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EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School, J.D., 2004

- Wisconsin Women's Law Journal, Senior Note & Comment Editor
- Recipient of University of Wisconsin Law School Public Interest Law Foundation Fellowship
- China Cross-Cultural Negotiations Program

University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, B.S., Political Science, B.A., Communications, 1996

- Academic Honors

ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP

Center for the Human Rights of Children, Loyola University Chicago, Director, 2009 - Present

- Hold overall responsibility for the Center's program development and implementation, fiscal operations, partner relations, grant writing, fundraising and supervision of faculty, staff, students.
- Perform policy and advocacy work on human rights issues affecting children and youth.
- Develop interdisciplinary, rights-based scholarship, courses, research projects, outreach, and educational programs in collaboration with faculty, staff, and students.
- Promote student-led and faculty scholarship, advocacy, and outreach on children's rights issues.
- Teach interdisciplinary and doctrinal courses and workshops.
- Contribute to University mission in elevating social justice issues and participating in strategic planning meetings and roundtable discussions.
- Administer/direct immigration law offerings at the School of Law, including the development of a new Immigration Law Practicum and border trip for students.
- Subject matter expertise: children's rights, children's health, international human rights, human trafficking, child trafficking, child labor, child migration, and child exploitation.

Holistic Immigration Hub, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Co-Director, 2025-Present

TEACHING

Human Trafficking Practicum: Advancing Protections for Children (2010-Present)

Developed and teach this interdisciplinary seminar. This seminar explores the legal, social, and practical issues confronting children who are survivors of human trafficking, as well as an examination of efforts to prevent and intervene in this social problem. It grounds contemporary forms of human trafficking in the historical legacy of slavery in the US and explores current research, law, policy and interventions across disciplines and sectors. Students also gain knowledge

and skills that are applicable to other marginalized populations of children and youth, as well as adult trafficking survivors.

Nominated for a teaching award (2019).

Migration and Human Rights at the Border (2026-Present)

Developed and teach interdisciplinary seminar and week-long immersion trip at US Southern Border.

International Human Rights Law

Teach seminar on international human rights with a focus on the U.N. system and various regional systems. Focus on role of children's rights.

Immigration Law Practicum (2019-2020)

Developed, administered and co-taught a new course in response to increasing student and alumni interest in immigration law. The course provides the foundational introduction to various aspects of immigration law, as well as other related topics, such as community organizing, policy, and advocacy, combined with in-class simulations, exercises and role plays, and opportunities to receive live client experiential credits working with organizations off-site.

Immigration Detention Project (Spring, 2019-2024)

Worked collaboratively with students as faculty advisor (2019-21) to create a spring break border trip immersion experience, providing legal support to detained immigrants in partnership with a local legal service provider. In response to students' request, the volunteer trip evolved to a credit-bearing course and integration within the Immigration Law Practicum. Student work products include country condition reports, appellate briefs, U/T visa applications, resources guides, and know your rights presentations.

A full and historical list of guest lectures and training models developed is available upon request.

PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE & EXPERIENCE

American Bar Association, Rule of Law Institute, Consultant, 2020 - Present

Develop professional development materials for international justice sector actors and legal aid attorneys on topics related to children's rights including international human rights laws, child sexual abuse, child trafficking, child domestic labor, child protection, juvenile justice.

Walder Foundation, Advisor, Migration and Immigrant Communities 2025-Present)

US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, Training and Technical Assistance (OVC-TTAC) Consultant, 2009 - Present

Respond to national technical assistance requests submitted to OVC-TTAC and provide training, technical assistance, and materials related to human trafficking.

International Organization for Adolescents (IOFA) Executive Director, Chicago, IL, 2007 - 2009

- Held overall responsibility for organization development and functioning, program development and implementation, fiscal operations, partner relations, grant writing, fundraising and supervision of all project staff and volunteers.

- Developed rights-based, child-centered programs addressing human rights violations against children and youth in the US, Dominican Republic, Serbia, and Ethiopia
- Performed policy and advocacy work on human rights issues affecting children and youth, with emphasis on child exploitation and human trafficking issues internationally and in the United States.
- Member of Freedom Network USA, national coalition of organizations providing advocacy and/or services on behalf of victims of human trafficking; annual conference planning committee; Regional Coordinator/Trainer of Freedom Network Training Institute.

