



**2019 Forum on Modern Slavery: 21<sup>st</sup> Century Solutions**  
**September 27, 2019**  
**Bethany Hall, Seton Hall Campus**  
**Agenda and Panelist Bios**

- 8:00 - 9:00 Check In, *Room A*
- 9:00 - 9:40 **Welcome and Opening Speaker, *Room C***  
 Video Presentation by Congressman Chris Smith
- 9:40 - 9:45 Break
- 9:45 - 10:40 **First Plenary Presentation:**  
**UN Sustainable Development Goal 8.7, *Room C***  
*UN Sustainable Development Goal 8.7 seeks the eradication of modern slavery. This panel will discuss the nature and extent of modern slavery globally, progress toward achieving this goal, and challenges to be met. Panelists include: Rev. Brian Muzás, Erin Phelps, Kelly Gleason and Luiz Machado.*
- 10:40-10:45 Break
- 10:45 - 11:40 Breakout Panels
- 10:45 – 11:40 **Breakout Panel One: Schools and Modern Slavery: Education, Prevention, and Activism, *Room B***  
*School children are the next generation of abolitionists and the next generation of possible human trafficking victims. This panel will explore how administrators, teachers, and students can work together to educate students about modern slavery and prevent their becoming victims. Panelists include: Danny Papa, Andrew Del Rosario, Lamont Hiebert, Marcus Thompson, Tonya Turner.*
- 10:45 – 11:40 **Breakout Panel Two: Visual Media and Modern Slavery, *Room C***  
*In this panel, filmmakers will discuss the challenges and opportunities in creating films of less than 10 minutes that reveal the nature and effects of modern slavery and inspire the viewer to act to eradicate it. Panelists include: Anisa Mehdi, Peggy Callahan, Leif Coorlim.*
- 11:45 - 12:40 Lunch, *Room A*
- 12:45 – 1:40 **Second Plenary Presentation: Modern Slavery in the United States, *Room C***  
*Modern slavery exists in many forms across the United States. This panel will discuss the nature, extent, and causes of modern slavery in the United States, and the challenges of eradicating it. Panelists include: Wanda Akin, Megan Cutter, Tina Frundt.*

- 1:40 - 1:45      Break
- 1:45 – 2:40      **Third Plenary Presentation: Modern Slavery and Armed Conflict, Room C**  
*Recent conflicts have provided new settings for an ancient crime, the enslavement of those caught up in these events as soldiers, forced laborers, and sex slaves. This panel will discuss the resurgence of this form of slavery and the challenges in preventing and eradicating it. Panelists include: Raymond Brown, Bernard Freamon, Stephen Lamony, and Elise Groulx.*
- 2:40 - 2:55      Break
- 3:00 – 4:00      **Honorary Degree Ceremony and Keynote Remarks by  
 Nobel Laureate Nadia Murad, Room C**  
*Justice for Survivors: Rebuilding Lives of Sexual Slaves*  
 Interviewed by David Brancaccio
- 4:00 - 4:30      Closing Reception, Room A
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### Expert Panelists

**Wanda M. Akin** was formerly the Managing Attorney for Chubb & Son, Inc.'s, New Jersey House Counsel firm, Scanlon & Akin, and a Senior Trial Attorney and Of Counsel to Podvey, Sachs, Meanor, Catenacci, Hildner & Coccoziello (Podvey Meanor). She now maintains her private practice in Newark, NJ and is an Adjunct Professor at Seton Hall University School of Law and at Seton Hall University's School of Diplomacy & International Relations. Notably, Akin taught in the Seton Hall Law/American University at Cairo, Egypt. Her 33 years of experience as a trial lawyer span a wide variety of controversies including criminal defense (in US and International Courts), complex product liability, property claims, catastrophic personal injury, employment/labor, trademark and copyright, and other complex litigation. She is a member of the List of Counsel, qualified to represent accused and victims before the International Criminal Court (ICC) and represents victims of the Darfur Crisis at the ICC in the Darfur Situation as well as in the case against Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir. Akin was a member for 15 years of the New Jersey Supreme Court's Committee on the Rules of Evidence, was a Trustee of the Trial Attorneys of New Jersey, a Master in the Seton Hall Law School Alumni Association Inn of Court and a Presidential Appointee to the New Jersey State Bar Association's Committee on Judicial Administration. She was awarded the 2009 NAACP Newark Unit Freedom Fund Award for her work as co-founder of the nonprofit for the promotion of international justice & human rights, the International Justice Project. Ms. Akin is a periodic commentator on Court TV, MSNBC, Inside The Law (PBS); NJN (New Jersey Network); UPN 9 News and CN8 *It's Your Call*. She has appeared on the TODAY SHOW, Good Morning America, Larry King Live, Entertainment Tonight and New York's NewsChannel 4.

