

LAURA J. LEDERER, J.D.

Brief Biography

Laura J. Lederer received her B.A. *magna cum laude* in comparative religions from the University of Michigan. After 10 years in philanthropy as director of community concerns at a private foundation, she continued her education at the University of San Francisco Law School and DePaul College of Law and received her juris doctorate in June 1994. She was the recipient of the University of San Francisco Alumni Women's Association scholarship in 1991. In 1992 she was Mansfield Fellow of Law at DePaul College of Law. In 1997, she received the Gustavus Meyers Center for Study of Human Rights Annual Award for Outstanding Work on Human Rights for her work on harmful speech issues. In 2008 she received a Distinguished Service Award from the U.S. State Department. In September, 2009, she received the University of Michigan's College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Humanitarian Service Award for her work to stop human trafficking. The award is "the College's greatest living alumni honor" and is given to recognize noble character and citizenship and to celebrate service to humanity. On November 2, 2009, she also received the Protection Project Human Rights Award for her invaluable contribution to the global movement to stop human trafficking. On September, 29, 2011 she was awarded the honor of Outstanding Scholar from the National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation. In May of 2013 she received the Breaking Free Award for Exemplary Work to End Sex Trafficking. She received the Trafficking in America Pioneering and Leadership Award in June 2013.

Lederer founded and directed The Protection Project at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government in 1997. In 2000, she moved The Project to Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). She is adjunct professor of law at Georgetown Law Center, where she has taught for ten years, including the first full course on international trafficking in persons offered at a law school.

For six years from 2002 – 2008, she served as Senior Advisor on Trafficking in Persons to Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs. She was Senior Director of Global Projects on Trafficking in Persons in the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the U.S. Department of State. From 2002 - 2009, she also held the Executive Directorship of the Senior Policy Operating Group on Trafficking in Persons, a policy group that staffed the President's cabinet-level Interagency Task Force on Trafficking in Persons.

Lederer was an expert consultant for "The Day My God Died," a feature-length documentary, that casts a spotlight on the devastating impact child sex trafficking has upon the lives of children trafficked from Nepal to India. She also served as an advisor for the New York Times article that served as the basis for "Trade", a feature length

drama based on real cases of international sex trafficking, and starring Kevin Kline. She has advised on training manuals for the U.S. Department of Defense, and assisted in TIP training of foreign national militaries for U.S. Department of Defense Southern Command. In addition she served as a subject matter expert for the U.S. Department of Defense the design of its 2013 Strategic Plan on Combating Trafficking in Persons and the development of specialized training programs for DOD components in the field.

She is the editor of *Take Back the Night*, published in 1980 by William and Morrow (hardcover) and Bantam Books (paperback), and *The Price We Pay: The Case Against Racist Speech, Hate Propaganda, and Pornography*, published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux in 1995, and the author of numerous articles on trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation of women and children, including “Sold for Sex; the Link Between Street Gangs and Human Trafficking,” “Best Practices in Addressing Demand,” and “Is There Justice in Johns Schools?” Currently she is President of Global Centurion, a new NGO dedicated to fighting world slavery by focusing on demand. She has spoken at over 500 governmental, inter-governmental and non-governmental events.

Currently she is Director of the Bastian Center for the Study of Human Trafficking, a new university-based research center for the study of human trafficking. The purpose of the Center is to provide policy-makers and practitioners with systematic and evidence-based knowledge to help them design effective policies and programs to combat human trafficking. As Director she is responsible for the executive and visionary leadership of the Center, including leading the development of a strategic vision and plan for the Center; primary investigator for anchor research projects for the Center; and liaison with public policy officials, community leaders, scholars and others on special projects addressing human trafficking.

LAURA J. LEDERER
President
Global Centurion
Curriculum Vitae

EDUCATION AND AWARDS

Recipient, 2013 Pioneering & Leadership Award, Trafficking in America, June 2013

Recipient, Breaking Free Demand Change Award for Exemplary Work to End Sex Trafficking, May, 2013

Recipient, Outstanding Scholar Award
National Research Consortium on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.
University of Toledo
September, 29, 2011

Recipient, Johns Hopkins University
School of Advanced International Study (SAIS)
The Protection Project's 2009 Human Rights Award
November 2, 2009

Recipient, University of Michigan
College of Literature, Science, and Arts Humanitarian Service Award
September, 2009

Recipient, Adele Herwitz Scholar,
Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools
January, 2008

Recipient, Distinguished Service Awards
United States Department of State, 2005, 2006, 2008

Recipient, Gustavus Meyers Center for the Study of Human Rights in North America
Annual Award for Outstanding Work on Human Rights, 1997

Mansfield Fellow of Law, 1992
Minneapolis, Minnesota

DePaul University Women's Alumni Association Award, 1991

University of San Francisco Law School (1991) and DePaul College of Law
J.D. June, 1994

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
B.A. Magna cum laude; Comparative Religions

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Director, Bastian Center for the Study of Human Trafficking, 2014 – present

Director of new university-based research center for the study of human trafficking. The purpose of the Center is to provide policy-makers and practitioners with systematic and evidence-based knowledge to help them design effective policies and programs to combat human trafficking. Responsible for the executive and visionary leadership of the Center, including leading the development of a strategic vision and plan for the Center; primary investigator for anchor research projects for the Center; liaison with public policy officials, community leaders, scholars and others on special projects addressing human trafficking.

