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**WORK EXPERIENCE:**

**FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**

**Executive Director** (2000-present)

- Established university-wide interdisciplinary human rights program
- Tenured Professor, FSU Criminology School (2000 to present)
- Courtesy Professor, FSU Law School (2000 to present)
- Provides pro bono legal representation nationwide for survivors of human trafficking, asylum-seekers, and torture victims.
- Teaches specialized courses annually at FSU Law School on *International Human Rights Law* and on *Human Trafficking*
- Teaches undergraduate human rights courses annually throughout FSU:
  - *International Human Rights & State Crime* (Criminology)
  - *International Human Rights & Film* (Film School)
  - *Human Rights & Sustainability* (School of Entrepreneurship)
  - *Intercultural Communication & Dialogue* (Social Sciences)
- Has taught summer FSU course in the Hague on *International Criminal Tribunals*
- University Teaching Award, 2009

**Human Trafficking Research & Policy Work**

- Designated Member, *Florida Statewide Council on Human Trafficking* (2014 - 2024) (representing Attorney General Ashley Moody)
- Invited Consultant, U.S. Department of Transportation Committee on Human Trafficking (2018-2019)
- Invited Consultant, *White House Working Group on Human Trafficking* (December 2012)
- Co-Convener, *State of Florida Human Trafficking Summit* (2012, 2013, 2014, 2015) (with Florida Children and Youth Cabinet)
- Co-Convener with Secretary Wansley Walters of the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, *Florida Interagency Human Trafficking Work Group*, 2011-2014
- Tasked by the Florida Legislature with authoring *Statewide Strategic Plan to Combat Human Trafficking in Florida* (2009-2011)
- Assisted Florida legislators as Subject Matter Expert in drafting the 2004, 2006, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 Florida laws on human trafficking
- Founder & Convener, FSU Statewide Working Group on Human Trafficking

- Co-Author of 2004 Report *Florida Responds to Human Trafficking*

### **Human Trafficking Training & Teaching Expertise**

- **U.S. Department of Justice/Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Office** (Subject Matter Expert & Curriculum Designer, 2019-2020).
- **Florida College of Advanced Judicial Studies** (Designer & Lead Trainer, *Human Trafficking: Slavery's Makeover*) (2018, 2019)
- **Florida Supreme Court & Appellate Court Judges** (Designer & Lead Trainer, *What Florida Judges Need to Know About Human Trafficking* (2015)
- **National Judicial College** (Curriculum Designer & Lead Trainer—trained over 2000 state judges on human trafficking law and policy in 35+ states, 2011-2019)
- **USDOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”)** (Curriculum Designer and Trainer of initial federal law enforcement curriculum on human trafficking, 2005 (*Human Trafficking in the United States: Promoting Law Enforcement Awareness*))
- **Florida Department of Law Enforcement** (Curriculum Designer and Lead Trainer, including *40 Hour Advanced Investigator Course*)
- **Florida Office of the Attorney General** (Curriculum Designer and Lead Trainer, 16 Hour Human Trafficking Training Curriculum; 2 Hour Human Trafficking Training for Victim Advocates)
- **Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation** (Curriculum Designer and Lead Trainer)
- **Florida Department of Children and Families** (Curriculum Designer and Trainer)
- **Florida Department of Health** (Curriculum Designer & Lead Trainer)
- **Florida Sheriffs Association** (Lead Trainer)
- **Florida Regional Community Policing Institute** (Lead Trainer)
- **U.S. State Department, Kazakhstan** (Lead Trainer)
- **USAID, Tbilisi, Georgia** (Lead Trainer)
- **Florida Catholic Conference of Bishops** (Curriculum Designer and Lead Trainer)
- NGO anti-trafficking consultant (Thailand, Russia, Georgia, Ukraine, Panama, Chile, Argentina)
- Trained law enforcement officers and service providers nationwide on:
  - 40 Hour Advanced Investigator Course on Human Trafficking
  - Best Practices in Law Enforcement Trafficking Investigations
  - Best Practices in Trafficking Victim Care
  - Collaborative Work Between Law Enforcement and Service Providers
  - Trauma Informed Care of Trafficking Victims

- Child Trafficking Victim Care
- Trafficking Awareness for Health Care Professionals
- Trafficking Awareness for School Safety Officers
- Trafficking Awareness for Prosecutors
- Trafficking Awareness for State Judges

## **Publications**

“287(g): A Solution in Search of a Problem,” *Criminology and Public Policy* (2013)

“The Scourge of Human Trafficking,” Book Chapter in *Strangers No Longer* (Paulist Press, 2013)

“Silence Kills,” *International Journal of Transitional Justice* (2012)

*Statewide Strategic Plan to Combat Human Trafficking in Florida* (2011)

“Anatomy of a Sex Trafficking Case,” *St. Thomas University Intercultural Human Rights Law Review* (2010)

“The Trafficking Victim Protection Act: A Work in Progress,” *St. Thomas University Intercultural Human Rights Law Review* (2006)

“Ancient Evil, Modern Face: The Fight Against Human Trafficking,” *Georgetown Journal of International Affairs* (2005)

“Human Trafficking: Victims’ Voices in Florida,” *Journal of Social Work Research and Evaluation* (2004)

“Human Trafficking in the Sunshine State: A Proposed Florida Law on Human Trafficking,” *Florida State University Law Review* (2004).

“There Are No Strangers Among Us: Catholic Social Teachings and U.S. Immigration Law,” *The Catholic Lawyer* (St. John’s University Law Journal) (2000).

“Dolphins Caught in Congressional Fishnets – Immigration Law’s New Aggravated Felons,” *Georgetown Immigration Law Journal* (1998).

“Tolerating No Margin for Error: The Admissibility of Statements by Alien Minors in Deportation Proceedings,” *Texas Tech Law Review* (1998).

“Rescuing History: Legal and Theological Reflections on Making Former Torturers Accountable,” *Fordham International Law Journal* (December 1996).

“Moral Opposition to Authoritarian Rule in Chile, 1973-90” (Book Review), *Human Rights Quarterly* (November 1996).

“America Adrift: Refoulement On the High Seas” (U.S. Treaty Obligations and the Haitian Refugee Crisis), *Cincinnati Law Review* (Spring 1995).

“After the Fall: Theology Speaks to Economics and Psychology” (Book Review), *Human Rights Quarterly* (May 1995).

“Prosecuting and Defending Violations of Genocide and Humanitarian Law: The

International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia,” Reporter’s Note, *American Society of International Law Proceedings* (1994).

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE:**

- 20+ years litigation experience in immigration & human rights law
- Argued cases before the 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals
- Served with the U.S. Justice Department through the DOJ Honors Program
- Served as expert witness in federal civil litigation on sex trafficking and immigration & human rights issues, family & juvenile courts
- Served as expert witness in the federal sex trafficking civil lawsuit against Ghislaine Maxwell