The National Immigrant Justice Center, Chicago, IL, Staff Attorney, 2004-2005, Supervising Attorney 2005-2007

- Successfully represented victims of sex and labor trafficking, among other human rights abuses, in immigration and criminal legal proceedings.
- Successfully represented clients seeking humanitarian assistance, including asylum, U visa, VAWA, SIJS, and other forms of immigration relief.
- Participated as a task force member to Chicago and Milwaukee Human Trafficking Task Forces.
- Selected by the US Department of Justice, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development Assistance and Training, to conduct Kosovo and Latvia as part of US-based team. Created customized training modules and regularly present at national and international conferences and training seminars to law enforcement officials, attorneys, service providers and advocates on legal protections available to immigrant victims of crime(s).
- Provided technical assistance to legal service providers, victim-witness staff, and law enforcement officials working with immigrant victims of trafficking and serious crimes, with emphasis on cases involving children.
- Policy and media liaison: drafted Illinois anti-trafficking legislation; provided expert testimony to Illinois and U.S. Congressional subcommittees.

Counter-Human Trafficking Project, Law Clerk, Summer 2003 and Fall 2004

Conducted research on human trafficking and victim protection laws and policy. Created strategy for training and outreach efforts to Midwest region, identifying first responders. Conducted presentations and trainings to community-based organizations and local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies.

The Economic Justice Institute, University of Wisconsin, Associate, 2003

Performed legal research and drafted memoranda, met with and presented to legislature and lobbyists.

Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence 2003

Performed legal research, provided technical assistance and drafted legal memoranda; Contributed to legal manual special section on immigrant women and children who are victims of domestic violence and human trafficking

The University of Wisconsin Law School, Research Assistant, Professor Victoria F. Nourse, 2002-03

Performed historical research relating to 1942 Supreme Court case, *Skinner v. Oklahoma*, including investigation of parties, procedural history of case, history of eugenics movement in U.S., and development of criminal justice system in U.S.; *In Reckless Hands: Skinner v. Oklahoma and the Near Triumph of American Eugenics*, published July, 2008

Starcom Mediavest, Assistant Media Director. 1999-2001 Chicago, IL and London, U.K.

Served as one of two-person team responsible for launching and managing global training and development unit for division of 700+ employees. Developed classroom curriculum and workshops; presented lectures for marketing and organizational development courses, including creativity, managerial skills, and negotiations.

Media Supervisor, 1998-1999

Media Buyer/Planner, 1996-1998

AUTHORSHIP & SCHOLARSHIP

Book Chapter, “Not Our Children”: The Othering of Migrant Children and the Concomitant Use of State-Sanctioned Violence through Immigration Law and Policy, Sarah J. Diaz, JD, LLM, Kaufka Walts, K., Jacobs, L., *Kids in Cages: The History, Politics, and Lived Experience of Child Migrant Detention*, Arizona Press (November 2024)

[Understanding the Trafficking of Children for the Purpose of Labor in the United States](#), Farrell, A., Dank, M., Kaufka Walts K., Hansson, C., Hughes, A., Neal Walker Murray, C. Technical Report. Grant Number(s)2019-VT-BX-0038, National Institute of Justice

Blog Post, [Perpetrators or Victims? The U.S. Response to the Forced Criminality of Children](#), August 2023, American Bar Association, Child Litigation Committee

Submission to the UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, An NGO Alternative Report for the UN Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (June 2020), co-authored with Sarah Diaz, JD, LLM, and student Lonita Benson, MA.

Alexandra Junewicz, MD, Katherine Kaufka Walts, JD, & Ivy Sohn, JD, MD,” [COVID-19 and youth who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation: A role for child mental health professionals during and in the aftermath of a pandemic](#)” Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry (March 2022).

Kaufka Walts, K. Frazier, P. (student) [Report for the UN Special Rapporteur’s Report on Contemporary Forms of Slavery](#), including its Causes and Consequences regarding the Role of Organized Criminal Groups, April 22, 2021

Frazier, P., Neal, C., Kaufka Walts, K. [Recommendations to the U.S. State Department for the 2021 Trafficking in Persons \(TIP\) Report](#), (February 2021), emphasizing disproportionate impact of child trafficking on children of color in the US.

