The CSJ Center for Reconciliation and Justice Presents:

# Hidden in the Crowd:

Human Trafficking Locally and Globally



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Office of Intercultural Affairs, Department of Theological Studies, International Relations Program, Political Science, Espérer, College of Communication & Fine Arts and Loyola Law School.

#### Schedule of Events

### Tuesday, January 24, 2017

9:40am – 11:10am: Hilton 100

Trafficking 101

An introduction to human trafficking trends and cases nationwide, along with a brief survey of federal and California laws meant to combat trafficking.

Presentation by Terry Coonan, Executive Director of Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and Associate Professor of Criminology at Florida State University.

11:20am – 12:50pm: Hilton 100

### TRAFFICKCAM: Stakeholders Collaborating to End Sex Trafficking

All stakeholders need to join together to fight the atrocity of commercial sexual exploitation. Discover how you as an individual and as a business person have the ability to bring this issue to light and join us in the fight. Learn how your influence and connections with corporations can help stop child sex trafficking. This presentation will take you on our journey and the realization that we can make a difference by collaborating with a variety of stakeholders. These stakeholders include corporations, technology and the religious and the amazing result of this journey is the TraffickCam. TraffickCam allows anyone with a smartphone to fight sex trafficking when they travel by uploading photos of hotel rooms to a law enforcement database! Sex traffickers regularly post photos of victims posed in hotel rooms in their online advertisements. In fact, 75% of underage sex trafficking victims said they had been advertised or sold online. (Thorn, 2015) Investigators can use these ads as evidence to find victims and prosecute perpetrators if they can determine where the photos were taken. Our mission was truly fulfilled when we launched the free mobile app TraffickCam which empowers travelers to anonymously photograph hotel rooms and upload data to a national law enforcement database. In the first six months, more than 38 million people learned about the sex trafficking issue and 95,000 downloaded the app.

Presentation by Kimberly Ritter, Director of Development for the Exchange Initiative and Senior Account Manager, Nix Conference and Meeting Management.

2:40pm – 4:10pm: Hilton 100

#### **Roads to Advocacy**

This panel is focused on different groups currently working on this issue "on the ground." Representatives from a variety of groups working on this issue to give an overview.

Panelists: Dr. Joshua Holst, Training Manager at CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking); and Ima, a trafficking survivor.

Moderator: Jessica Viramontes from the Center for Service and Action.

• 6:00pm: Ahmanson Auditorium

#### **Voices of Justice Reception and Performances**

LMU students will perform the dramatized narratives from CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking) participants.

### Wednesday, January 25, 2017

9:40am – 11:10am: Von der Ahe Family Suite, Hannon Library

#### **Human Trafficking: It's Everybody's Business**

This panel will explore the legal and ethical issues of human trafficking in legitimate businesses. Combating the atrocities of human trafficking in restaurants, hotels, and companies' supply chains will be discussed by the panel. A description of the California Transparency in Supply Chains Act, and its enforcement, will be included.

Panelists: Brenda Wells, Founder and President of i-5 Freedom Network and

Corporate Trainer with Dale Carnegie and Associates; Todd Forester, GM of the Holiday Inn San Clemente and Vice President of i-5 Freedom Network; and Anthony Seferian, Deputy Attorney General, State of California Department of Justice. Moderator: Lawrence Kalbers, R. Chad Dreier Chair in Accounting Ethics, Loyola Marymount University.

12:40pm – 2:10pm: Von der Ahe Family Suite, Hannon Library

#### **Legal and Law Enforcement Panel**

This panel will explore criminal law prosecution and civil rights litigation, as well as advocacy efforts to influence laws and policies.

Panelists: Detective Teague from LAPD; Nicole Gon Ochi from Asian Americans Advancing Justice; Angelique Bradley from CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking); and Beth Jacobs, a trafficking survivor.

Moderator: Kathleen Kim, Professor of Law Loyola Law School.

