

Human Trafficking in Asia and the Pacific Symposium

January 16, 2014 (Friday)
Center for Korean Studies Auditorium
1:00 - 4:30 pm Panel Presentations
4:30 - 5:00 pm Refreshments

Trafficking in persons is one of the fastest growing criminal activities in the world. Asia and the Pacific, including Hawai'i, have become hubs for this activity which in part is explained by rapid globalization and the resulting movement of labor. The symposium's panelists provide detailed presentations on case studies, illustrating the complexities of human trafficking and defying the tendency to universalize experiences. Cultural, economic, and historical contexts are factors to be considered, as well as state and federal laws and international protocols. The goal of the symposium is to examine different perspectives and questions on the topic to begin a conversation on the scope and range of the problems.

The U.S. State Department publishes an annual *Trafficking in Persons Report* rating 188 countries governments' compliance with the Trafficking Victims Protection Act's (TVPA) minimum standards. In the most recent report of June 2014, the *TIP Report* defined "trafficking in persons" and "human trafficking" as "umbrella terms for the act of recruiting, harboring, transporting, providing, or obtaining a person for compelled labor or commercial sex acts through the use of force, fraud, or coercion."¹

¹United State Department of State, *Trafficking in Persons Report June 2014* (2014), 29.

Panel 1 1:10 pm to 2:45 pm

Carole Petersen, UHM Prof. of Law and Director of the Spark M. Matsunaga Peace Institute
"Sex Work, Migration, and the United States Trafficking In Persons Report: A Case Study of the Impact on Law and Policy in Hong Kong"

Petrice Flowers, UHM Associate Prof., Political Science
"Entertainers and Trainees: Race, Gender, and Visa Status in Human Trafficking to Japan"

Panel 2 3:00 to 4:20 pm

Julie Walsh, UHM Curriculum Specialist, Center for Pacific Islands
"Adoption (Under)Currents: Domestic Drift in Adoptions of Marshallese Children by Americans"

Clare Hanusz, Immigration Attorney at Damon Key Leong Kupchak Hastert, A Law Corporation
"Labor Trafficking in Hawai'i: A Case Study of Thai Farm Workers with Global Horizons and Aloun Farms"

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LAW 547 / WS 657 Gender and Law C. Petersen Mon./Wed. 3:20 to 4:55 pm
PACE 420 Introduction to Human Rights C. Petersen Mon./Wed. 10:30 to 11:45 am
POLS 307H Japan (Human Rights in Japan) P. Flowers Mon./Wed./Fri. 9:30 to 10:20 am
POLS 685B Japanese Politics (Human Rights in Japan) P. Flowers Mon. 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

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