**David Brancaccio** is currently Host of Marketplace on NPR. He was host and senior editor of *NOW* on PBS, public television's award-winning newsmagazine of investigative reporting and in-depth interviews. A broadcaster for 33 years, Brancaccio also served as the long-time host of public radio's business program, "Marketplace," which won two of the top honors in broadcast journalism,

the George Foster Peabody Award and the DuPont-Columbia Award. He and his team at *NOW* on PBS recently won an Emmy for a story on an innovative way to deliver health care in Africa and also took home the 2009 Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Television Political Coverage. David is author of the book "Squandering Aimlessly" about money and values in America and his print work has appeared in newspapers including the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Baltimore Sun*, and *Britain's The Guardian*. He has appeared on CNBC, with Anderson Cooper on CNN, and with Rachel Maddow on MSNBC. David has a B.A. in History and African studies from Wesleyan and an M.A. in Journalism from Stanford.

**Raymond M. Brown** is a partner at the law firm of Scarinci Hollenbeck concentrating his practice in white collar criminal defense, international human rights issues, internal investigations and complex commercial litigation. He has practiced international law criminal law (ICL) while teaching, writing, lecturing, and serving as an international legal journalist. Mr. Brown is a member of List Counsel at the International Criminal Court (ICC) and is Legal Representative for Victims in the case of OTP v Bashir and in the Darfur Situation. He is a Delegate from the International Criminal Bar (ICB) to the Rome Treaty Review Conference in Kampala, Uganda. Mr. Brown served as Defence Counsel at the Special Court for Sierra Leone and has dealt with complex extradition issues in U.S. courts. Additionally, he has conducted investigations throughout the U.S. as well as in Kenya, elsewhere in East Africa, Liberia, El Salvador, the Cayman Islands, Switzerland, the Bahamas, Colombia, and Sierra Leone. Mr. Brown has taught ICL in the Seton Hall/American University Program at Cairo, Egypt, at Seton Hall University School of Law and Seton Hall's Diplomacy School. He has frequently lectured to criminal and civil lawyers, law enforcement personnel and judges, students, civil society elements and others on inter alia trial practice, human rights and international law. In July 2005, Mr. Brown spoke on the "American Perspective on Nuremberg" in Courtroom 600 of the Justice Palace in Nuremberg, Germany on the 60th Anniversary of the proceedings before the International Military Tribunal. He is a member of the New Jersey and New York Bars and has qualified as List Counsel before the International Criminal Court in The Hague, where he has been a Legal Representative for Victims in the Darfur Situation. Mr. Brown was a Representative of the International Criminal Bar to the ICC Treaty Review Conference in Kampala, Uganda in 2010.

**Robert C. Boneberg** is the Coordinator of the Slave-Free Community Project and is General Counsel of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. He also serves as the Director of the Slave-Free Car Campaign and as Co-Chair of the Slave-Free Commerce Committee of the NJ Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Previously, Bob served as Board Chair of Free the Slaves and as President of the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation. Bob has also served as Counsel and Senior Advisor to Free the Slaves. For many years, Bob practiced law and acted as an advocate for clients in a broad range of commercial, business, and other litigation. While a partner at Lowenstein Sandler LLP, Bob served as Chair of that firm's Pro Bono Committee and as a member of the Pro Bono Committee of the NJ State Bar Association. Bob also has served as Chair of the International Human Rights Committee of the NY State Bar Association, International Law and Practice Section, and as a member of the International Human Rights Committee of the NY City Bar Association. Bob has served as a mediator with the Commercial Division, Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, and with the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. Bob also has served as an arbitrator at FINRA. He also served on the Permanent Judicial Commission of the Newark Presbytery, Presbyterian Church (USA). Bob began his career in Buffalo, NY, where he worked as a street gang social worker and as a Senior Legislative Assistant to

the Buffalo Common Council. Bob has received a B.A. from SUNY Geneseo, a M.S.W. from SUNY Buffalo, and a J.D. from New York Law School.