“Betraying Children’s Rights: Unaccompanied Immigrant Children in the United States,” book chapter, “Unaccompanied Minor Children: Social, Ethical, and Legal Perspectives” edited by Hille Haker and Molly Greening, Rowman & Littlefield.
<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781498574532/Unaccompanied-Migrant-Children-Social-Legal-and-Ethical-Perspectives> (2018)

“Immigration Policy, Practices, and Procedures: The Impact on the Mental Health of Mexican and Central American Youth and Families,” Torres, S., Santiago, C., Kaufka Walts, K., Richards, M., American Psychological Association (2018), available at <http://psycnet.apa.org/record/2018-09040-001>

Kaufka Walts, K., “The Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children and Child Exploitation and Trafficking in the United States: A Tool for Immigration Attorneys Representing Victims of Child Exploitation.” Immigration Briefings. Thompson Reuters, (July, 2017)

Kaufka Walts, K. (2017) Child labor trafficking in the United States: A hidden crime. Social Inclusion. Available at <https://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/chrc/pdfs/Child%20Labor%20Trafficking%20in%20the%20U.S..pdf>

Klaf, S., Kaufka Walts, K., “From Research to Action: Jesuit Institutional Practices in Response to Undocumented Students,” chapter 7, In: College and Undocumented: Student Experiences and Institutional Responses in a Climate of National Hostility (Fordham Press, 2016)

Kaufka Walts, K. & Woltjen, M. (2016). An NGO response to the periodic report of the United States of America concerning the optional protocol to the convention on the rights of the child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. Chicago, IL: submitted to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child.
<http://luc.edu/media/lucedu/chrc/pdfs/OPSC%20Alternative%20Report.pdf>

“Legal Services Assessment for Trafficked Children: A Cook County Case Study” (2013), Kaufka Walts, K., Riechmann, L., Lee, C. Research report, available at <http://www.luc.edu/media/lucedu/chrc/Legal%20Needs%20final%20updated%20w%20copyright.pdf>

“Alternative Report to the Periodic Report of the United States government to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Concerning the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the Sale of Children, Prostitution, and Pornography, “with the Young Center on Immigrant Children’s Rights. Submitted to UNHCR (April 2012)

Walts, K. Kaufka, “Understanding Child Trafficking in the United States: A Review of Current Policies, Research, and Issues Facing Survivors” (book chapter), Victims of Crime, 4th Edition, Edited by A. Lurigio and J.S. Carroll, Sage Publications. (2012)

“Child Trafficking in the United States, An Introduction,” Section of Litigation Children's Rights Litigation Committee Online Newsletter, American Bar Association, January 2012, Available at <http://apps.americanbar.org/litigation/committees/childrights/content/articles/winter2012-introduction-child-trafficking-united-states.html>

Walts, K. Kaufka, French, S., “Building Child Welfare Response to Child Trafficking: An Illinois Case Study,” Handbook, April 2011 (cited by US Dept of Health and Human Services)

“The T Nonimmigrant Visa and Protection and Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking, A Practitioner’s Guide” *Immigration Briefings*, September 2006

Note: “The Commodification of Domestic Care: Illegitimacy of Care Work and the Exploitation of Migrant Workers” Georgetown Immigration Law Journal, Fall 2003

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND CONFERENCES

- Panelist, “Human Trafficking in the US,” Federal Bar Association, Chicago, February 2026
- Panelist, “Child Labor Trafficking in the US,” Northwestern University School of Law, Human Rights Journal Symposium, February 2026
- Child Labor Trafficking Identification: Screening and Interviewing Skills Practicum, National Webinar, Developed and Presented Material to over 150 participants, organized by American University and National Council on Juvenile and Family Court Judges, January 2026
- Lightning Talk, “Crossing Borders, Building Bridges: Amplifying Impact Through Interdisciplinary Learning and Engagement,” Our Common Home Global Conference, Rome, Italy, October 2025
- Expert/Lead Speaker: “Introduction to Human Trafficking: Special Issues Concerning Children, National Association of Immigration Judges, National Webinar, November 2024.
- “An Introduction to Child Labor Exploitation and Trafficking in the United States,” Plenary Speaker, National Labor Trafficking Conference, October 2024
- “Borders, People, and Politics: A Historical Overview of Borders and Immigration Policy in the United States,” Plenary Speaker, Human Rights and a Just Society Conference, Warsaw, Poland, organized by Loyola University Chicago and Warsaw University, October 2024
- “Right to a Future. Rights of a Child as a Foundation,” Keynote Speaker, conference organized by the Institute of Social Ethics and the Center for Religious Constitutional Law of the Faculty of Theology of the University of Lucerne together with the Department of Theology of Loyola University Chicago the University of Lucerne, Switzerland, March 12, 2024
- “Refugees: How Has the War in Ukraine affected Western Policy,” Panelist, Loyola University Chicago, October 26, 2022
- “Forced Migration and the Mental Health & Wellbeing of Children,” Panelist, University of Chicago, Oct 6, 2022
- “Preventing and Intervening in the Labor Trafficking of Students,” Speaker/Trainer, U.S. Department of Education, Webinar Series.
- “Ukraine & Other Threats to the Rule of Law: Legal & Historical Context,” Speaker, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, March 2022
- “Forced Criminality as Child Labor Trafficking,” Panelist, Freedom Network USA National Conference, March 2021
- “Guidelines and Resources: Assisting Survivors of Human Trafficking,” American Bar Association webinar, March 2021
- “[Children’s Rights In the Time of Covid-19](#),” virtual symposium, , Loyola University Chicago, November 2020
- “Labor Trafficking in the US,” Panelist, Chicago Bar Association, April 9, 2020
- Amnesty International, “Immigration and Detention in the South,” panelist, November 2020
- “Native Americans and Human Trafficking in Urban Areas,” Panelist, Chicago Bar Association, January 2020
- “The Intersection of Migration and Human Trafficking, from Libya to the United States,” International Law Association, Loyola University School of Law, April 26, 2018

