I am excited for this new venture and to continue the growth of this collaborative association. In this first issue of 2020, we take a look back at the previous year to highlight the progress GAHTS has made. We also look towards the future by spotlighting one of our members and his new research study that will be published this year. Thank you for your support of GAHTS and for your commitment to our mission of responding to human trafficking by moving the knowledge base forward.

- Anna Schramm, MSW, LSW

## 17th International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference

Now accepting presentation submissions  
through March 31st for the IHTSJ Conference  
on September 24th & 25th

**Submit today at**

<https://www.traffickingconference.com/present>





# GAHTS NEWSLETTER

Winter 2020: Volume 2, Issue 1

## GAHTS 2019 Progress Report

2019 was a year of growth and progress for the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars. Below are some of the highlights from this past year:



Increased Membership to

**47 SCHOLARS!**



Debut of biannual newsletter



New website with relevant resources



## Recent Selected Publications:

- Alessi, E. J., Greenfield, B., Manning, D., & Dank, M. (2020). Victimization and Resilience Among Sexual and Gender Minority Homeless Youth Engaging in Survival Sex. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 1-24. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260519898434>
- Cockbain, E., Bowers, K., & Dimitrova, G. (2018). Human trafficking for labour exploitation: the results of a two-phase systematic review mapping the European evidence base and synthesising key scientific research evidence. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 14, 319-360. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11292-017-9321-3>
- Gezie, L. D., Worku, A., Kebede, Y., & Gebeyehu, A. (2019). Sexual violence at each stage of human trafficking cycle and associated factors: a retrospective cohort study on Ethiopian female returnees via three major trafficking corridors. *BMJ*, 9 (7). doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2018-024515
- Rafferty, Y. (2019). The Identification, Recovery, and Reintegration of Victims of Child Trafficking within ASEAN: An Exploratory Study of Knowledge Gaps and Emerging Challenges. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2019.1689476>
- Rothman, E. F., Preis, S. R., Bright, K., Paruk, J., Bair-Merritt, M., & Farrell, A. (2020). A longitudinal evaluation of a survivor-mentor program for child survivors of sex trafficking in the United States. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 100, 1-12. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chiabu.2019.104083>





## Spotlight on a Researcher: Professor Vijay Raghavan



Prof. Vijay Raghavan, MA in Social Work with Specialisation in Criminology and Correctional Administration (TISS) and PhD in Social Work (TISS), has been with the Centre for Criminology and Justice (CCJ), School of Social Work, TISS, since 2005, and is currently a Professor. He has been involved in training of police, prison and judicial officers both at the state and national level on issues such as gender, human rights, prisoners' rights, correctional laws, anti-trafficking, and re-entry of crime affected persons. He is a member of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Prisoners, the Advisory Committee on Prevention of Immoral Trafficking. He was a member of the Maharashtra Committee on Prevention of Atrocities against Women and Law chaired by Justice C.S. Dharmadhikari and the Maharashtra Prison Reforms Committee headed by Justice Dr. Radhakrishnan. His primary research interests include custodial justice and prison reforms, social work in criminal justice, anti-human trafficking and rehabilitation of custodial populations.

The Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS) has recently completed a National Research Study on Human Trafficking in India (NRHTI). The research was led by Dr. P.M. Nair, Chair Professor, TISS, and faculty from the School of Social Work, Prof. Vijay Raghavan, Dr. Ruchi Sinha, Dr. Sharon Menezes and Dr. Rimple Mehta. The main objectives of the study were to comprehend the changing dimensions of trafficking in India; to understand the modus operandi, causes, consequences, and forms of trafficking, both existing and emerging; to assess the various socio-economic factors involved in the phenomenon; and to understand the linkages between trafficking and migration. The responses to the phenomenon from State and non-State actors, and the possible courses of action that can be pursued are also a key part of the study.

A mixed methods research design was adopted; both quantitative and qualitative approaches were used to collect the data for a comprehension of the dynamic nature of trafficking in persons in India. The quantitative research design focused on carrying out a household (HH) survey at the village level in the source areas, and the qualitative research design involved conducting in-depth interviews, case studies, and focus group discussions (FGD) with key stakeholders, victims of trafficking, and traffickers. Data collection was carried out in 29 states, 3 Union territories, and 134 districts during the period December 2015 to April 2018. Around 36,500 HHs were surveyed in source districts. 2,746 Key Informant were interviewed and 163 FGDs in source, transit and destination districts took place.

The study is likely to be released by March 2020. It is hoped that the outcomes and findings of the study will be useful to academics, legal practitioners, students, and State and non-State agencies to develop a better understanding of the issue and take concrete and targeted steps to address the phenomenon. The study highlights the ways in which a multi-stakeholder approach is needed to prevent and combat human trafficking.

Want to be a member of GAHTS?



Learn more about our membership levels, pricing, and perks on our website:

<https://www.gahts.com/become-a-member>