

SCHEDULE:

7:45 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

8:15 – 9:00 HUMAN TRAFFICKING 101 – Jo-Ann O’Neil

9:00 – 9:20 WELCOME

9:20-10:00 History: Slavery and Early Abolitionist – Dr. Thomas Krannawitter

10:00-10:10 Current Abolitionist Movement – Debbie Manzanares

10:10-11:00 CSPD Law Enforcement Update – Officer Elli Reid

11:00 – 11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:10-11:45 Colorado Today – Dr. AJ Alejano-Steele

11:45-12:00 Local Abolitionists Making A Difference – Panel Discussion

12:30 – 12:45 LUNCH

12:45 – 12:55 SPECIAL VIDEO

12:55-1:15 Victim Advocates: A Lens in Our Community – David Shaw

1:15-1:55 Legislation Update – Dan O’Bryant

1:55 – 2:05 COFFEE BREAK

2:05-2:35 US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission – Iris Halpern

2:35 – 3:00 CALL TO ACTION

What are Your Next Steps in our Community? Call to Action

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**THE HUMAN TRAFFICKING TASK
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HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS EVENT

Fighting Slavery

YESTERDAY

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TOMORROW

Let's Make It History

SPEAKERS:

JO-ANN C. O'NEIL, MA, LPC, NCC, Jo-Ann has worked with and advocated for adolescents in a variety of capacities since 1999. She received her Master's degree in Counseling from Colorado Christian University and is retired from the USAF. She is currently serving on the [Colorado Human Trafficking Council](#) as the second of five representatives of a regional or city-wide human trafficking task force or coalition.

DR. THOMAS KRANNAWITTER holds a [Ph.D. in political science](#) from the Claremont Graduate University, specializing in American political thought and classical political philosophy. He has taught at Claremont McKenna College, Hillsdale College, and Colorado Christian University. He is a principal instructor for the Leadership Program of the Rockies, and frequently advises organizations on effective communications, development, and critical thinking. He is considered a Lincoln scholar and authored the book [Vindicating Lincoln](#) and [Crisis of Our House Divided: A Guide to Talking Politics Without the Noise](#).

DEBORAH MANZANARES has been an active member of the [Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado](#) and currently serves on the Board

ELLI REID is a Colorado Springs Police Officer currently assigned to the [Vice, Narcotics, Intelligence Unit, Vice and Human Trafficking team](#).

DR. ANNJANETTE ALEJANO-STEELE is a professor at [Metropolitan State University of Denver](#) as well as the co-founder and Research and Training Director for the Denver-based [Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking](#). Dr. Alejano-Steele has taught about human trafficking since 2000 and researched and trained on the subject since 2005. She coordinates MSU Denver's Human Trafficking Academic Response Team which supports survivors of human trafficking. She currently serves on four national working groups - two for the Department of Health and Human Services Office on Women's Health on

Trauma-Informed Care and the Administration for Children and Families; one for the American Psychological Association Task Force on the Trafficking of Women and Girls and the U.S. Bureau of Justice National Institute of Justice Expert Research Working Group on Human Trafficking. In December 2012, she was one of the inaugural speakers at TEDxMileHighWomen. In March 2014, she presented at the United Nation's Commission on the Status of Women on LCHT's groundbreaking Colorado Project to Comprehensively Combat Human Trafficking.

CAROLINE COTTON is a Cadet at [Air Force Academy](#) and is the NCIC for the [Cadets Against Human Trafficking](#) group which raises awareness about sex and labor trafficking among cadets because they are going to go to all corners of the world upon graduation. The group also focuses on efforts such as filling Restore Innocence bags with supplies for rescued victims of trafficking. Caroline started anti-human trafficking efforts at 17 as a Junior in High School in Phoenix, AZ. She learned about trafficking through a high school fundraiser for Streetlight USA, an organization that provides a safe-house for victims of human trafficking.

AMBER NEWBERRY is an Air Force wife and mama of four. She runs a boutique online and in Palmer Lake called [Beautiful & Beloved](#), selling things hand crafted by survivors of human trafficking. Her interest increased when she met the founders of several organizations from different countries doing a similar work in healing and empowerment for survivors. She knew she was supposed to support them, but was unsure how. After some prayer and a big leap of faith, we started Beautiful & Beloved as a global marketplace bringing these organizations and ministries together. She is now working globally with survivors.

ROGER PATRIZIO founded a non-profit called [Touching the World](#) (TTW) in 2004, with the sole purpose is to raise awareness of the 27 million people sold into slavery each year. He has been an active member of the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado and currently serves on the Board.

VIRGINIA WRIGHT has a strong passion for ending human trafficking. She is an [active volunteer](#) for the Human Trafficking Task Force of Southern Colorado. Her granddaughter was involved in sex

trafficking for five years. She feels it her mission to raise awareness in our community and advocate for vulnerable youth.

DAVID SHAW is a victim advocate with the Colorado Springs Police Department. He worked on the Colorado Project as a research assistant with the [Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking](#) for two years and was a clinic associate with the University of Denver's Human Trafficking Center.

DAN O'BRYANT of Colorado Springs, CO holds a Juris Doctor degree from Drake University. He served as a Judge Advocate General (JAG) in the US Air Force, as a prosecutor, then Area Defense Counsel, then as a [Law Professor at the USAF Academy](#) in Colorado Springs. For 10 years he was a financial advisor with Edward Jones. In 2003-4 he ran for the US Senate from Colorado. More recently, he served as one of 3 principals in the The Eickmann Group, a defense consulting firm. In 2010-11 he was Administrative Pastor of The Gathering, a non-denominational congregation in Colorado Springs. He has served on numerous not-for-profit boards. In April, O'Bryant spoke on behalf of [Shared Hope International \(SHI\)](#) at the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard University. He also represented SHI at the 2013 Conference on Crimes Against Children in Dallas, TX.

IRIS HALPERN is a Trial Attorney at the [United States Equal Employment Opportunity Commission \(EEOC\)](#) in Denver, Colorado. The EEOC is the federal government agency tasked with enforcing the civil rights of employees in this country, including the right to be free from discriminatory trafficking. Most recently, Iris helped with the EEOC's efforts in California to litigate against the Thai labor contractor Global Horizons and a number of farms across the west coast and Hawaii who relied on Global Horizons for their labor supply. Labor trafficking is increasingly prevalent. Iris will be canvassing the EEOC's efforts in recent years to uncover the exploitation and trafficking of labor, discussing the EEOC's litigation in this arena, and brainstorming ways in which the community and victims of trafficking can better build a coalition with the federal government to effectively stamp out trafficking.