- “Applying Human Rights to Clinical Practice,” American Society of International Law, Annual Meeting, Speaker, Washington DC, April 5, 2018
- “Combating Child Trafficking: Interdisciplinary Perspectives,” Family Action Network, Chicago, IL, November 9, 2018
- “Identifying and Responding to Potential Child Trafficking Victims in Federal Custody,” Speaker/Trainer, day-long training, ProBAR, Harlingen, TX, October 28, 2018
- “Understanding Child Trafficking: Utilizing a Public Health Lens,” Presenter, National Association for the Education of Homeless Youth, Annual Conference, Chicago, IL. October, 2017
- Chicago Bar Association, “Identifying and Protecting Children Under the Optional Protocol in the Sale of Children” - Speaker, September 2017
- “Applied Research and Advocacy in Action: Protecting Undocumented Immigrant Children, A Case Study by the Center for the Human Right of Children,” speaker, Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University Chicago, April 2017
- “Child Trafficking in the United States: An Introduction to Policies, Practices, and Systems,” speaker, Nevada Legal Services, 1st Annual Child Law Conference, Incline Village, Nevada, April 2017
- “The Intersection of Child Trafficking and Child Migration,” speaker, Hank Center for Catholic Intellectual Heritage, Loyola University Chicago, Migration Symposium, September 2016
- “Identifying Child Trafficking in the United States”, speaker/trainer, Chicago Asylum Office, June 2016
- “Child Labor and Sex Trafficking in the Midwest,” panelist, Beloit college, with Dr. Susan Bissell, Chief of UNICEF Child Protection Section, March 2016
- 9th Annual Brieland Visiting Scholar Lecture, University of Illinois-Champaign/Urbana, “Child Trafficking: A Call to Action,” November 2015
- March 20, 2015, Marquette University Law School Restorative Justice Conference, Speaker, “What It Takes to Help a Survivor Develop a Legal Case and Deal with Life Beyond,” Milwaukee, WI
- October 22, 2014, Safe Harbor Conference, Presenter/Trainer, “Understanding Privacy and Confidentiality When Serving Sexually Exploited Youth,” Minneapolis, MN (OVC-TTAC)
- August, 2014, 4th Annual Cook County Human Trafficking Conference, Presenter, “Research Results: Legal Needs Assessment for Child Trafficking Victims”
- April, 2014, Freedom Network Annual Conference, Presenter, “Legal Services Assessment for Trafficked Children, Special Issues Concerning Undocumented Children”, San Francisco
- May 21, 2013, Human Trafficking Seminar, presenter, with Cook County State's Attorney Anita Alvarez, Kaethe Morris Hoffer, and, Judge Virginia Kendall, sponsored by National Association of Women Judges and the ABA Human trafficking Task Force., Chicago, IL
- August 3, 2012, Chicago, Illinois, Annual American Bar Association (ABA) conference, ABA Criminal Justice Section Juvenile Justice Committee’s Program, *Youth Sex Trafficking Victims: First Response and After*
- June 7, 2012, Columbia, South Carolina, Speaker, Dept. of Children and Family Services Family Living Conference, *Out of Harm’s Way, an Introduction to Child Trafficking*
- November 29, 2011, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Presenter, Human Trafficking Conference. “Identifying Victims of Human Trafficking”
- August 5, 2011, Toronto, Canada, Presenter, ABA Annual conference, “Child Trafficking”