**Peggy Callahan's** sense of fairness has driven her work as a television journalist and human rights activist. She spent 20 years reporting and producing films on poverty, the foster care system, the death penalty, farm-workers, racism, and homelessness to name just a few. And then...she learned that slavery didn't end with Abraham Lincoln. She had to do something. Since then Peggy has worked on five continents to end slavery. She co-founded two international anti-slavery organizations – Free the Slaves and Voices 4 Freedom that work in 600 communities around the world and have helped get four Acts of congress passed. Peggy created the largest film archive about modern day slavery that is shared free of charge to help the media and scholars tell the story of slavery. Her short films were translated into four languages, broadcast in several countries and sent to every US Embassy and Consulate around the world. Peggy also created and produced The Freedom Awards that celebrate the modern-day Harriet Tubmans around the globe. Visibility from the awards helped many winners raise ten times their previous budget to help more people come to freedom. Much of her anti-slavery work today centers on 30 transitional schools in India that help free entire villages from slavery in just three years. Lately she's been producing a film with His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu about living with joy in trouble times. Act Like a Holy Man is an antidote to dark and divisive days.

**Leif Coorlim** is executive editor of the CNN Freedom Project, the network's multi-platform initiative that exposes modern-day slavery and advocates for change. He is based in CNN's Los Angeles bureau. An award-winning journalist, Coorlim has reported extensively on the subject of human trafficking, producing hundreds of stories, documentaries and panels throughout his career. His projects have won multiple awards, raising awareness of modern-day slavery and the efforts of the CNN Freedom Project around the world. In 2015, the CNN Freedom Project was honored by the U.S. State Department as a Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report Hero, and in 2013 was nominated for the prestigious Sakharov Human Rights Prize, for its reports, articles and documentaries on human trafficking in all of its forms – from debt bondage in India to sex trafficking rings in Southern California and African slaves in the Sinai desert. Since its launch in 2011, the CNN Freedom Project is among the most successful and highly visible programming initiatives on CNN International. It has generated more than 1,000 investigative stories of modern-day slavery from across five continents. Various NGOs report that these CNN Freedom Project stories have contributed to changing laws and corporate policies, led to more than 1,000 survivors receiving assistance and sparked more than \$24 million in donations to anti-trafficking organizations. Coorlim has produced high-profile documentaries for the CNN Freedom Project including “Children for Sale” featuring actress Jada Pinkett-Smith, “The Fighters” featuring boxing champion Manny Pacquiao and “Common Dreams” featuring Grammy and Oscar Award-winning musician and actor Common. Additionally, Coorlim recently profiled wounded U.S. veterans who are rescuing children back in the U.S. in “Heroes at Home,” and looked at a Mexican town overrun by human traffickers in the series, “Tenancingo.” In 2019, Coorlim produced two documentaries: “Troubled Waters” which documents child slavery in Ghana's fishing industry, witnessing the rescue of 19 children. That was followed by “Stolen Son,” a film investigating the kidnapping of a Rohingya child from the world's largest refugee camp, and the desperate, yet ultimately successful, efforts to return him home to his family. As part of CNN's efforts around the CNN Freedom Project, Coorlim has produced and participated in a number of panel events with organizations like the United Nations, European Parliament, Harvard University and INTERPOL. Coorlim has also produced several documentaries outside of the CNN Freedom Project including “Witness to

Devastation: Nepal Earthquake,” “ISIS: Battlefield Aleppo,” “ISIS: Inside Kobani” and “ISIS: New Face of Terror.” Since joining CNN in 2008, Coorlim has crisscrossed the globe producing documentaries and specials for the network such as “Be the Change”; “Going Green”; “Mirador: The Forgotten City”; “Witness to War”; “Sumatra: Paradise Lost?” and the “CNN/YouTube Debate on Climate Change” at the 2009 COP15 climate conference in Copenhagen. He also produced content for Impact Your World, CNN’s initiative that empowers its global audience to take action and make a difference in response to stories they see. Coorlim began his career in television more than a decade ago in Portland, Oregon at KOIN-TV followed by a few years at KPTV-TV. In 2003 he moved to Washington, D.C. to produce for WTTG-TV. Coorlim graduated summa cum laude from the University of Portland with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies. Follow Leif on Twitter: @LeifCoorlim.

