Event Speakers



Amy H. Waddell, PhD

Affiliations: Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking, Georgia's CJCC Human Trafficking Taskforce Work Groups 8 & 9, and Columbia International University

Dr. Waddell has been teaching in the public education system for more than 25 years and in faith-based ministry with vulnerable populations. She became a Developing Scholar with the Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars (GAHTS). Her research aims to strengthen community response to all forms of trafficking in persons and to be a voice of support to those with lived experiences of trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Her current study addresses trauma-informed practice and the organizational leadership challenges of human trafficking service providers. Amy's philosophy is to centralize the experiences and voices of survivors and carry it into her teaching and research representing Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking (SWAHT) and Shared Hope International. Amy lives in Savannah, Georgia, with her husband, Rev. Kyle Waddell.



Dr. Karen R. Lambie

Dr. Lambie taught for 32 years at both the elementary school and university levels. Over the past ten years since retiring, Dr. Lambie has studied the issue of human trafficking and is an Ambassador for Shared Hope International. She serves on the Mayor's Commission For Youth in Statesboro, is a member of Savannah Working Against Human Trafficking (SWAHT), and was previously a foster parent for Bulloch County DEFACs. She is currently the Vice President for Region 12 for the Adoptive and Foster Parent Association of Georgia. She has spoken in several states on the issue of Human Trafficking, most specifically the

sex trafficking of minors. She lives in Statesboro, Georgia with her husband, Tom Lambie.



Greg Gilluly, AUSA, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Georgia

Greg Gilluly is an Assistant United States Attorney in the Southern District of Georgia. He serves as the Deputy Criminal Chief, and formerly served as the OCDETF Chief. Mr. Gilluly is a federal prosecutor who primarily handles complex organized crime cases. He has practiced law for a couple of decades, and the majority of his career he has served as a federal prosecutor. He has dismantled violent criminal enterprises involved in international drug trafficking, international human trafficking and international money laundering. Mr. Gilluly has received multiple OCDETF National Awards, a US DOJ Director's Award, and national

awards from ATF, FBI, Homeland Security Investigations, and various Offices of Inspector General. Mr. Gilluly has given presentations on human trafficking and organized crime throughout the United States.



Alia El-Sawi, Homeland Security Investigations Victim Assistance Specialist

Alia El-Sawi currently serves as the Victim Assistance Specialist for Homeland Security Investigations. Alia designs and provides educational trainings and outreach to law enforcement, attorneys, mainstream service providers, and community-based organizations on human trafficking and child exploitation. Alia also worked on cases that involved immigrant and refugee survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and rape. She served as the Chair of the Department of Health and Human Services' Rescue & Restore Board and as the Freedom Network's Social Service Committee Chair. She has

traveled overseas to train foreign governments on human and has received several state and national awards for her work in human trafficking.



Tania Groover, AUSA, Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Georgia

Tania Groover is an Assistant United States Attorney and the point of contact for all human trafficking cases in the Southern District of Georgia. She is the coordinator for the Federal Human Trafficking Task Force in the Southern District of Georgia. Tania has more than 20 years of experience as a state and federal prosecutor working on victim cases involving sex trafficking, labor trafficking, child exploitation, rape and sexual assault, domestic violence, elder abuse, and homicide. In addition to prosecuting cases, She works with law enforcement, victim-witness service providers, government agencies, and non-

governmental organizations to help identify victims and provide victim services in human trafficking cases.



Tammy Hopper

Tammy L. Hopper, MSW, CYC-P, brings more than 35 years of experience as a professional youth care worker and clinician. She has developed and led runaway and homeless youth programs, managed a national AmeriCorps award, led a multi-state initiative to improve the capacity of faith-based organizations, and directed a multi-state award from the Office of Refugee Resettlement to address Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children. She is the Chief Strategic Initiatives Officer with National Safe Place Network. Her past service includes director of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Training and Technical

Assistance Center, Chair of the National Council on Youth Policy, and Director of Public Policy for the National Network for Youth. She is a master facilitator of training and has contributed to curricula for training on human trafficking and is the creator of the HTR3 Curriculum which supports youth care providers.



Diane McLeod, Special Prosecutor, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Attorney McLeod brings over 30 years experience to her position as a Special Prosecutor for the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Legal Division assigned to the Agricultural Labor initiative providing counsel and advice to law enforcement and others. Attorney McLeod was previously in private practice, served as a judge pro-tem for the Chatham County Recorder's Court and represented the Chatham County Board of Assessors. Attorney McLeod has taught classes for the Prosecuting Attorney's Council at their annual Summer Conference and the Victim Witness Conference. She has continuously provided

training to local schools and non-profit agencies in the areas of juvenile law, sexual abuse, gangs, bullying and human trafficking. Attorney McLeod is a member of the Georgia Bar Association and the Savannah Bar Association and is a native of Savannah, Georgia.



Dr. Kate Perry

Kate Perry is an Assistant Professor in the Political Science and International Studies Department at Georgia Southern University. She teaches courses on gender and security issues broadly. Her research interests include human trafficking, sanctions, and women's issues around the world. Her work has been published in academic journals including the European Journal of Political Research, International Relations, and International Studies Perspectives.