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Introduction to the Summer 2020 Newsletter

Dear GAHTS Members,

This second issue of 2020 coincides with multiple overlapping crises on the one end of the spectrum, and on the other end is the celebration of 20 years of progress since the passage of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000 and the adoption of the United Nations 'Palermo Protocol'. During the past six months, we have experienced the COVID-19 pandemic, systemic injustices, and the ongoing globalization of indifference increasingly woven into our sense-making journey. The several new layers of complexity and opacity that clothe the human trafficking phenomenon now demand innovative and creative reconfigurations of our respective and collective commitments and responses to this heinous injustice. Our task is formidable, yet achievable. The knowledge base must continue to move forward, and GAHTS is well positioned to chart new territories in the next two decades that await us. The forthcoming International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference, held virtually from 23-25 September, 2020, is a great place for new and established scholars to be rejuvenated, and is a home for students, practitioners, and policy-makers to expand their networks and knowledge base. As the parts, we are situated in the whole, whilst the whole imbues meaning in each one of us. I am honored to be part of this exciting journey, and to witness the selfless service of fellow scholars and practitioners – from Cape Town to Canada; from Toledo to Turkey.



- Marcel van der Watt, PhD
GAHTS Research Scholar Member

17th Annual International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference

Join us virtually for our 17th annual conference held on September 23-25, 2020! Hear from over 100 expert speakers on a variety of topics and connect with thousands of attendees from all corners of the world.

Register today at

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

If you are interested in learning more about GAHTS and how to get involved, we are having our annual informational meeting during the conference on **Thursday, September 24th @ 10:00-11:00 am EST.**



Dr. Dalla and Dr. Sabella
collaboratively work on:

The Journal of Human Trafficking

Started as the need for an inter-disciplinary and international journal dedicated solely to human trafficking, the Journal of Human Trafficking began publication in 2015. Published four

times a year, the journal welcomes research, theory, and practice submissions on a wide variety of topics, including policy development, commercial sexual exploitation of children, debt bondage, involuntary domestic servitude, labor and organ trafficking, and behavioral and medical consequences of human trafficking. The journal also encourages submission of works that support progress towards a number of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. For more information, please go to <https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/uhmt20/current>

The Handbook of Human Trafficking

The *Routledge International Handbook of Human Trafficking: A Multi-Disciplinary and Applied Approach* is now available!

Created to fill a gap in human trafficking materials for use in

and out of the classroom, the Handbook has received rave reviews. Divided into four sections (public policy, criminal justice, healthcare, and social work) the content was created by expert scholars, service providers, policy analysts, and healthcare professionals from various segments of society and global locations. This is an invaluable resource for those already working in the field, as well as for those from any discipline who want to learn (or learn more) about human trafficking and modern-day slavery. For more information please go to:

<https://www.routledgehandbooks.com/doi/10.4324/9781315277035>



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Spotlight on our Researchers:

Dr. Rochelle L. Dalla

Rochelle L. Dalla, PhD, CFLE (Certified Family Life Educator), is Professor of Family Studies in the Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. For the past twenty-five years, her research has focused on marginalized and hard-to-reach populations. This work began on the Navajo Native American reservation, where she studied life-course trajectories and inter-generational family dynamics of adolescent mothers. Her current research - focused on sex trafficking survivors - began in 1998 with research attention to the developmental trajectories, family relational dynamics, and psycho-social well-being of street-level prostituted women. Dr. Dalla's research interests have expanded to include human trafficking in India. In the urban environment of Mumbai, she focuses on the developmental trajectories and well-being of sex trafficking survivors and their children who reside in the urban red-light brothel districts. Her research provides knowledge and information about little-understood populations, elevates the voices of marginalized women across the globe, is impactful locally, nationally, and internationally, and articulates critical avenues for continued research and scholarship. Dr. Dalla leads the Human Trafficking and Vulnerable Population Research Lab at UNL, serves as Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Human Trafficking and is co-editor of the recently released *Routledge International Handbook of Human Trafficking: A Multi-disciplinary and Applied Approach*. As a professor at UNL, Dr. Dalla teaches a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses. She has been honored with multiple research and teaching awards, including the Distinguished Research and Creative Career Award (2018), Distinguished Teaching Award (2017 and 2001), Swanson Award for Teaching Excellence (2007), and the Charman Outstanding Professor Award (2004).



Dr. Donna Sabella

Donna Sabella, M.Ed, MSN, PhD, RN, PMHNP-BC, began work in the anti-human trafficking field while serving as a mobile psychiatric nurse specialist in Philadelphia where she worked with women who were being prostituted. Wanting to provide them with services, yet realizing there were none in Philadelphia, she searched for people and programs across the U.S. who could help her do so. She spent time in DIGNITY, the program Kathleen Mitchell started in Phoenix, Arizona. Returning to Philadelphia, she connected with others to create Dawn's Place, the first residential treatment program in Philadelphia for trafficked and prostituted women, where served as their first Program Director. She provided counseling to female inmates in the Philadelphia Prison System charged with prostitution in both her Project Phoenix program as well as through Project Dawn, the Philadelphia Diversion Court. Her research has involved exploring the lived experience of trafficked and prostituted women. She is the former Seedworks Endowed Associate Professor of Social Justice at UMass Amherst and has taught numerous courses on human trafficking, including developing a certificate in human trafficking while at Drexel University. She is a psychiatric nurse practitioner and Professor at PA College of Health Sciences where she directs their graduate Psych NP program. She is a co-founder and an Associate Editor of the Journal of Human Trafficking and is the co-editor of the *Routledge International Handbook of Human Trafficking: A Multi-Disciplinary and Applied Approach*.





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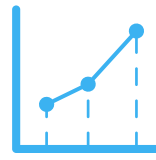
Professional Development Resources

If you are looking for ways to expand and deepen your knowledge, check out these professional development resources spearheaded by some of our Research Scholar members by clicking on the links below:

[Emancipation Nation \(EN\) Network & Podcast](#)



[Peace-Work](#)



[The Global Resource Epicenter Against Human Trafficking \(GREAT\)](#)



Check out our website for more professional development opportunities: <https://www.gahts.com/continuing-education-professional-development>

Recent Journal Publications by Research Scholar Members:

- Foot, K. (2020). *Toward Trauma-Informed Professional Practices: What Legal Advocates and Journalists Can Learn from Each Other and Survivors of Human Trafficking*. Georgia State University Law Review, 36(4). <https://readingroom.law.gsu.edu/gsulr/vol36/iss4/10/>
- Peled, E; Shilo, G; Marton Marom, Y. et al. (2020). *The Attitudes Toward Men Who Pay for Sex Scale: Development and Preliminary Validation*. Archives of Sexual Behavior. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10508-020-01668-0>
- van der Watt, M. (2020). *Child trafficking and children in South Africa's sex trade: Evidence, undercounting and obfuscations*. Child Abuse Research in South Africa, 21(1), 58-82. <https://hdl.handle.net/10520/EJC-1d47701005>

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