**Megan Cutter** Megan is the Associate Director of the National Human Trafficking Hotline and has been with the Hotline for six years in various capacities: as a Hotline Advocate, Hotline Supervisor and Case Response Specialist. In her current role Megan leads a team of supervisory staff in an effort to promote continuity and consistency in case response across Hotline management, and ultimately Hotline Advocates; partners with senior National Hotline leadership to design, test, and refine innovative strategies and technologies to ensure optimal case response and provides resolutions for escalated complex cases that surface from the National Hotline.

**Andrew Del Rosario** is a senior at Seton Hall University. As a leader in Project Stay Gold, Andrew educated his peers across the state to learn the risk factors and warning signs of human trafficking. As a student leader, he delivered speeches at schools, government functions, and awareness events throughout the state.

**Professor Bernard Freamon's** primary teaching focus is in Islamic Jurisprudence and Islamic Legal History. He also has strong interests in ethics, international law, comparative law, evidence, legal philosophy, criminal law and jurisprudence, and Anglo-American legal history. In recent years, Professor Freamon has increasingly turned his attention to the problem of slavery in the Muslim world. His recently published book, Possessed by the Right Hand: The Problem of Slavery in Islamic Law and Muslim Cultures (Leiden: Brill, 2019), is the first comprehensive legal history of slavery in Islam ever offered to readers. After examining the issue from pre-Islamic times through to the nineteenth century, Professor Freamon considers the impact of Western abolitionism on the conceptions and practice of slavery in the Muslim world, arguing that abolitionist efforts have been a failure, with the notion of abolition now being nothing more than a cruel illusion. He closes this ground-breaking account with an examination of the slaving ideologies of ISIS and Boko Haram, asserting that Muslims now have an important and urgent imperative and responsibility to achieve true abolition under the aegis of Islamic law. Professor has also served as co-editor, together with Robert Harms and David W. Blight (winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Frederick Douglass), of an important collection of essays entitled *Indian Ocean Slavery in the Age of Abolition*, published by Yale University Press in 2013. In that same vein, he recently contributed an essay entitled "Slavery and Society in East Africa, Oman, and the Persian Gulf," to a collection entitled *What is a Slave Society? The Practice of Slavery in Global Perspective*, edited by Noel Lenski and Catherine M. Cameron and published in 2018 by Cambridge University Press. In that essay, he argues that East Africa, Oman and the Persian Gulf were true "genuine slave societies," in the sense that this categorization was used in Moses Finley's ground-breaking book *Ancient Slavery and Modern Ideology*. Professor Freamon's essay "Straight, No Chaser: Slavery and Abolition in Modern Islamic Thought," which can be found in the *Indian Ocean Slavery* collection, challenges scholars, teachers and

students of Islamic history to employ realism, unvarnished accuracy, and critical analysis in conveying understandings of the issues of slavery and slave trading in Islamic law and jurisprudence and in Islamic legal history. His essay in *What is a Slave Society?*, on East African, Oman and the Persian Gulf, follows through on that challenge.

**Tina Frundt** is Executive Director and Founder of Courtney's House. Ms. Frundt has been actively raising awareness of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC) since 2000. A high profile national advocate on the issue of domestic sex trafficking and a survivor of CSEC, Ms. Frundt is deeply committed to helping other children and women who are living through experiences similar to her own. She has been featured on numerous national shows and publications, including the OWN Network's *Our America with Lisa Ling: 3AM Girls*, which featured an undercover look into sex trafficking in Washington, DC, the CNN Freedom Project, and in 2016 the Whitney Young Unsung Heroes award by the Urban Institute. In 2010, she became the first U.S. citizen to receive the Free the Slaves Freedom Awards-Frederick Douglas Award, which recognizes survivors of sex trafficking who use their life in freedom to help others. In 2016 she was appointed by President Obama to the First White House Survivor Advisory Board. In 2017, Tina received the Lois Haight Award of Excellence and Innovation after being nominated by Representative Ted Poe. Ms. Frundt trains law enforcement and other non-profit groups to rescue and provide resources to victims, and is also a member of the Washington, D.C., State of Maryland and Prince George's County Human Trafficking Task Force, she was also appointed by the Governor of Maryland to the Safe Harbor work group. She has testified before the U.S. Congress about her own experiences and the need for greater protection and services for trafficked persons. She is the founder and executive director of Courtney's House, which provides direct services for domestic sex trafficked youth, ages 11 – 21 in the Washington D.C. metro area. Since its inception, Courtney's House and Ms. Frundt have helped over 650 survivors transition out of their trafficking situation.

