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Program on Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery

The Program on Human Trafficking and Modern-Day Slavery conducts research on the underlying causes and conditions that permit human trafficking to flourish and develops data-driven public policy strategies to address this global human rights crisis.



Human trafficking is a gross human rights violation and an affront to human dignity. Slavery— subjugation through violence, sexual abuse, and/or the denial of all free will— is the underlying crime of human trafficking. Human trafficking violates many of the articles in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, particularly Articles 1, 4, 5, 13, and 23, and is one of the greatest human rights crises of modern times.

The Program, formerly an Initiative which was launched in 2008, seeks to provide not only academic resources, but also professional training on effective tools for combating human trafficking, as well as dissemination of research and best practices to the global community.

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PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR 2010-2011

Global online conferences ~

Co-sponsored with the Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, the Program hosts two global online conferences a year as part of an ongoing series focused on best practices to combat human trafficking.

Lectures, community events, and forums ~

The Program hosts numerous lectures and events throughout the academic year. Past lectures and events have featured numerous global leaders, scholars, and practitioners dedicated to combating human trafficking and developing strategic and effective public policy solutions.

Policy summits and trainings ~

For up to date information on dates and times, visit:
<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/cchrp/isht/>

Research ~

The Working Group on Modern-Day Slavery and Human Trafficking, co-chaired by Professor Timothy Patrick McCarthy and Christina Bain, is a collaboration of scholars from the New England area who gather monthly to foster a more cohesive academic community focused on human trafficking and modern-day slavery.

STUDENT INITIATIVE

- Student-sponsored lectures and career panels
- Student anti-trafficking policy group
- PAE advising and grant opportunities



"Trafficking in persons is a crime. It's a crime akin to murder. It's a crime akin to rape and kidnapping. We have to confront it not just by addressing root causes...but by using all of our tools to rescue and to punish."

~Ambassador Luis CdeBaca, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State (right), and E. Benjamin Skinner, former Carr Center Fellow (left).

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PEOPLE



Christina Bain, Program Director, was previously the Executive Director of the Massachusetts Governor's Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence. She worked on domestic violence and criminal justice issues including human trafficking and sex offender management as the Public Affairs Liaison to Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey. She also served as a Special Assistant to Massachusetts Governor Jane Swift. Since 2006 she has been a member of the Massachusetts Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking.



Siddharth Kara, Fellow, first encountered the horrors of slavery in a Bosnian refugee camp in 1995. Subsequently, he traveled to fourteen countries across four continents to research these crimes, interviewing over four hundred slaves, witnessing firsthand the sale of humans into slavery, and confronting those who trafficked and exploited them. His book, *Sex Trafficking: Inside the Business of Modern Slavery*, provides a rare business and economic analysis of the global sex trafficking industry and recommends legal and tactical measures to help abolish slavery. Mr. Kara currently advises the United Nations and several governments on anti-slavery policy and law.

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