

The Realities of Human Trafficking: Addressing the Mental Health Needs of Survivors

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Hanni Stoklosa, MD, MPH, is the Executive Director of HEAL Trafficking, and an emergency physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital with appointments at Harvard Medical School, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. She is the Director of the Global Women's Health Fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Connors Center. Dr. Stoklosa is an internationally-recognized expert, advocate, researcher, and speaker on the wellbeing of trafficking survivors in the U.S. and internationally through a public health lens. She has advised the United Nations, International Organization for Migration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Department of State, and the National Academy of Medicine on issues of human trafficking and testified as an expert witness multiple times before the U.S. Congress. Moreover, she has conducted research on trafficking and persons facing the most significant social, economic, and health challenges in a diversity of settings including Australia, China, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Liberia, Nepal, Kazakhstan, the Philippines, South Sudan, Taiwan, and Thailand. Among other accolades, Dr. Stoklosa has most recently been honored with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Women's Health Emerging Leader award and the Harvard Medical School Dean's Faculty Community Service award for her tireless efforts to advance the public health response to trafficking. Her anti-trafficking work has been featured by the New York Times, National Public Radio, Glamour, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, STAT News, and Marketplace. Dr. Stoklosa published the first textbook addressing the public health response to trafficking, "Human Trafficking Is a Public Health Issue, A Paradigm Expansion in the United States."

Panelists

Shandra Woworuntu

Shandra Woworuntu is the founder of Mentari, an organization to empower survivors of trafficking to reintegrate into the society so they can live independently through the DREAM (Direct Services, Resources, Empowerment, Advocacy and Mentorship). She holds a Bachelor degree of Finance and Banking Management and her last position was bank treasury general manager. Ms. Woworuntu is a survivor of human trafficking and domestic violence, now she lends her voice in the fight against human trafficking and modern-day slavery through raising awareness, education, advocacy, legislation lobbying, mentorship and empowerment. In 2015, Ms. Woworuntu was appointed by President Barrack Obama to be the first member of The U.S. Advisory Council on human trafficking, and now active member of The Reference Group of The Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform. Ms. Woworuntu was a 2017 National honoree at L'Oréal Paris' annual philanthropic program, Women of worth.

Rachel Robitz, MD

Rachel Robitz is an Assistant Clinical Professor at University of California Davis. She completed residency in combined family medicine and psychiatry and a fellowship in community psychiatry at University of California San Diego. She is currently the Associate Training Director for UC Davis' Family Medicine/Psychiatry residency. Clinically she works as a primary care physician at Sacramento County Health Center and as the Assistant Medical Director of Sacramento County Mental Health Urgent Care. She previously worked as a psychiatrist for a program for homeless youth and for multiple programs for adult and youth who had been trafficked. She served on San Diego County's Child Welfare Steering Committee on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. She is currently the co-chair of HEAL Trafficking's Direct Service Committee. She has served on the Board of Trustees for the American Psychiatric Association and as a council member for the

Association of Medicine and Psychiatry. She has presented nationally on the mental health and medical needs of human trafficking survivors. She is currently principal investigator on a study examining how to support the wellbeing of human trafficking survivors involved in anti-trafficking work.

Allen R. Dyer, MD PhD (Bioethics)

Allen R. Dyer, is a Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Vice-chair for education at the George Washington University. Previously he served as Senior Health Advisor at the International Medical Corps. He is a physician-psychiatrist, whose work in recent years has focused increasingly on global mental health and improving mental health for distressed and displaced populations affected by natural disasters as well as war and political conflict. He is the author of several books including *Ethics and Psychiatry* and *One More Mountain to Climb: What my Illness taught me about Health*. He is currently editing a *Textbook of Global Mental Health*. He has developed a series of Resilience-focused workshops to help people working in humanitarian settings. More about Allen at GW Resilience Workshop.