**Dr. Kelly A Gleason** is Data Science Officer for the International Labour Organization and Data Science Lead at United Nations University-Centre for Policy Research. In her current role, Dr. Gleason is actively engaged in the development and dissemination of Delta 8.7, the Alliance 8.7 Knowledge Platform, which aims to promote evidence-based policy making and advance the scientific study of child labour, forced labour, human trafficking and modern slavery. Her expertise lies in advanced quantitative methodology and the translation and communication of complex research findings and data into accessible information through digital tools and data visualization. Dr. Gleason's research activities include employing machine-learning approaches to tracking official development spending to anti-slavery programming, analyzing policy on data access and measurement of SDG Target 8.7 and investigating data-driven approaches to empirical research on modern slavery. More recently, her work has focused on exploring pathways toward eradicating slavery through harnessing the power of innovative technologies and AI.

**Elise Groulx** is an international human rights and criminal law attorney. Elise Groulx has had a long career as a criminal defense lawyer in Montreal and is very well known for her work in connection with the International Criminal Court. Groulx advises corporations on human rights risks in their strategic projects and supply chains. A recognized expert in international criminal law, Groulx also assists businesses in assessing the legal risks of operating in fragile states and conflict zones. Groulx advises corporations, law firms and other organizations in the United States, Canada, France, United Kingdom and various Spanish-speaking countries.

**Lamont Hiebert** is the UNITAS Program Director and an anti-trafficking pioneer. In 2002 he co-founded Love146 and helped direct the international organization until 2012. During this time Mr. Hiebert helped establish an award-winning survivor-care team in the Philippines and expanded innovative, locally-run prevention programs in Southeast Asia. He also spearheaded a prevention education effort reaching thousands of students in Connecticut. Lamont joined UNITAS in 2016 as the Program Director, helping expand counter-trafficking efforts in Eastern Europe and the United States.

**Stephen Arthur Lamony** is a Senior Foreign Policy Advisor for Amnesty International's United Nations Office in New York. He is also a member of the American Bar Association's International Criminal Justice Standards Taskforce. Previously, he was a Senior United Nations Advocate for Africa to Amnesty International's United Nations Office in New York. Stephen was Head of Advocacy and Policy for the Coalition for the International Criminal Court in New York and head of Organization of the Uganda Coalition for the International Criminal Court. Before this post, he was a human rights officer at Human Rights Focus in Northern Uganda and he is a co-founder of the Uganda Victims Foundation. He is an author of a book on Truth and Reconciliation Commissions one Uganda and has written on international criminal justice issues widely. Last, but not least, he is an advocate of the Ugandan High Court, he is an experienced and dedicated human rights advocate.

**Mr. Luiz Machado** is the Technical Specialist on Forced Labour, for the Fundamental Principles and Rights and Work Branch of the Governance and Tripartism Department, of the International Labour Organization. He began his international experience in Brasília, his home town, where he attended the American School of Brasília. He took his first major on Business Administration, graduating in 2002, from Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. He also holds a degree on Law, obtained in 2011 from the University of the Federal District (UDF) in Brasília, Brazil. In 2012 Luiz became a lawyer specialized on Labour Law. Mr Machado joined ILO Brazil in 2003 as a team member of the "Combatting Froced Labour in Brazil" Project. Since 2009 he has been coordinating projects on the theme and in 2012 was appointed as the Director for the Project "Consolidating and Disseminating Efforts to Eradicate Forced Labour in Brazil and Peru". He is a member of the Steering Committee of the Brazilian National Pact for the Eradication of Slave Labor and also a member, representing the ILO, in the Brazilian National Commission for the Eradication of Slave Labor.

