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Introduction to the Summer 2022 Newsletter

Dear GAHTS Members,

This is perhaps an atypical start to a GAHTS introduction letter, but I write to you with very mixed emotions. For context, I am a white, Hispanic, cisgender woman, and a multi-lingual dual citizen. I am aware of the extensive privileges I have on a local and global scale. Like my colleagues around the world, I have watched countless attacks on human rights: in the U.S. alone, where I currently live and conduct most



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of my research, we have seen, among many other possible examples, the overturning of *Roe v. Wade* (thereby restricting access to important healthcare options for pregnant people), countless policies that attack the rights of trans and gender expansive people, violent systems that continue to cause serious harm toward Black and Brown people, and increasing disparities stemming from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I am devastated as a human and as a parent of two female children, but importantly for this letter, I also continue to fear the problematic impact of these and other issues on many communities, including those who have been trafficked or who are at risk of trafficking. In the face of these seemingly insurmountable, oppressive social problems, the question I continue to ask myself in my work is: ***How do we co-create meaningful, actionable human trafficking research that furthers social justice by improving practice and policy, while dismantling the systems of oppression that heighten risk for people around the world?***

I, of course, cannot offer a clear answer to this question...

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19th Annual International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference

Join us for our 19th annual conference hosted virtually on September 21-23, 2022! Hear from over 175 experts discuss 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 **Friday, September 23rd @ 1:00-1:30 pm EDT.**





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But, alongside the many brilliant minds of GAHTS, I hope to help provide the capacity and support for all of us to think through these questions within our social contexts, to disagree and grow, to partner and collaborate, to advise and be advised (regardless of so-called “seniority”), and to integrate the diverse expertise of scholars, lived experience experts, and those who hold multiple roles in the field (whether known to the public or not). And this gives me something that I, perhaps like others, especially need right now: hope.

While I am still getting to know the GAHTS community and those who, I hope, will soon join us, my hope for the months and years ahead is to continue building supportive relationships among scholars across levels. One new and developing focus of GAHTS is to provide designated spaces for networking and collaboration. We welcome you to join us in whatever way makes sense to you in co-creating this space. We are aware that researchers have traditionally harmed, excluded, and inappropriately compensated people with lived experiences. The need for us to support and learn from one another’s challenges and do our utmost best to prevent these harmful experiences from occurring again has never been greater. At its best, this is what GAHTS can be, and I am excited to be on that journey with you. Many people, such as Anna Schramm and other members of the GAHTS administrative team, are working hard to provide scholars with tools, resources, and connections. As an example of this work, you’ll find that this Summer Newsletter contains several helpful resources such as links to on-demand webinars, recently published articles, and a spotlight on researcher, Dr. Glenn Miles. I look forward to connecting with you (and can be reached at gerassi@wisc.edu).

In solidarity,

Dr. Lara Gerassi

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GAHTS Executive Committee Member





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Highlighted On-Demand Webinars

If you are looking for ways to expand and deepen your knowledge and skills, check out some of these free, on-demand webinars available on our website!



- **A Deep Dive into Current Program Evaluation**
 - This webinar provides insight & guidance for navigating data collection and program evaluation efforts for human trafficking programs.
 - Presented by the Office for Victims of Crime Training and Technical Assistance Center
- **Building the Field of Data Science for Social Impact: Stories and Models of Success**
 - This webinar discusses how to increase the use of data science for social impact.
 - Presented by Data.org
- **Outcomes for Human Trafficking Survivors (OHTS) Instrument**
 - This webinar describes the development and testing of a tool to measure service outcomes for human trafficking survivors.
 - Presented by HEAL Trafficking
- **Racism and the Anti-Trafficking Movement**
 - This webinar discusses racism in the anti-trafficking movement based on a survey of trafficking survivors.
 - Presented by the Human Trafficking Legal Center

Stay up-to-date and find many more on-demand webinars as well as other professional development resources on our website: www.gahts.com/professional-development

Recent Journal Publications by GAHTS Research Scholar Members:

- **Clarke, M.** (2022). Questioning the Notion of Financial Gain as the Primary Motivation of Human Traffickers. *Anti-Trafficking Review*. <https://doi.org/10.14197/atr.2012221812>
- **Edwards, E., Middleton, J. & Cole, J.** (2022). Family-Controlled Trafficking in the United States: Victim Characteristics, System Response, and Case Outcomes. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2022.2039866>
- **Gezinski, L. & Gonzalez-Pons, K.** (2022). Sex Trafficking and Technology: A Systematic Review of Recruitment and Exploitation. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2022.2034378>
- **Recknor, F., Di Ruggiero, E. & Jensen, E.** (2022). Addressing human trafficking as a public health issue. *Canadian Journal of Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.17269/s41997-022-00642-8>
- **Xie, X. & Aros-Vera, F.** (2022). An interdependent network interdiction model for disrupting sex trafficking networks. *Production and Operations Management*. <https://doi.org/10.1111/poms.13713>

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Spotlight on a Researcher:

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Glenn Miles is a Senior Researcher with [up! International](#) and is Research Associate at [Oxford Centre for Mission Studies](#). He is a child health nurse with around 30 years experience focused on child abuse and exploitation in SE Asia. He does independent research, advocacy, training, and evaluation of programs. He has pioneered led several INGO's and projects in Cambodia ([Servants to Asia's Urban Poor](#), [Tearfund UK](#), and [Love146](#)) and has facilitated a series of research projects listening to survivors of sexual exploitation, including prostituted men, women, boys, girls, and transgender and male sex buyers. He is the academic research advisor for the [Chab Dai Butterfly ten year Longitudinal Research Project](#).

In the past year, Glenn has done consultation work with Tearfund UK and [Nazarene Compassion Ministries](#). He teaches up to the PhD level and provides PhD supervision for Holistic Child Development students at [Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary](#) (APNTS) and [Ethiopia Theological College](#) (ETI). His current research interests are sexual exploitation of boys and young men including thru the use of the internet, familial sexual exploitation and trafficking of young boys, labor exploitation of children in tea plantations in Sri Lanka, spirituality, and child participation/co-production. He is also doing a series of research with European Freedom Network regarding Christian men on their sexual behavior, including porn use and sexual exploitation. He has completed this in the UK and Germany and hopes to complete this in the Netherlands next.

He is an active member of the [European Freedom Network](#) (EFN), [Human Trafficking Research Network](#), [Our Voices University Network](#) (OVUN), [South-to-South Institute](#) (SSI), and the [Global Learning Community](#) (GLC). He is a trustee of [Chab Dai](#) and on the advisory board of Flint, a project of [Azalea](#), which is for male sex addicts of the sex trade.

Glenn also runs the [Abolitionist Book Club](#) (ABC) since the beginning of COVID-19, which provides a space for practitioners and researchers to keep up-to-date with current research on topics around sexual exploitation and trafficking.

He is the Co-Editor with Christa Foster Crawford of "Stopping the Traffick: A Christian Response to Sexual Exploitation & Trafficking" (Regnum 2014) and "Finding our Way Through the Traffick: Navigating our way through the complexities of a Christian response to sexual exploitation and Human Trafficking" (Regnum 2017). Awaiting publication is "Stepping out of the Traffick: theological reflections on human trafficking and sexual exploitation" (Regnum 2022). All of these publications are available at www.ocms.ac.uk/regnum.

Glenn has also been helping to develop a series of toolkits aimed at children in the form of large flip-books. [Good Touch Bad Touch](#) is for prevention of sexual abuse and trafficking and has been modified for different contexts and translated into a wide range of Asian languages and now some African languages. [Youth Against Pornography](#) is to encourage children to make good decisions when accessing porn. There are three other flip-books in process, including one called "[Welcome](#)" for refugee children in transit to a host country, one aimed at boys on the [challenges of recovering from sexual abuse and exploitation](#), and a further called "[Sweetheart](#)" aimed at young school girls at risk of being trafficked by young men posing as boyfriends.

Glenn Miles is a Senior Researcher Scholar of GAHTS and recently was voted to become a member of GAHTS' Executive Committee. He is also a member of GAHTS' newly formed Networking Workgroup. Glenn recently completed three training videos with fellow GAHTS member, Jarrett Davis, to help educate up-and-coming researchers in the [Emancipation Nation Network](#), including "[Introduction to Research](#)", "[Research Ethics](#)", and "[Translating Research](#)".

Dr. Glenn Miles's training materials, videos, and much of his research are available on his website www.gmmiles.co.uk.