### • 2:20pm – 3:50pm: Von der Ahe Family Suite, Hannon Library

#### Religion, Trafficking and Asia

This panel examines the religious, theological and ethical dimensions of human trafficking in the context Asia and Asian America. Through critical and constructive analysis of the ways in which religions both support and oppose trafficking in the formulations of gender, sexuality, and human dignity, the panelists offer suggestions for rethinking interreligious spirituality and collaboration for the common good.

Panelists: Sr. Maria Lai, CSJ, from Campus Ministry; Karen Enriquez, Assistant Professor, Theological Studies; Jonathan Rothchild, Associate Professor, Theological Studies and David Herzog, United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California.

Moderator: Tracy Tiemeier, Associate Professor, Theological Studies.

4:20pm – 6:00pm: Von der Ahe Family Suite, Hannon Library

#### **Partnering with Law Enforcement**

This panel focuses on the coordination of efforts between law enforcement and other agencies working to identify, rescue and help trafficking victims.

Panelists: Lt. Kent Wegener from Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office; Becca Channel, Task Force Coordinator for CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking); Chris Lim, Director of Partnerships, Saving Innocence and Angela, a trafficking survivor.

Moderator: Liza Taylor, Visiting Assistant Professor, Political Science.

### Thursday, January 26, 2017

9:40am – 11:10am: Ahmanson Auditorium

#### **Under Our Noses / What to Look For**

Who are the victims of human trafficking? Who are the traffickers? Trafficking can take place anywhere from escort services, massage parlors, domestic labor, restaurants, door-to-door sales to factory work. How are victims recruited or coerced into slavery? There are general clues to help us identify victims and be vigilant to "look beneath the surface" in situations that don't seem quite right. Once we do suspect someone to be a victim what do we do? What lies ahead for them once rescued? Hear from people who work to promote awareness and from a survivor who will share her story.

Panelists: Corrine St. Thomas-Stowers from Orange County District Attorney's Office; Tina Paulson from Together Freedom; and Flor, a trafficking survivor.

Moderator: Christine Cervenak, Associate Director, Center for Civil and Human Rights and Concurrent Assistant Professor of Law University of Notre Dame.

#### • 11:20am – 12:50pm: Ahmanson Auditorium

#### **Preventing Abuse**

In a world where moral absolutes are being erased, where human dignity is being redefined and the emphasis on caring for those who are trafficked and exploited fading into the shadows we must not only ask ourselves why this is happening but also what is the one thing that consumes society to such a point that the very psychological profile of a person who normally would not turn a blind eye to trafficking is altered to do exactly that. From the standpoint of psychology, it is a habit, a more or less fixed way of thinking and often goes unnoticed in persons exhibiting it, because the behavioral patterns are imprinted in our neural pathways. At the end of the panel, the audience will have engaged in a process of self-analysis to discover the one habit that left undetected, unchanged or ignored is guaranteed to sabotage the efforts of even the most sincere anti-trafficking professionals.

Presentation by Bazzel Baz from the Association for the Recovery of Children.

Moderator: Jennifer Ramos, Associate Professor, Political Science.

#### • 1:00pm -2:30pm: Ahmanson Auditorium

#### **Vulnerable Populations**

This workshop will address the different populations who are at risk of becoming victims of sex and labor trafficking. Immigrants are not the only ones at risk, vulnerable U.S. citizens are also a prime target to traffickers. We will learn about the "Safe Harbor Movement" which includes the vulnerable populations of teenage runaways, foster care / emancipated young adults and young adults in the juvenile justice system. We will hear statistics and actual cases that are used to train judges, lawyers and social workers. We will learn about what is being done and what is needed to protect these young adults and at-risk children.

Panelists: Terry Coonan from Florida State University Center for the Advancement of Human Rights; Officer Julio Estrada, L.A.P.D. Trafficking Unit; Christine Cervenak, Associate Director, Center for Civil and Human Rights and Concurrent Assistant Professor of Law University of Notre Dame,

and Ami Rowland from Covenant House California.