**Anisa Mehdi** is executive director of the Abraham Path Initiative (API), a cultural and educational non-profit organization founded at Harvard's Program on Negotiation. Anisa guides API on its mission to uphold the ethical values of Abraham: exploration and hospitality. API envisions a Middle East that is known for spectacular walking trails and its hospitable people. The organization builds trails with local partners and promotes unlikely encounters along Abraham's ancient route in the modern Middle East. As Executive Director, Anisa draws on 25 years experience in television news and documentary filmmaking. An Emmy-Award winning broadcast journalist and educator specializing in the arts, religion and global affairs, Anisa's work reflects her commitment to issues of social justice and cross-boundary understanding. The first American broadcaster to cover the hajj pilgrimage from Mecca, she's made several film on the subject for PBS and National Geographic. In 2009-2010 she served as a Fulbright Scholar in Jordan. Anisa is a trustee of the Esalen Institute, an alumna of Wellesley College, and holds a Masters in Journalism from Columbia University.

**Brian Keenan Muzás, Ph.D.**, is Assistant Professor at Seton Hall's School of Diplomacy and International Relations. He graduated summa cum laude with a B.S.E. in mechanical and aerospace engineering from Princeton University in 1996. Although a graduate-level course in energy and environmental policy at Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs foreshadowed his future enrollment in the doctoral program at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin, he first used a National Science Foundation Fellowship to obtain an M.S. in aeronautics from the California Institute of Technology in 1998. He then entered seminary. After receiving an M.Div. in pastoral ministry, an M.A. in systematic theology, and two John Paul II Medals for academic accomplishment at Seton Hall University, Father Muzás was ordained a Catholic priest in 2003. Assigned to a parish, Father Muzás used his days off variously to teach computer science at Seton Hall or to serve as co-chairman of an NGO conference committee at the United Nations. In 2007 Father Muzás was assigned to the priest community at Seton Hall University where he served for a year as a full-time adjunct in the School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Despite such well-rounded activities, it was a Harrington Fellowship that ultimately allowed Father Muzás to pursue scholarship at UT Austin that drew on all aspects of his background; he graduated with his Ph.D. in Public Policy in 2013. Father Muzás' research interests include international security, defense systems, and ethics, and he is currently exploring how religious cultural heritage has influenced nuclear decisions in the past in order to better understand similar issues today. Father Muzás has taught courses in international conflict and security, comparative foreign policy, and sustainable development at Seton Hall; this year, in addition to teaching in the undergraduate core curriculum, he is offering a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses in human security, international relations theory, statecraft, and nuclear weapons in the international system.

**Daniel Papa** is currently President of the Board of Trustees for the New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking serving as the co-chair of the Education Committee. Daniel a K-12 Supervisor of Curriculum & Instruction for Social Studies and Art for the Jefferson Township School District. He is an advisor and facilitator to Project Stay Gold, a student movement to abolish modern-day slavery. Project Stay Gold began when one of his students approached him after learning about modern-day slavery in his social studies class and expressed a desire to start an awareness campaign within the school. Mr. Papa testified on behalf of his students before the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs "Combatting Human Trafficking: Federal, State, and Local Perspectives" in September of 2013. Under Mr. Papa's leadership, the students launched their "Not On Our Turf" campaign to raise awareness of human trafficking surrounding the Super Bowl being held in their state in 2014.

**Erin Phelps** is Senior Strategic Partnerships Manager for the Freedom Fund, a non-profit dedicated to ending modern slavery, where she works to build collaboration with public and private sector partners. She previously worked with organizations including GoodWeave International, Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service and Adhikaar. As a Fulbright Student Researcher in Nepal, Erin conducted qualitative research on labor migration to the Middle East and worked with the Nepal Institute of Development Studies and IOM Nepal. She presented her work at Tribhuvan University and the Nepal National Conference on Migration and was a regular contributor to The Migrationist, an international migration blog. Erin received her BA in Sociology from Pomona College and is a World Economic Forum Global Shaper. She lives in Brooklyn.

