

SCHEDULE

The Survivor's Academy:

Exploring the Pathways on the Journey from Victim to Survivor and to Thrive

July 21 – July 25, 2025

DAY 1

Monday, July 21, 2025

UNDERSTANDING THE JOURNEY: WALKING THROUGH PATHWAYS TO RESILIENCE

8:15 am - 8:55 am	Registration & Light Breakfast
9:00 am - 9:15 am	Welcome, Invocation and Opening Remarks David A. Armstrong, J.D., President, St. Thomas University Dr. Fr. Hilary Nwainya, Director of Theology Programs at St. Thomas University Dr. Roza Pati, St. John Paul II Distinguished Professor of Law, Director, The Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy
9:15 am - 10:45 am	Session 1 – <i>The Dynamics of Exploitation: Mental Health and Human Trafficking</i> Instructor – Steven L. Procopio, ACSW, LICSW, Consultant Trainer Therapist, Male Survivors of Sexual Trauma & Trafficking at Procopio Consultant, Boston, Massachusetts
10:45 am - 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am - 12:30 pm	Session 2 – <i>Emerging Issues in Labor Trafficking: Structural Challenges and Actionable Insights</i> Instructor – Julissa Ponce, Lived Experience Expert Anti-Trafficking and Worker Rights Consultant Program building Public Speaker, Moline, Illinois
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Thematic Luncheon - <i>The Path to Building Wealth for Survivors of Human Trafficking</i> Speakers - Hollie Nadel, Operations & HR Leader Recruitment Specialist Public Speaker & Trainer Arlington, VA Darren Aversa M.A., Financial Advisor & Limited Partner, Edward Jones, Washington, D.C.
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Session 3 – <i>The Power of Unlikely Relationships: Emerging Issues in Sex Trafficking</i> Instructor – Oree Freeman, Trainer Advocate Survivor Leader, Los Angeles, California

DAY 2

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

LAW, POLICY & PRACTICE: STRENGTHENING LEGAL FRAMEWORKS & SURVIVOR PROTECTIONS

9:00 am - 10:30 am	Session 1 – <i>Legislative Gaps and Potential Remedies in Combatting Human Trafficking Among Missing and Exploited Children</i> Instructor – Yiota Souras, Esq., Chief Legal Officer, National Center for Missing & Exploited Children Attorney, Alexandria, Virginia
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Session 2 – <i>Utilizing Legal Frameworks to Strengthen Survivor Protections</i> Instructor – Christine Raino, Esq., Experienced Children's Rights and Youth Justice Advocate Attorney and Nonprofit Professional Washington, D.C.
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch Break
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Session 3 – <i>From the Margins to the Center: Advancing Survivor-Led Policy and Legal Reform</i> Instructor – Ambassador John Cotton Richmond, President, Libertas Council, Chief Impact Officer, Atlas Free, Former United States Ambassador-at-Large to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, Co-Founder, Human Trafficking Institute, Former Federal Prosecutor, U.S. Department of Justice

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DAY 3

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

LABOR TRAFFICKING: STORIES OF RESILIENCE, SYSTEMS OF EXPLOITATION, AND BARRIERS TO JUSTICE

9:00 am - 10:30 am	Session 1 – <i>Two Worthwhile Things: Reach and Serve Survivors Without Burning Out</i> Instructor – Daniel Emr, Founder and Executive Director at <i>Worthwhile</i> , Collegeville, Pennsylvania
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Session 2 – <i>Gang-Controlled Labor Trafficking</i> Instructor – Bella Hounakey, Program Manager, Office of Refugee Resettlement, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	Thematic Luncheon – <i>Rethreaded: Unlocking Potential</i> Speaker - Kristin Keen, Founder and CEO of Rethreaded, Jacksonville, Florida
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Session 3 – <i>Unseeing Victims of Labor Trafficking, Gender Roles and Cultural Components</i> Instructor – Rafael Bautista, Vice Chair, U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking, California

DAY 4

Thursday, July 24, 2025

OVERCOMING EXPLOITATION: DISRUPTING SEX TRAFFICKING & PROTECTING SURVIVORS

9:00 am - 10:30 am	Session 1 – <i>Gang-Controlled Sex Trafficking</i> Instructor – The Honorable Michael Frank, Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Florida, Pensacola, Florida
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Break
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	Session 2 – <i>Familial Sex Trafficking</i> Instructors – The Honorable Judge Robert Lung, District Court Judge, 18th Judicial Circuit of Colorado Chair (2020) & Member (2018-2020) U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking; Castle Rock, Colorado
12:30 pm - 1:45 pm	Welcome - Tarlika Nunez-Navarro, Dean, St. Thomas University College of Law Thematic Luncheon - <i>My Story: From Trafficking and Exploitation to Growth and Long-Term Healing</i> Speaker - Dr. Elesondra DeRomano, CEO & President, S.T.A.R.S., Nationally Renowned Survivor Leader, Advocate, and Speaker, Toledo, Ohio
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Session 3 – <i>The Predatory Grooming Trifecta© in Sports: An Athlete's Story</i> Instructor – John-Michael Lander, Founder, An Athlete's Silence, Author and Certified Trainer and Life Coach for Self-Talk Institute, Dayton, Ohio

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DAY 5

Friday, July 25, 2025

THE SURVIVOR'S ACADEMY: BUILDING A FUTURE BEYOND RESCUE

9:00 am - 10:30 am	<p>Session 1 – Starting a Nonprofit: Turning Survival into Service</p> <p>Instructors - Harold D’Souza, Co-Founder, Eyes Open International, Author of “Frog in a Well”, Cincinnati, Ohio Robert “Bob” Williams, Founder & CEO, Ranch Hands Rescue, Founder, House of Hope, Rhome, Texas</p>
10:30 am - 10:45 am	<p>Break</p>
10:45 am - 12:15 pm	<p>Session 2 – Writing Your Story: Healing and Advocacy Through Literature</p> <p>Instructors – Gina Cavallo, Founder, We RISE USA Board Vice President and Survivor Consultant, New Jersey Coalition Against Human Trafficking Speaker, Author of “A Survivor’s Secrets,” New Jersey Jesse Leon, President, Alliance Way, Author of “I’m Not Broken” and “No Estoy Roto” , TEDx Speaker & Consultant San Diego, California</p>
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm	<p>Thematic Luncheon - The Thrive Space of Hope and Resources: A Florida Perspective on Building a Resilient Survivor Community</p> <p>Speakers - Jamie Rosseland, Human Trafficking Subject Matter Expert, STAC, Tallahassee, Florida</p>
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	<p>Session 3 – Thriving in Professional Spaces – Developing a Personal Brand of Trust and Credibility</p> <p>Instructors – Elizabeth Scaife, Founder & CEO, FYN Global, Anti-Trafficking Consultant Trainer Strategist Washington, D.C. The Honorable Judge Robert Lung, District Court Judge, 18th Judicial Circuit of Colorado Chair (2020) & Member (2018-2020) U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking; Castle Rock, Colorado</p>
3:15 pm - 3:45 pm	<p>Closing Remarks Dr. Roza Pati, St. John Paul II Distinguished Professor of Law, Director, The Brunetti Human Trafficking Academy</p> <p>Benediction Dr. Fr. Paul VI Karenga, Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church</p> <p>Distribution of Certificates Maribel Rodrigues, LL.M. IHR, Human Trafficking Academy Coordinator</p>

Thank you for joining us!