Moderator: Maria Elena Perales from the Justice Office of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange.

#### 2:40pm – 4:10pm: Ahmanson Auditorium

What Can University Communities and Religious Congregations Do? Discussion of promising practices on the part of university communities and Catholic religious congregations to combat trafficking and assist survivors.

Presentation by Terry Coonan from Florida State University and Christine Cervenak, Associate Director at the Center for Civil and Human Rights at Notre Dame Law School.

#### 4:30pm – 6:00pm: Ahmanson Auditorium

#### Short Film Presentation

Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar will be showcasing his three short films on human trafficking: Human Sex Trafficking in California, What Parents Need to Know About Human Trafficking and Faith Communities Against Human Trafficking.

Part One "Trafficked in the U.S" - (15.18 minutes) exposes the cruel reality of sex trafficking in the U.S. through the stark yet determined stories of two women, bold survivors. While the prevalence of sex trafficking in U.S is a known thing, not many know that most victims are not girls brought in from some third world country, but are girls born and brought up in America. Stories of Susan Munsey and Amanda Long, along with the insights of Lt. Andre Dawson (LAPD) reveal the fact that anyone could be victims of this terrible crime, and sensitization is the way to fight it.

Part Two "What Parents Need to Know About Human Trafficking" (12.18 minutes) Jon Moffat, a cyber safety trainer along with Charlie and Jessica Echeverry share some very useful and practical parenting tips, of how to protect your kids from the dangers of human trafficking lurking not only out on the streets, but prevalent on the internet especially on social media.

Part Three "Faith Community Against Human Trafficking" (8:29 minutes) Susan Patterson (Author/Activist) along with others shares some simple

yet powerful ways through which faith communities could and need to fight human trafficking.

Moderator: Fr. Allan Deck, S.J., Distinguished Scholar of Pastoral Theology and Latino Studies in the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts.





#### **Bazzel Baz**

He's got an unusual name and an even more unusual vocation. He clandestinely rescues those missing children that authorities can't find or have given up trying to reunite with their custodial parent. Bazzel Baz has long operated in the shadows since 1991. He has been dubbed The Patron Saint of Missing Children by

journalist Diane Dimond and is the founder of The Association For The Recovery of Children. The Association for the Recovery of Children (ARC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization comprised of former and active Intelligence, Military, and Law Enforcement personnel, dedicated to the recovery of missing and exploited children, foreign and domestic. In recent years that has included the fight to stop human trafficking.

Baz is a former CIA officer who takes on the most impossible cases. And he doesn't charge the heartsick family of the missing a penny. With volunteer help from other retired intelligence officers, Baz travels all over America and the world, covertly getting in and out of countries some of us can't even pronounce. His goal is getting children back to where they belong. So far, Baz and the boys have a 100% success rate. They've safely brought home 53 children.

One of their most recent successes was aired on Lifetime Television called the Tiffiney Rubin Story...the rescue of Kobe Rubin from Korea. Another was the recent return of 7 year old Ashley Ricks to Los Angeles after a 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  year kidnapping to Manila Phillipines.

He pays for his rescue missions out of his own pocket using his savings or the money he earns from various consulting jobs. Your donations to the organization are welcomed blessing. You can read more about ARC on the website at www.RecoveryOfChildren.Org



#### **Christine Cervenak**

Christine Cervenak has experience in international law, conflict resolution, and human rights. At the University of Notre Dame, her teaching and research focus on issues of human trafficking. She served in the Office of the Legal Advisor of the U.S. Department of State, as Legal Officer for the United Nations Relief and Works

Agency's West Bank Operations, and with the UN's peace operation in El Salvador. She worked extensively in conflict resolution, consulting to such clients as The Asia Foundation, Harvard Law School's Program on Negotiation, and USAID.