**Rep. Chris Smith** (R-Hamilton, N.J.) is currently in his 20th two-year term in the U.S. House of Representatives, and serves residents of the Fourth Congressional District of New Jersey. In the

116th Congress, Mr. Smith serves as a senior member on the Foreign Affairs Committee, and is Ranking Member of its Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights and International Organizations Subcommittee. He is the Co-Chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, and Ranking Member of the bipartisan House/Senate/White House Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC), serving as chairman twice, and also serves as “Special Representative” on Human Trafficking for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. Previously, he served as Co-Chair and highest-ranking House member of the bipartisan House/Senate Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) serving as chairman five times, and served as Chairman of the Veterans Committee (two terms), the Foreign Affairs’ Subcommittee on Human Rights and International Operations, and the Subcommittee on Africa. Among other causes, Congressman Smith has long chaired bipartisan congressional caucuses (working groups) on Human Trafficking (14 years, co-founder) and Refugees (14 years). In 2018, after two years of effort, Congressman Smith's Iraq and Syria Genocide Relief and Accountability Act (PL 115-300) (HR 390), to ensure ISIS genocide victims in Iraq and Syria receive humanitarian relief and to hold the perpetrators accountable for their crimes, was enacted into law on Dec. 11. In 2019, his Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act (House of Representatives 2200 or HR 2200, now Public Law (PL) 115-425) was signed into law by the President on Jan. 8. The law authorized \$430 million over four years for a comprehensive whole-of-government effort to fight sex and labor trafficking at home and abroad. Rep. Smith is the author of five of America’s comprehensive anti-human trafficking laws, including the landmark Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 (PL 106-386), a groundbreaking law designed to prevent modern-day slavery, protect victims, and enhance civil and criminal penalties against traffickers. In 2016, Congressman Smith's International Megan’s Law to Prevent Child Exploitation and Other Sexual Crimes Through Advance Notification of Traveling Sex Offenders (PL 114-119) (HR 515), was passed by both houses of Congress and enacted into law to protect children in the U.S. and around the world from convicted pedophiles who travel in or out of the United States unbeknownst to law enforcement officials. The law capped an eight-year effort to finally enact international notification legislation that draws on current federal and Megan’s Laws in all 50 states that require public notice when a sex offender moves into a U.S. neighborhood. Megan lived in the Fourth Congressional District.

**Courtney Smith, Ph.D.** is Acting Dean and Associate Professor at the Seton Hall University School of Diplomacy and International Relations. Dr. Smith joined the faculty of the School of Diplomacy and International Relations in 1999. He was awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor in 2005, at which time he also became an associate dean of the School. He served as Senior Associate Dean until August 2019 when he was appointed Acting Dean. His areas of study include international organizations, United Nations studies and peace studies. Dr. Smith has interviewed over one hundred United Nations delegates and staff members for his research on the organization and its members. His book, *Politics and Process at the United Nations: The Global Dance*, was published by Lynne Rienner in 2006. Additional research on the organization's political process has been published in the journals *Global Governance*, the *International Journal of Organization Theory and Behavior*, and in the *International Journal of Peace Studies*, as well as in edited volumes with Lexington Books, Edward Elgar Publishers, and SAGE Publications. He has also published on the relationship between the United Nations and its leading member, the United States, in articles for *International Studies Perspectives* and *White House Studies* and in an essay for the United Nations Association of the USA's *A Global Agenda*. Dr. Smith has served as a Faculty Consultant for the Secretariat of the United Nations Year of Dialogue Among Civilizations and as a representative for the School of Diplomacy and International Relation's NGO affiliation with the UN Department of Public

Information. He serves on the Governing Council of the International Studies Association as its representative to the United Nations, as the treasurer of the Friends of the Academic Council on the United Nations System Board of Directors, and as an external review team member for the Middle States Commission on Higher Education and the UAE Commission for Academic Accreditation. He developed and directs the School's United Nations Intensive Summer Study Program, which brings an international group of students to Seton Hall and UN Headquarters for a one week immersion program.

**Marcus Thompson** is a history teacher at Jefferson Township High School. He is currently the adviser for Project Stay Gold, which is a student movement to abolish modern-day slavery. Mr. Thompson has led the student group to present their message to students across the state of New Jersey. Project Stay Gold is in the final stage of raising \$30,000 to build a safe home in Kenya to protect 60 young women from human trafficking.

**Tonya Turner** is the UNITAS Education and Training Director and was formerly the Director of Training and TA at GEMS (Girls Educational and Mentoring Services), the largest organization in New York State specifically designed to serve girls and young women who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking. Tonya was responsible for the creation and implementation of various training programs for the New York State Administration for Children's Services, the New York City police task force for human trafficking, and the NYS Department of Education and various nonprofit agencies across the country.