President, Global Centurion, 2009 - present

Responsible for developing current operating and long-term programs and planning; initiating and overseeing research on the demand side of human trafficking, including the first comprehensive collection of domestic and international case law; advising the President on policy considerations related to combating child sex trafficking; serving as primary liaison between Global Centurion and other NGOs; spokesperson at public events, including conferences, academic institutions, and community organizations; Supervisory responsibility for staff, students, and interns.

Subject Matter Expert, U.S. Department of Defense, January 2013 – present

Responsible for providing subject matter expertise on trafficking in persons to the U.S. Department of Defense for a four year Strategic Plan on Combating Trafficking in Persons; Assisting in creating specialized trainings for DOD law enforcement components including DCIS, NCIS, Military Police, and JAG; Assisting in creating specialized training for Contracts and Acquisitions to strengthen protections against trafficking in persons in federal contracts; Assisting in updating and revising general on-line web training for Total Forces; Advising Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP) Office in U.S. Department of Defense OUSD(P&R)DHRA.

Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown Law Center, 2001 – 2014

LLM and J.D. course on international trafficking in persons covering U.S. law; foreign national law; international treaties and conventions; the scope and nature of the problem; trafficking routes, trends, and patterns; and related issues including rule of law such as corruption, money laundering, terrorism, transnational criminal activity.

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Senior Advisor on Trafficking, Office of Global Affairs, US Department of State, November, 2002 – January, 2009

Advised the Under Secretary for Global Affairs on policy considerations, programs, and plans for trafficking in persons; represented the Under Secretary at high-level national and foreign national meetings; designed and implemented special projects on trafficking such as trafficking and HIV/AIDS; trafficking and adoption; trafficking and international peacekeeping; the public health implications of trafficking, and more; spoke extensively at conferences, seminars, and other gatherings on behalf of the Under Secretary; planned and advised the Under Secretary on State Department role in the President's Inter-agency Task Force on Trafficking (cabinet level task force);

Executive Director, U.S. Government Senior Policy Operating Group on Trafficking 2002- 2009

Directed this U.S. government inter-agency group consisting of senior policy officials from Department of State, Department of Justice, Department of Labor, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, and twelve other U.S. government agencies that play a vital role in addressing trafficking.

Deputy Senior Advisor, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, US Department of State, 2001 – 2002

Advised the Senior Advisor during the creation of the legislatively mandated office that produces the annual Trafficking in Persons Report, runs an international grant-making program, and leads the worldwide diplomatic efforts to stop trafficking.

Founder and Director, The Protection Project, 1997-2001

- **Johns Hopkins University**
School of Advanced International Studies (1999-2001)
- **Harvard University (1997-1999)**
John F. Kennedy School of Government

Director of international legal research project entitled "Creating an International Framework for Legislation to Protect Women and Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation ("the Protection Project"). Responsible for programs of The Protection Project, including collecting all foreign national laws that addressed trafficking worldwide for a comprehensive database; comparative legal analysis of laws on trafficking and related activities (debt bondage, involuntary servitude, slavery, document fraud, kidnapping); Created and directed GSI mapping program of human trafficking routes and patterns; served as subject expert for US government hearings and study groups on TIP related laws.

**University of Minnesota Law School
Director, Center on Speech, Equality and Harm, 1994-1998**

Director of legal research institute specializing in harmful speech issues, including racist speech, child pornography, religious and ethnic hate speech, and hate propaganda against other historically disenfranchised groups. Primary investigator for international legal research project entitled, "Creating an International Framework for Legislation to Protect Women and Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation," March, 1997-2000;

**The L.J. and Mary C. Skaggs Foundation
Oakland, California
Program Director for Community and Social Concerns, 1980-1991**

Responsible for design and implementation of social concerns grant-making programs for this private philanthropic foundation, including a Women's and Children's Rights Program; a special two-year International Women's Decade Fund (1984-1985, Nairobi, Kenya); a three-year statewide program on Chemical Contamination in the State of California; Kids Having Kids, a teen pregnancy prevention program focused on East Oakland; and a program on the Effects of Mass Media on Human Behavior. Also responsible for part of the International grant-making program.