Before joining the University of Notre Dame in 2010, she was a director at the University of Chile Law School's Human Rights Center. A Notre Dame graduate (1982), she studied at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, earned a J.D. from UCLA, clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and was a Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School's Human Rights Program. In 2001, she was honored by Notre Dame with the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, CSC, Award.



#### **Becca Channell**

Becca Channell is the Task Force Coordinator for the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST) and works to co-coordinate the LA Regional Human Trafficking Task Force alongside the Los Angeles County Sherriff's Department (LASD). In this role, she coordinates the collaborative efforts of over 90 service organiza-

tions and law enforcement agencies to help the County more effectively identify and respond to the highly-specialized needs of human trafficking survivors. Becca began her work in the anti-trafficking movement in 2010, working with minor victims of sex trafficking, and previously served as CAST's Emergency Response Manager, overseeing its 24-hour hotline and crisis response department. Prior to her work in the anti-trafficking field, Becca worked in Refugee Resettlement with a focus on ESL for Bhutanese refugees, and served in various roles in Domestic Violence shelters. Becca graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Arizona State University.



#### **Terry Coonan**

Professor Terry Coonan is the founding Executive Director of the FSU Center for the Advancement of Human Rights and a practicing human rights and immigration attorney. The Center provides pro bono legal assistance to victims of sex trafficking and labor trafficking, and works closely with state and federal law enforce-

ment officials in the investigation and prosecution of these cases.

Professor Coonan teaches law, criminology, and film courses at FSU. He served as the lead researcher on the 2010 "Florida Strategic Plan on Human Trafficking" commissioned by the Florida Legislature and Governor's Office, and currently serves as the appointee of Attorney General Pam Bondi on the Florida Statewide Council on Human Trafficking. He has worked closely with Florida

legislators in the design of Florida's anti-trafficking law for the past decade and testified as a Subject Matter Expert before the Legislature.

Professor Coonan has trained law enforcement agencies and service providers nationwide on the Trafficking Victim Protection Act. As the lead trainer for the National Judicial College, he has also trained judges in over 35 states on human trafficking, most recently doing so for the Florida Supreme Court and appellate judges. He was invited to the White House to advise the Obama administration on U.S. trafficking law and policy issues. Under his supervision the FSU Human Rights Center continues to offer pro bono legal assistance to human trafficking victims throughout Florida.



#### Allan Deck

**Jesuit Father Allan Figueroa Deck** currently serves as Rector of the Jesuit Community at Loyola Marymount University and is Distinguished Scholar of Pastoral Theology and Latino Studies in the Bellarmine College of Liberal Arts. Father Deck holds doctoral degrees in Latin American Studies and Theology and is the author

or editor of seven books and many articles and chapters on Pastoral Theology, Hispanic Ministry, Faith and Culture, Catholic Social Teaching and Intercultural Competence. In 1989 he has received the first place award in the professional book category of the Catholic Press Association for *The Second Wave: Hispanic Ministry and the Evangelization of Cultures*. In 2016 he published *Francis, Bishop of Rome: The Gospel for the Third Millennium*.

Father Deck is a co-founder and first President of the Academy of Catholic Hispanic Theologians of the United States (ACHTUS). He has held a number of administrative and leadership positions as Director of Hispanic Ministry for the Diocese of Orange, Founder and President of the Loyola Institute for Spirituality in Orange, CA, and more recently as first Executive Director of the Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). He collaborated in the production of the Catholic Bishops' program for ministry formation called *Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers* which is being replicated throughout the United States. He was a consultant for the Bishops' 2014 *Guidelines for Receiving Pastoral Ministers in the United States*.



#### Karen Enriquez

Dr. Karen Enriquez is Assistant Professor in Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. She received her Ph.D. in comparative Theology (Buddhist and Christian) from Boston College where she focused on the comparison of spiritual practices in Buddhism and Christianity and the transformation

of the self and society, and dialogue among religions. Previously, she was at Xavier University in Cincinnati where she taught courses on Buddhism, Buddhist-Christian comparative theology, and religion, gender, and violence. Before coming to the U.S., Karen lived in the Philippines and taught at the Ateneo de Manila University, a Jesuit university there. Part of her research agenda is to contribute to the field of Philippine and Philippine-American theology with a focus on the intersection of social justice and spirituality and examining popular religious practices of Filipino women and men globally.