- April 14, 2011, Northern Illinois University College of Law, Presenter, NIU Law Review Symposium on Human Trafficking
- September 22-23, 2010, Loyola University Chicago, Illinois, Presenter, “The Intersection of Child Welfare and Child Trafficking,” National Conference on Human Trafficking and Exploitation of Children in the U.S.
- October 29-November 1, 2009, Lincoln, Nebraska, Presenter, First Interdisciplinary Human Trafficking Research Conference, “Child Trafficking and Current State of U.S. Government Response”
- October 1-4, 2009, Carlsbad, California, Global Forum on Human Trafficking, Panelist (with Ambassador Lou de Baca, Global Trafficking in Persons Unit, U.S. State Department) on “Transitional Justice and Human Trafficking”
- Pristina, Kosovo, Presenter (invited by U.S. Department of Justice, as sole U.S. NGO delegate), part of US team of federal prosecutors, law enforcement, training multi-disciplinary Kosovo team, including investigators, prosecutors, judges and NGOs on human trafficking, including human rights approach and global best practices, March 30 – April 2, 2009
- March 17-18, 2009, Freedom Network USA Annual Conference, Dallas, TX. Conference Planning Committee. 1. Moderator for “The Intersection of Migration Trends, Exploitation, and Human Trafficking, 2. Presenter on “Child Trafficking and Child Welfare Issues” (presenting IOFA’s new program model working with state child protective service/welfare professionals on child trafficking protections, rights, and advocacy).
- Wisconsin Dept of Justice Human Trafficking Training (for prosecutors, law enforcement NGOs and service providers); keynote speaker, April 29, 2009
- Freedom Network USA Annual Conferences, 2004-2009
- U.S. Office of Victims of Crime, national web forum on Addressing issues on labor trafficking in the United States, provider of technical assistance.
<http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/ovcproviderforum/asp/guesthost.asp>, January 28, 2008
- Illinois Department of Children & Family Services, “Human Trafficking: Basic Tools for Effective Response” Organizer; (Identification, Social Service issues and practices, legal protections, collaboration), 6-hour training, Chicago, IL, December 17, 2008
- Illinois Bar Association, Speaker/Lecturer on “Special Considerations in Interviewing Girls Who are Victims of Violence” November 7, 2008
- National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, Speaker/Panelist, “Community Briefing: Human Trafficking and the Asian & Pacific Islander Community” Loyola University, Chicago, IL October 9, 2008
- ABA National Training Institute on Civil Remedies for Human Trafficking Victims, Presenter, “Special Considerations in Advocacy for Child Victims of Human Trafficking” Washington DC, October 2-3, 2008
- Children’s Cove Annual Child Advocacy Conference, Presenter, “Advocacy for Child Victims of Human Trafficking” Hyannis, Massachusetts, September 2008
- Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, “Human Trafficking: Basic Tools for Effective Response” (Organizer and Presenter); 100 attendees, Madison, WI, July 2008
- United Nations General Assembly Thematic Debate on Human Trafficking, Mock Trial on Human Trafficking and Presentation, New York, New York, June 2008.
- Freedom Network USA Annual Conference, “Intersection of State and Federal Child Welfare Systems in Response to Child Trafficking,” Moderator and organizer of panel; Conference committee; 200 attendees, Atlanta, GA, April 2008

