Immigration Enforcement and Human Trafficking Under the Trump Administration

October 9, 2018 | 9:00am to 5:00pm Agenda

9:00 – 9:45 | Registration

9:45 – 10:00 | Welcome and Introduction

Presenters: **Daniel Stageman**, Director of Research Operations, John Jay College of Criminal Justice **Meredith Dank**, Research Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

10:00 - 11:00 | Keynote Address

Speaker: Sarah Stillman, Director, Global Migration Project, Columbia University School of Journalism

11:15 – 12:30 | Panel: Immigrants, Victims, Rights, and Visas

Panel will focus on how current immigration policies and enforcement efforts are impacting immigrant communities and victims of human trafficking. Panelists will also discuss how shifting immigration policies have affected the interest and ability to obtain T-Visas and U-Visas, as well as access to victim services.

Moderator: Tanvi Misra, Staff Writer, CityLab

 Panelists: Amy Fleischauer, Director, Survivor Support Services, International Institute of Buffalo
Suzanne Tomatore, Co-Director, Immigrant Justice Project, City Bar Justice Center
Gonzalo Martinez de Vedia, Program Manager, Buffett-McCain Institute
Initiative to Combat Modern Slavery, McCain Institute for International Leadership

12:30 – 1:45 | Lunch will be provided

2:00 – 3:15 | Panel: Impact of Immigration Enforcement on Asian Massage Parlors

Asian massage parlors have increasingly become a target for immigration enforcement campaigns, further complicating the lives and recovery of potential human trafficking victims. Panelists will discuss immigration enforcement within Asian massage parlors and the impact these enforcement campaigns have had on the community.

Moderator: Nick Pachelli, Assistant Editor, Researcher, Reporter, Esquire Magazine

Panelists: Leigh Latimer, Supervising Attorney, Legal Aid Society Mary Caparas, Manager, Project Free, WomanKind Susan Liu, Counselor/Associate Director of Women's Services, Garden of Hope

3:30 – 4:45 | Panel: Impact of Immigration Policies on Labor Trafficking

Labor trafficking has traditionally been a difficult crime to identify, investigate, and prosecute because it is a hidden crime and deeply embedded in traditional employment. Victims of labor trafficking do not often seek help because they are fearful of their safety and deportation, or they are not aware that assistance is available. Panelists will discuss how current immigration policies are further impacting the ability of labor trafficking victims to be identified and receive the support they need.

Moderator: Dara Lind, Senior Reporter, Vox

 Panelists: Renan Salgado, Senior Human Trafficking Specialist, Worker Justice Center of New York
Estelle Davis, Counsel to the Division of Immigrant Policies and Affairs, New York Department of Labor
Riya Ortiz, Lead Community Organizer, Damayan Migrant Workers Association
Edith Mendoza, Survivor of Labor Trafficking and Organizer, Damayan Migrant Workers Association

4:45 – 5:00 | Closing Remarks