#### **Todd Forester**

Todd Forester GM of the Holiday Inn San Clemente, Vice-President i-5 Freedom Network

Todd Forester is the General Manager of the Holiday Inn San Clemente with over 25 years in the hospitality industry. His innovative and insightful leadership has led to extremely high customer and employee loyalty with virtually zero staff turnover rate. His commitment to his staff, his guests, and his community has resulted in numerous awards and City recognition. It is precisely this commitment to their safety and well-being that found him all-in in the fight to end human trafficking. Serving as the the Vice-President and industry representative for the i-5 Freedom Network, Todd is now a champion in the fight to end human trafficking and is encouraging his fellow hoteliers to be responsible and proactive game changers in this epidemic.



#### **Lawrence Kalbers**

Lawrence Kalbers is a full professor, the R. Chad Dreier Chair in Accounting Ethics, chair of the Department of Accounting, and director of the Center for Accounting Ethics, Governance, and the Public Interest at Loyola Marymount University. He earned a B.A at Wittenberg University, a M.S. at Kent State University, and

a Ph.D. from Penn State University. Before joining Loyola Marymount in 2005, he was a professor of accounting, the director of the School of Professional

Accountancy, and the associate dean of the College of Management at the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University. Kalbers also has taught at Wittenberg University, Penn State University, and John Carroll University. His teaching interests are in the areas of auditing, financial reporting, and accounting and business ethics. Kalbers gained auditing and accounting experience working for several accounting firms, including Ernst & Ernst and Ernst & Young, and as a sole practitioner. He also has served on boards for several not-for-profit organizations. Kalbers has published articles on a variety of topics, including audit committees and corporate governance, audit quality, auditor burnout, auditor organizational commitment, accounting education, accounting history, ethics, and professionalism. In addition to published research, Kalbers has presented at numerous academic and professional conferences. Kalbers is a Certified Public Accountant and is a member of the American Institute of CPAs, the American Accounting Association, the Institute of Internal Auditors, and the California Society of CPAs.



#### Kathleen Kim

Professor Kathleen Kim is a nationally-recognized expert on immigration and human trafficking. Her scholarship investigates the intersection of immigration law, workplace rights, civil rights and the 13th Amendment, and has addressed, among other things, the law's response to coercion in the context of human trafficking

and the exploitation of undocumented workers. She is co-author of the first casebook on human trafficking.

Before joining the Loyola faculty, Professor Kim pioneered civil litigation on behalf of human trafficking survivors at the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights in San Francisco. She launched and directed the Human Trafficking Project as a Skadden Fellow, the first of its kind to focus on the civil rights of trafficked individuals to receive monetary compensation for the abuse of forced labor. In 2005, she became the inaugural Immigrants' Rights Teaching Fellow at Stanford Law School. In addition to her teaching and scholarship, Professor Kim continues to provide technical assistance in human trafficking civil cases around the country. She currently co-directs the Anti-Trafficking Litigation Assistance and Support Team and was a gubernatorial appointee to the California Alliance to Combat Trafficking and Slavery. In 2013, she was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Commission.



#### **Charles Vijay Kumar**

Fr. Charles Vijay Kumar, C.Ss.R. is a Redemptorist Missionary belonging to the Province of Bangalore, India. Having felt a special calling for media ministry is now pursuing a masters degree in Film and Television at Loyola Marymount University. The documentary series-Trafficked in the U.S. was part of his college

program and a result of a year long research and production.