**Program on Studies in Religion, University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Administrative Assistant**

Responsible for managing the office of the newly formed Program on Studies in Religion, for the renowned Near Eastern Studies scholar and Old Testament Professor David Noel Freedman. Assisted in developing an inter-disciplinary program of studies; managed communications systems for Anchor Bible Series editing process; created and helped to maintain small program fund.

PUBLICATIONS

"The Health Consequences of Human Trafficking," Loyola Annals of Health and Law, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Beazley Institute for Health and Law Policy, Spring 2014.

"Sold for Sex: The Link Between Street Gangs and Human Trafficking," Journal of Human Rights, the Protection Project, School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, November 2011

"Addressing Demand: Why and How Policymakers Should Utilize Law and Law Enforcement to Target Customers of Commercial Sexual Exploitation," Regent University School of Law Law Review, Spring 2011, Volume 23, No. 2/

“Trafficking, Procurement and Coercion Legislation: An International Comparative Legal Analysis,” published by Rutgers Transaction Press, Gender Issues, Winter 1999.

National Legislation on International Trafficking in Child Pornography,” National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, U.S. Department of Justice, Spring 1999.

The Price We Pay: The Case Against Racist Speech, Hate Propaganda, and Pornography (ed., with Professor Richard Delgado), Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 1996.

“Pornography and Hate Speech as Hate Propaganda,” in Feminist Jurisprudence, Women and the Law; rush, Dowd, Taylor and Munro (eds.); Fred B. Rothman and Company, Littleton, Co.; February 1998.

Take Back the Night: Women on Pornography, William Morrow, 1980 (hardcover); Bantam Books, 1981 (paperback).

TRAININGS CREATED AND PRESENTED

SOUTHCOM, U.S. Department of Defense, Human Rights Initiative, 3 Day Training for Foreign National Military Representatives, Central America, South America, Caribbean; May 24 – 27, 2012, Guatemala City, Guatemala

Fondation Espoir, “Haiti and Human Trafficking Train the Trainers” Training; Haitian professionals, service providers, government officials; in Creole, French, and English, Port au Prince, Haiti; on-going, September 2011 – present; development of materials, presentations, sector-specific trainings.

Demand Change Conferences; Demand Reduction Regional Trainings; U.S. (Northwest, Heartland, East Coast, Southwest);

Street Gangs and Human Trafficking, Webinar Series, Salvation Army, September 2011

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

“Reconciling Freedom of Speech and Equality,” November 1996; Bellagio Conference Center, Rockefeller Foundation, Bellagio, Italy.

“Speech, Equality and Harm,” March 1993, University of Chicago Law School, Chicago, Illinois. Three-day national conference with 50 of the foremost Constitutional scholars, critical race theorists and feminist legal scholars to discuss the constitutional significance of harmful speech and conduct.

SELECTED SPEECHES AND PAPERS DELIVERED

Blackstone Legal Fellowship, Alliance Defending Freedom, “Protecting the Least of These: Realistic Strategies for Defeating Sex Trafficking,: Presentation on Trafficking in Persons for Two Week Training for 2013 Blackstone Legal Interns, Phoenix, Arizona, June 18, 2013

United States Attorney’s Office, Eastern District of Louisiana, Human Trafficking Joint Task Force One Day Conference: Preparing for the Super Bowl 2013, “Stopping Human Trafficking: What Communities Can Learn from Past Super Bowls,” November 29, 2012, New Orleans, Louisiana

George Mason University, “Curbing Demand as a Strategy to End Human Trafficking,” Fairfax, VA; November 8, 2012

Women’s Bar Association of the District of Columbia, “Abolishing Human Trafficking in Government Contracts,” Washington, DC; November 8, 2012

The Protection Project, School of Advanced International Studies, Seventh Annual November Symposium on Trafficking in Persons, “*The Procedural and Substantive Elements of Prosecuting Cases of Trafficking in Persons: Comparative Models and International Standards*,” November 6, 2012, Washington, DC

International Security Officers Association
“Labor Trafficking in Procurement and Contracting”
Washington, DC; May 1, 2012

Demand Change Heartland; Kansas City, Missouri
Veronica’s Voice Safe Center
April 13, 2012

Houghton College, Houghton, New York
“The Business of Human Trafficking: Addressing Demand as an Abolition Tactic,”
Center on Faith, Justice and Global Engagement, March 22, 2012

Royal Family Kids, Keynote Speech, Training for Camp Directors, March 9, 2012,
Irvine, California

SOUTHCOM, U. S. Department of Defense Human Rights Roundtable, February 27, 2012, National Defense University, Washington, D.C.