Suzan Song, MD, MPH, PhD

Suzan J. Song, MD, MPH, PhD is Director of the Division of Child/Adolescent & Family Psychiatry and Associate Professor at George Washington University Medical Center and Milken School of Public Health. She is also a humanitarian protection adviser for youth and families of forced migration, commissioned by UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UNICEF, the International Medical Corps, and domestic refugee and survivor of torture programs to provide technical, clinical, and training assistance. Her two decades of work in global mental health span Sierra Leone, Liberia, Ethiopia, KwaZulu/Natal, Haiti, Burundi, Syria/Jordan and the DR Congo. Dr. Song is double board-certified in adult and child/adolescent psychiatry, with training from the University of Chicago, Harvard, and Stanford. Prior to GW, she was medical director of an intensive foster care clinic and an immigrant/refugee community health clinic in the S.F. Bay area with a focus on multi-agency, community-based mental health systems of care. Her PhD from the University of Amsterdam focused on intergenerational stress and cultural healing for former child soldiers and survivors of torture. Currently, her research focuses on youth and family resiliency and stress, with past funding by the Department of Defense and Grand Challenges Canada. Dr. Song is internationally recognized for her clinical, policy, and research work with youth and families of forced migration and armed conflict, has over 30 peer-reviewed publications, multiple research awards, and is active in the community. Her forthcoming book, *Child, Adolescent & Family Refugee Mental Health: A Global Perspective*, will be published by Springer with the senior mental health adviser of UNHCR as assistant editor.

Martina E. Vandenberg

Martina E. Vandenberg is the founder and president of The Human Trafficking Legal Center (HT Legal), an organization dedicated to providing legal services to human trafficking survivors. Vandenberg has spent two decades fighting human trafficking, forced labor, rape as a war crime, and violence against women. Vandenberg has represented victims of human trafficking pro bono in immigration, criminal, and civil cases. She has testified before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Human Rights and the Law, the Helsinki Commission, the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and the House Armed Services Committee on an array of human rights issues. Through HT Legal, Vandenberg has trained more than 3,400 pro bono attorneys nationwide to handle human trafficking matters. A former Human Rights Watch researcher, Vandenberg spearheaded investigations into human rights violations in the Russian Federation, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Uzbekistan, Kosovo, Israel, and Ukraine. She is the author of two Human Rights Watch reports, "Hopes Betrayed: Trafficking of Women and Girls to Post-Conflict Bosnia & Herzegovina for Forced Prostitution," and "Kosovo: Rape as a Weapon of 'Ethnic Cleansing.'" As a researcher for the Israel Women's Network, she investigated and published the first report documenting human trafficking into Israel. While living in the Russian Federation in the 1990s, she co-founded Syostri, one of Russia's first rape crisis centers for women. Vandenberg has received multiple awards for her leadership against human trafficking. In 2012, the Freedom Network USA presented Vandenberg with the Paul and Sheila Wellstone Award for her "outstanding leadership and dedication in working to combat human trafficking and slavery in the United States." In 2013, she received the Harry S. Truman Scholarship

Foundation's Stevens Award for outstanding service in public interest law. T'ruah presented Vandenberg with the Raphael Lemkin Human Rights Award in 2014. She received the Katharine & George Alexander Law Prize the following year. Vandenberg also served as a co-chair of the International Bar Association's Human Trafficking Task Force and currently serves as the co-chair of the D.C. Human Trafficking Task Force Subcommittee on Labor Trafficking. A Rhodes Scholar and Truman Scholar, Vandenberg has taught as an adjunct faculty member at the American University Washington College of Law and at the Oxford University Human Rights Summer Program. Vandenberg is admitted to practice in New York and the District of Columbia.

Jean Bruggeman, Esq.

Jean Bruggeman is the Executive Director of Freedom Network USA (FNUSA), the nation's largest alliance of advocates working with survivors of all forms of human trafficking in the US. FNUSA uses a human rights-based approach to ensure that trafficked persons have access to justice, safety, and opportunity through coalition-building, training and technical assistance, and policy advocacy. Jean served as a Human Trafficking Fellow with the Office for Victims of Crime within the US Department of Justice from 2012-2015. She supported OVC's efforts to improve and expand access to legal and social services for crime victims, provided training and technical assistance to service providers and government agencies nationwide, and supported OVC's intergovernmental efforts to improve services for victims of human trafficking. Jean provided leadership in the development of the Federal Strategic Action Plan for Services to Victims of Human Trafficking in the United States, the first OVC Human Trafficking Survivor Forum, and the OVC video series, "The Faces of Human Trafficking." Jean has over 15 years of victim services experience and expertise in nonprofit management, language access, immigration, human trafficking and domestic violence. She has developed comprehensive legal and social services programs for survivors, provided direct legal representation to survivors, authored training resources, developed an interpreter service to ensure access to legal services in the District of Columbia, and served as the Interim Executive Director of a non-profit in Washington DC. She is a graduate of the Georgetown University Law Center and Bryn Mawr College, and is a member of the DC and Maryland (inactive) bar associations.