#### Sister Maria Lai

Sister Maria is called to journey with our Graduate Students at LMU. She is currently a Resident Minister. Sister is a Spiritual Director, an adjunct instructor for the Theology of Ignatian Leadership course at LMU, as well as for the Catechist Certification Course for the Diocese of Orange. Sister Maria is from Hong

Kong. She received an MA in Pastoral Theology from Loyola Marymount University, an MA in Learning Technologies from Pepperdine University, and an MS in Family Consumer Sciences from California State University, Northridge. Most of all, Sister Maria enjoys being a mentor for and learning from the survivors of human trafficking. She loves people and organizes pilgrimages.



#### **Chris Lim**

Chris is currently the Director of Partnerships with Saving Innocence. In addition to his work with domestic minors who are victims of sex trafficking, Chris has experience working undercover to combat sex trafficking in Cambodia and the Philippines. He has worked with labor trafficking victims in the Middle East

and victims of police violence in Kenya. Prior to joining Saving Innocence Chris worked in business operations and in law enforcement serving for 14 years on the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

#### Tina Paulson

Tina Paulson has a life-long history of involvement in philanthropic and charitable causes. In recent years she has dedicated her passion to fighting child sex trafficking of American children. Tina works and collaborates with several anti-trafficking organizations as a specialist in victim advocacy and victim services.

Most recently Tina has spearheaded a collaborative program with Together Freedom which coordinates law enforcement, government agencies, non-government organizations, professionals, churches and volunteer groups to provide immediate medical, legal and psychological assistance, shelter and wraparound care to child trafficking victims from the time they are first recovered.

Tina is member of the Lawyer's Club of San Diego's Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force and serves on several other human trafficking advisory committees and task forces. She is also actively involved in influencing California legislation and improving state programs for at-risk youth and child victims of sex trafficking.

#### **Maria Elena Perales**

Maria Elena Perales works for the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange as the Justice Coordinator. Her ministry engages religious congregations, lay groups and leaders at a local and national level in the areas of social justice such as human trafficking, immigration, poverty, empowerment of women, ecological justice, amongst other issues. She has been an activist for many years. She serves as board member for CHIRLA an Immigrant Rights Organization. She worked in the Justice and Peace Office of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles for 12 years. She graduated from Mount St. Mary's University with a B.S. in Social Work.



#### **Jennifer Ramos**

Jennifer Ramos is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the International Relations program at LMU. Her current research and teaching interests focus on international security and peace-building in post-conflict societies.



#### Kimberly A. Ritter

Kimberly Ritter is a veteran in the meeting planning industry, and is the Senior Account Manager specializing in large event planning at Nix Conference & Meeting Management. Kimberly's main market segment is the religious clientele. She also spearheads the company's corporate social responsibility (CSR) trafficking

initiative. Nix has been dedicated to combating child sex trafficking in hotel properties since 2008. Nix was recently awarded International recognition as a Top Member for The Code as one of thirteen U.S. companies from around the

world who are true leaders of child protection in tourism. Aside from her work as a meeting planner, Ritter brings awareness to the issue of sex trafficking though speaking engagements, written articles, and press interviews.

Ritter is also the Director for Development for Exchange Initiative, a newly formed organization by Nix Conference & Meeting Management in 2013 to educate, empower, and engage individuals and organizations with real resources to help put an end to sex trafficking. Exchange Initiative is currently developing a Smartphone app which will invite travelers to capture hotel room images with their camera phone, and upload those images to a database. The app will provide consistent protocol to improve the ability of investigators to match photos being searched online for missing children.

Awards received by Kimberly include the 2015 Spirit of St. Louis's Women's Fund Community Spirit Award; 2014 Congressional Victims' Rights Caucus Allied Professional Award, 2014; FBI Director's Community Leadership Award 2012; the 2013 Missouri Athletic Club's Woman of Distinction; the 2012 St. Louis Woman of Achievement for Human Welfare Award; and was selected by Successful Meetings Magazine as one of the 25 Most Influential People in the Meetings Industry in 2012.