- Presenter of Paula and Sheila Wellstone Human Rights Award, Freedom Network Annual Conference, April, 2008 (Awarded to Susan French, Prosecutor, US Dept of Justice, Trafficking Unit)
- Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, final presentation of IOFA project, “Community Response to Trafficking: Dominican Republic” project to local govt. ministries, U.S. Department of State, media, and regional NGO representatives; Organizer (with local NGO); February 2008
- National Human Trafficking Conference, “Identifying and Responding to Trauma,” panelist, Chicago, September 2007
- Annual U.S. Department of Justice Task Force Training Seminar on Human Trafficking, San Diego, California, Presenter, February 2007
- Illinois Bar Association, Special Conference on Human Trafficking, Keynote Speaker, January 2007
- “The Slave Trade of the 21st Century”, Speaker/Panelist, sponsored by the Chicago Foundation for Women, Holland & Knight, and the Anti-Defamation League, December, 2006. Chicago, IL. <http://www.cfw.org/Page.aspx?pid=423>
- National Human Trafficking Conference, Panelist (Victim-Witness Issues and Advocacy), October 2006
- Gender Justice: Immigration Relief for Gender-Motivated Violence, Speaker and Organizer; Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence, September 2006
- Consultant/Mediator, U.S. Attorney’s Office, Anchorage, Alaska, retained to facilitate better collaboration and training of Anchorage, AK, human trafficking task force. September, 2006
- Human Trafficking Seminar, U.S. Attorney National Advocacy Center (South Carolina), Victim-Witness Issues, Panelist, August 2006
- Kansas Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Protecting Victims of Human Trafficking and Other Violent Crimes Conference, Trainer, May 2006
- U.S. Attorney Office’s Western District of Missouri, Human Trafficking Conference, Presenter, May 2006
- Northwestern University Conference on Human Rights, The Chains That Remain: The Nature of Human Trafficking in a Global Context, Panelist, April 2006
- 4th Annual Freedom Network USA National Human Trafficking Conference, , Organizer and Panelist, March 2006
- Ohio Attorney General’s Conference on Human Trafficking, Organizer and Speaker, September 2005
- Legal Assistance Providers' Technical Outreach Project, Chicago, Faculty Trainer, November 2005
- Chicago Police Department, Human Trafficking Community Awareness Panel, Keynote Speaker, November 2005
- Immigrant Law Project, St. Louis, Representing Victims of Trafficking Legal Services Training, Sole Trainer, October 2005
- Missouri Coalition Against Domestic Violence, Rights and Services for Immigrant Victims of Human Trafficking & Slavery, Organizer and Presenter, St. Louis, MO, July 2005
- Manos Juntas Migrant Worker’s Rights Conference, Milwaukee, WI, Speaker, June 2005
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and University of Minnesota Women's Health Center of Excellence, Human Trafficking: Tools for Effective Response, Presenter, April 2005

- Columbus Police Department (partnering with federal law enforcement and service provider agencies) Human Trafficking Training, Organizer and Trainer, March 2005
- U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri, Human Trafficking: Tools for Effective Response, Presenter, February 2005
- Midwest U.S. Dept. of Labor Annual Meeting, Chicago, Human Trafficking & Effective Response, Organizer and Presenter, December 2004
- University of Wisconsin Law School, Child Advocacy Project, Guest Lecturer, April 2004
- Wisconsin Migrant Resource Council 2005 Conference, Presenter, April 2004
- Chicago Foundation for Women, Human Trafficking of Women and Girls, Presenter, March 2004
- Michigan Dept. of Labor Migrant Advocate Conference, Organizer and Presenter, March, 2004

POLICY & ADVOCACY

- Testified before to UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Geneva, Switzerland, Alternative Report to the Periodic Report of the United States government to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child Concerning the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) on the Sale of Children, Prostitution, and Pornography, emphasizing sale of children for labor/labor trafficking in the United States, October 2016, June 2012
- Provided comments and legislative briefing supporting H.R. 2730 - Strengthening the Child Welfare Response to Human Trafficking Act, Introduced in US House of Representatives in 2011.
- Helped draft Illinois anti-trafficking statute; testified before IL Senate Judiciary Committee on benefits of state anti-trafficking legislation (2005); HB1469 passed and was signed into law 2005, effective January 2006.
- Cook County Women's Board, provided testimony at hearing on ways Cook County can address human trafficking issues; 2007;
<http://www.sapromise.org/pdfs/human%20trafficking%20report.pdf>
- In recognition of advocacy on behalf of child trafficking victims in the US, invited to signing ceremony of Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act 2005, White House, Washington DC
- U.S. Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Human Rights, presided by Senator Dick Durbin (D-IL), provided testimony on recommended legal protections for victims of human trafficking, focusing on children. March 2007.
http://judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/testimony.cfm?id=2613&wit_id=6202
- Consultant/Advisor, Steptoe & Johnson, LLC, Action for Children of Trafficking Project; advised on legislative strategy and implementation issues of legislation and policy affecting human rights of unaccompanied immigrant

MEDIA

- [“Why several states are pushing to relax child labor laws,”](#) PBS NewHour, Guest (June 2023)
- [“The History and Future of Child Labor in the US,”](#) All Sides with Ann Fischer, Ohio Public Radio (March 2023)