University of Hawaii, Center for Hawaiian Studies, February 16, 2012, and Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking, Training Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii

Rice University, Gray/Wawre Lectures in Gender, Health and Well-Being, February 9, 2012, Houston, Texas, sponsored by the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy and the Center for the Study of Women, Gender and Sexuality

Marist College, Research Association of Psychology Conference, November 30, 2011, Poughkeepsie, New York

Salvation Army National Headquarters, "The Link Between Street Gangs and Trafficking In Persons," Webinar, September 2011

U.S. Department of Defense, Annual Trafficking in Persons Conference, U.S. Department of Defense, Washington, DC, August 2011

Breaking Free, End Demand Conference, "Demand Reduction in Human Trafficking," St. Paul, Minn, July 2011

South Texas College, "In Modern Bondage: Slavery in the 21st Century," McAllen, Texas, April 2011

Liberty University, A History of the Development of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act," February 2011.

Committee on the Status of Women, Girls Caucus, United Nations Annual Meeting, March 12, 1998, "Legislation Preventing Trafficking of Children"

National Council of Women, Annual Meeting, March 6, 1998, "Preliminary Findings on International Trafficking Legislation"

UNICEF Child Protection Section, Briefing on Legislation to Protect Children from Commercial Sexual Exploitation, March 12, 1998.

NGO Support Group on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women, Committee on Human Rights, United Nations, Geneva, Switzerland, Briefing on Legislation on Trafficking of Women and Children

INTERPOL, November 1997, Legislative and Law Enforcement Efforts to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children

White House Internet Online Summit, December 1997, "Preventing and Reducing Child Pornography on the Internet: A Legislative Approach"

NGO Support Group on Sexual Exploitation of Children, September 1997, "Implementation of Article 34 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child"

World Congress against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Stockholm, Sweden, August 1996, "The Relationship between National Legislation and International Trafficking in Child Pornography"

Brighton Conference on Violence Against Women, Brighton, England, Nov. 1996, "Trafficking in Women and Children: Global Patterns, Legislative Responses"

Plus 200 speeches delivered during service in U.S. Department of State, November 2001 – January 2009 (Complete list available on request)

ASSOCIATIONS AND SERVICES

Doctors at War Against Trafficking in Persons, Board of Directors, 2009 – present

Stop Modern Slavery (SMS), Board of Directors, 2010 – present

Triple S (Stop Sex Slavery) Network, Founder and Director, 2009 - present

Women’s Rights Without Frontiers, Advisory Board, 2009 - present

Courtney’s House, Board of Directors, 2011 - 2014

Take Back the Night Board of Advisors, 2010 - 2014

NOMI Network, Board of Directors, 2009 – 2012

Global Fund for Women, Advisory Board, 1993- 1998

ECPAT (End Child Prostitution and Trafficking) USA, Board of Directors, 1997 - 2001

Global Fund for Women, Founding Member and Board of Directors, 1988-1992

Council on Foundation Program Committee, 1988-1989

Northern California Grantmakers, 1987-1989

East Bay Funders, Co-founder and Steering Committee member, 1988-1991

White House Peer Review Advisory Committee, U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, “Sexual Exploitation and Family Violence,” 1984-1986

National Task Force on Missing Children, U.S. Office of Juvenile Justice, 1985

Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
 Witness Disclosure Requirement - "Truth in Testimony"
 Required by House Rule XI, Clause 2(g)

1. Your Name: Laura J. Lederer		
2. Are you testifying on behalf of the Federal, or a State or local government entity?	Yes	No X
3. Are you testifying on behalf of an entity that is not a government entity?	Yes X	No
4. Other than yourself, please list which entity or entities you are representing:		
5. Global Centurion Foundation		
6. Please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that you or the entity you represent have received on or after October 1, 2011:		
A. Subgrant with Texas Christian University, from Department of Justice on "The Link Between Organized Crime and Human Trafficking"		
B. Subcontract, Booz Allen Hamilton, from Department of Defense for Subject Matter Expert for Trainings on Trafficking in Persons at Department of Defense		
7. If your answer to the question in item 3 in this form is "yes," please describe your position or representational capacity with the entity or entities you are representing:		
President, Global Centurion		
8. If your answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," do any of the entities disclosed in item 4 have parent organizations, subsidiaries, or partnerships that you are not representing in your testimony?	Yes	No X
9. If the answer to the question in item 3 is "yes," please list any Federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) that were received by the entities listed under the question in item 4 on or after October 1, 2011, that exceed 10 percent of the revenue of the entities in the year received, including the source and amount of each grant or contract to be listed:		
Subgrant with TCU, from DOJ : \$50,000		
Subcontract with BAH, from DoD: \$60,000		
10. Please attach your curriculum vitae to your completed disclosure form.		

Signature:

Date: 9/8/14