Kimberly's affiliations include Advisory Board Member for ECAPT–USA; Board of Directors for Women of Achievement; and a member of the Religious Conference Management Association.



#### Jonathan Rothchild

Jonathan Rothchild is Associate Professor and Chair of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University. He received his Ph.D. in Theological Ethics from the University of Chicago Divinity School. Engaging the theological, ethical, and legal dimensions of contemporary criminal justice practices, his work has recently

appeared in the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics, the Journal of Religious Ethics, the Journal of Lutheran Ethics, and the Journal of Law and Religion as well as his co-edited volume, Doing Justice To Mercy: Religion, Law, and Criminal Justice (University of Virginia). He co-directed an international forum on restorative justice at LMU in 2013.



#### Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier

Tracy Sayuki Tiemeier is Associate Professor of Theological Studies at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, CA. She received her Ph.D. from Boston College in Systematic Theology, with a minor Comparative Theology. She is the author of numerous articles and essays in Hindu-Christian studies, Asian and

Asian American theology, comparative theology, feminist theology, and interreligious dialogue. She is co-editor of *Interreligious Friendship After* Nostra Aetate (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2015). She is also the Catholic co-chair of the Los Angeles Hindu-Catholic Dialogue.



#### **Anthony Seferian**

Anthony Seferian has worked in the Attorney General's office since 2000, and in the office's Civil Rights Enforcement Section since 2007. Previously, he worked in the Attorney General's Health, Education & Welfare Section. Prior to joining the Attorney General's Office, he was a litigator in private practice.

Anthony is the team leader of the Attorney General's work on SB 657, including public outreach and the office's recent publication of *The California Transparency in Supply Chains Act: A Resource Guide, 2015.* Anthony is also the Attorney General's representative on the California Commission on Disability Access, the commission created to promoting disability access in California through dialogue and collaboration with stakeholders including the disability and business communities as well as all levels of government.

He obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania, and his law degree from the University of Southern California Law Center.



#### Liza Taylor

Professor Liza Taylor is a Political Theory Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow in the Bellarmine Society of Fellows at Loyola Marymount University, where she teaches Foundations of Political Theory, Contemporary Political Theory, Modern Political Theory, and Feminism in Coalition: Contemporary Theories of Feminist Activism. Professor Taylor earned her B.A. in political science

and philosophy from Union College, two M.Sc. degrees (in political theory and gender) from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Ph.D. in political theory from the University of California, Los Angeles. Before beginning her doctoral work, she completed an internship and consultancy at

the United National Development Program's Gender Unit in New York and a legal policy fellowship at Polaris Project (an anti-human trafficking non-profit) in Washington, D.C. Professor Taylor's current research project brings feminist and critical race theory to bear on dominant theories of activist coalition politics within contemporary political theory.



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#### **Jessica Viramontes**

Jessica Viramontes is the Alternative Breaks Program Coordinator at Loyola Marymount University. Jessica has worked primarily in non-profits focusing on immigrant rights, educational equity, homelessness, and food justice issues. She taught Ethnic Studies at East Los Angeles Community College for several years and has traveled extensively through Latin America focusing on

human rights issues. Jessica is also a 3rd year Law student. In her spare time she gardens and plays soccer.

#### **Brenda Wells**

Brenda Wells, Founder and President of the i-5 Freedom Network, Corporate Trainer with Dale Carnegie and Associates

Brenda is a dynamic speaker, organizer, corporate trainer and President of the i5 Freedom Network. Through Brenda's multicultural travels she has gained a keen understanding of social responsibility. Brenda has focused her attention on the growing problem of Human Trafficking and the devastating effects it has on our Country, States and Communities. This has inspired Brenda to bring a call to action for businesses, restaurants and hotels to be leaders in combating the atrocities of Human Trafficking. As founder of the i5 Freedom Network, Brenda has developed a comprehensive mobile training platform to end Human Trafficking through awareness and reporting.

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