- [“Deadly Consequences of ‘Business As Usual’ and Immigration Enforcement Under Covid-19,”](#) Opinion piece, Medium.com (April 2020)
- “Our Immigration Policies Are Harming Children,” Op-Ed, The Hill.com, February 9, 2018, <http://thehill.com/opinion/immigration/373179-our-immigration-policies-are-harming-children>
- Letter to Editor, Harper’s Magazine. See <http://harpers.org/archive/2016/03/letters-843/>
- “The Child Soldier: Congo to Chicago” op-ed with Patricca, N., *Windy City Times*, See <http://www.windycitymediagroup.com/lgbt/The-Child-Soldier-From-the-Congo-to-Chicago/54166.html>
- Featured in US Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime, “Faces of Human Trafficking” Public Service Announcement video series, child trafficking expert. 2017 See <http://ovc.ncjrs.gov/humantrafficking/publicawareness.html>
- Interview on humanitarian crisis of children at the southern US border, FOX 32 News Chicago, July 2014, at <http://www.myfoxchicago.com/story/25971255/heated-immigration-debate-continues>
- Bloomberg Media, “Send Them Home. Save Their Lives. Jail Their Mayors. 9 Child-Migrant Solutions,” available at <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-07-15/u-s-child-migrant-crisis-elicits-answers-from-aid-to-expulsion.html>
- WCEV’s Radio Islam, program on sex trafficking, Chicago, Illinois, September 2008
- WGN Radio, Chicago, IL “Human Trafficking and Slavery,” Guest, February 12, 2007
- Quoted in *Marie Claire* magazine, feature story on human trafficking and slavery, May 2006
- Sex, Honor and Shame: Chicago Responds to Trafficking, Chicago NPR Worldview, Guest, March 3, 2006

UNIVERSITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Dreamer Committee, Loyola University Chicago, Appointment, Co-Chair 2018-2019, Member, 2019-Present
- Loyola University School of Law Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee, 2020-Present
- Loyola University School of Law Clinic/Practica/Public Interest Committee member 2020-Present
- Loyola University School of Law International Law Committee member 2022-Present
- American Bar Association, Crime Victim Task Force, Appointment, 2019-Present
- Human Trafficking Task Force, American Bar Association appointment by ABA President, 2017-2018
- Chicago Commission on Human Relations Advisory Council for Women, Mayoral Appointee 1999-2001

EXTERNAL GRANTS & GIFTS SECURED

- Co-Director & Gift Cultivation Co-Lead: Anonymous Donor *“Holistic Immigration Hub Pilot”* a multidisciplinary initiative to promote leadership, service, and innovation., Loyola University Chicago, Gift, | \$6,000,000 over 4 years | 2025–2028.

