

Dear friends and colleagues,

We are thrilled to announce the second annual ***Human Trafficking Awareness Week: Deconstructing the Myths***, taking place at the Quinnipiac University School of Law on the North Haven campus. Working with local advocates, our law students have put together an exciting slate of free events to educate all members of the Quinnipiac community on our fight against one of the largest human violations of our time.

Please join us for one or more of the following sessions. Register at:
go.qu.edu/humantrafficking20

Documentary: Trafficked in America: The Hidden Reality of Labor Trafficking in the U.S.

1/28, noon. North Haven, SLE 350

When we think of trafficking in the U.S., most of us think of “sex slaves” —not labor trafficking. This documentary tells the story of unaccompanied teens from struggling Guatemalan families who are enticed to come to the U.S., only to be forced to live and work against their will at a Midwest egg farm.

Should Prostitution Be Legalized? Other Debates in the Fight Against Trafficking

1/28, 6 p.m. Ceremonial Courtroom

Two experts debate the myths and challenges of the fight against trafficking, including:

- Should prostitution be legalized?
- Did shutting down Backpage help or hinder anti-trafficking efforts?
- How have well-intentioned efforts to fight trafficking backfired, and what should we do instead?

Perspectives from a Male Survivor of Sex Trafficking

1/29, 6 p.m. Ceremonial Courtroom

Sex trafficking affects not only women and girls, but also men and boys, as well as transgender individuals. We have invited a male survivor to share his experiences—how he got drawn into “the life,” his experiences as a victim, and how he managed to escape and rebuild his life.

Training: “What You Should Know about Human Trafficking”

1/30, 6 p.m. Ceremonial Courtroom

The Quinnipiac Human Trafficking Prevention Project (HTPP) has trained hotel workers, teachers, medical professionals, and public defenders. This general training by HTPP members will: define sex versus labor trafficking; describe who are the victims, the traffickers, and the buyers; explain how traffickers target and lure their victims, including online recruitment; and identify the signs of trafficking and how to respond.

If possible, please RSVP so we know how much food to order for the dinner events. Register at go.qu.edu/humantrafficking20. Also, please help to spread awareness in your social media channels or by forwarding this email to your family and friends — all events are free and open to the public!

Finally, in addition to these events, we are collecting items that will be used to assemble backpacks for trafficking survivors. Look for the donation bins located in the law school. If you have questions, please reach out to Amanda at Amanda.Szyszkiewicz@quinnipiac.edu.

Sincerely,

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