- Co-PI: “Understanding Child Labor Trafficking in the US,” Co-PI, with Amy Farrell, PhD (PI), Northeastern University, and Meredith Dank, PhD, New York University (Co-PI), national research study, awarded by the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), US Department of Justice, 2020-2023. \$173,000 awarded to Loyola University Chicago. Co-authored proposal to NIJ.
- Co-Director and Gift Cultivation Lead: “Advancing Due Process in Immigration Courts for Migrant Children,” Loyola University Chicago School of Law, \$75,000 award to provide professional development on issues related to migrant children for National Association of Immigration Judges, 2023-2024, John & Kathleen Schreiber Family Foundation. Co-developed the project and authored proposal.
- Director and Gift Lead: “Immigrant Detention Project,” \$30,000 annual gift to support faculty and student trip to US border to provide legal services to detained migrants, John & Kathleen Schreiber Family Foundation, 2021-present. Co-developed the project with Loyola law students and authored the proposal.
- PI: “Enhancing Juvenile and Family Court Responses to Human Trafficking,” Office of Victims of Crime, US Dept. of Justice. \$43,000. Role as subcontractor, lead expert trainer, and co-author of proposal with National Council on Family & Juvenile Court Judges (grantee). 2022-2023.
- “Kids in Care” \$50,000 award from the John & Kathleen Schreiber Foundation to conduct national research project on the conditions of care and custody of migrant children in federal US custody 2021-2024. Co-author of proposal, Co-PI with Sarah Diaz, JD, LLM (Loyola University Chicago) and Lauren Heidbrink, PhD (University of California)
- Director, Center for the Human Rights of Children (CHRC), Loyola University Chicago The CHRC's work — including Schreiber-funded support for law school immersion programs to assist migrants — was cited among the University initiatives that inspired the John and Kathy Schreiber \$100M gift to Loyola University Chicago (June 2022), the largest individual gift in the University's history. See: Loyola University Chicago Office of Communications press release, June 2, 2022, and <https://www.luc.edu/schreibergift/index.shtml>
- “Project Beacon: Increasing Services for Urban American Indian and Alaska Native Victims of Sex Trafficking,” awarded by Office of Victims of Crime, US Dept of Justice, \$230,000, 2016-2018, Subawardee. Co-author of proposal with American Indian Center of Chicago (grantee).
- “Impact of Environmental Toxins on Children’s Health and Children’s Rights,” \$10,000 gift from the Oak Foundation (2012-2013) to support development of white paper framing the negative impact of environmental toxins on children as a children’s rights issue.
- “Project JUSTICIA” a project to advance binational, interdisciplinary professional education and research between (law, social work, anthropology, medical) students at Loyola University Chicago and Jesuit universities in Mexico addressing issues facing migrants. \$50,000. Co-developed project with Co-PIs, Maria Vidal de Haymes, PhD (School of Social Work), Ruth Gomberg Munoz, PhD (Anthropology), and Virginia McCarthy, MDiv (School of Medicine). Strategic Initiative grant awarded by Loyola University Chicago via competitive internal process.
- “Advancing Healthy Homes and Communities,” \$75,000 Strategic Initiative grant awarded by Loyola University Chicago via competitive internal process. Co-developed and co-authored project and proposal in collaboration with faculty from School of Law (Anita Weinberg, JD), Center for Urban Research and Planning (Phil Nyden, PhD, David Van Zytveld, MA), and the Institute for Environmental Sustainability (Nancy Tuchman, PhD).
- “Childright: Building Child Welfare Response to Child Trafficking in New York State,” \$75,000 awarded by Administration of Children and Family Services (ACFS) New York State, subawardee and co-developer of project and co-author of grant proposal with International Organizaton for Adolescents (IOFA) to a) conduct training to child protection officers in four

New York City boroughs on child sex and labor trafficking, and b) evaluate training, and c) develop a rapid-response screening tool to use within the Administration of Children and Family Services (ACFS) to screen for child trafficking. Collaborated with faculty in Criminology and Criminal Justice to implement the project. See

<http://www.ocwtp.net/pdfs/ht/rapid%20screening%20tool.pdf>

- Legal Services Assessment for Child Trafficking Survivors, \$5,000 awarded by the Chicago Bar Foundation to conduct a local study on the impact of legal services for child trafficking survivors in Cook County, IL. Mixed method study including surveys to attorneys and non-legal first responders, as well as a focus group. Acted as PI and lead author for final report, Kaufka Walts, Katherine JD; Rio Reichmann, Linda JD; and Lee, Catherine MA, "Legal Services Assessment for Trafficked Children-Cook County, Illinois Case Study" (2013). Center for the Human Rights of Children. Available at <https://ecommons.luc.edu/chrc/6>
- Freedom Network USA Training Institute, Public Welfare Foundation, \$100,000 award to conduct multi-disciplinary training on human trafficking across four regions in the US to first responders including law enforcement, social services, and public agencies. Co-author of proposal and subawardee. 2007-2009.

AWARDS & PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

- Inducted into to Alpha Sigma Nu, the International Jesuit Honor Society (2020)
- Selected as top candidate for the position of UN Special Rapporteur Special Rapporteur (SR) on the Sale and Exploitation of Children (2020)
- Selected as a short list of candidates for a federal appointment, US Ambassador at Large to Combat Global Trafficking in Persons, Global Trafficking in Persons Office, US State Department, 2014 (subsequently withdrew my name from consideration)
- Cook County State's Attorney Community Service Award, 2012
- In recognition of successful legal representation and advocacy on behalf of child trafficking victims in the US, invited to signing ceremony of Trafficking Victims Protection Reauthorization Act, White House, Washington DC (2005)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PERSONAL INTEREST

- GirlForward, Board Member (2016-2020) Advisory Board Member (2022-present)
- Horizons for Youth, Board Member (2010)
- International Organization for Adolescents, Special Advisor (2009-2012)
- National Complex Trauma Treatment Network, Advisory Board Member (2010-2011)
- Horizons for Youth, "Big Sister," Volunteer, Chicago, IL, 1996-2001
- Travel: traveled for professional or personal reasons to over 70 cities in 23 countries.