

2013 February Newsletter Article - Upcoming Event

Human Trafficking: From the Global to Minnesota

(St. Paul, MN – February 1, 2013) World Without Genocide, a human rights organization headquartered at William Mitchell College of Law, will host a symposium to raise awareness about the crime of human trafficking, which is modern-day slavery.

There are more people in slavery now than at any other time in human history. In its 400 years, the transatlantic slave trade is estimated to have shipped up to 12 million Africans to colonies in the West. The number currently in slavery today is at least 27 million.

More than a million people are being trafficked within the United States, and that number is growing. Not all trafficking victims in the United States are from foreign countries. An estimated 100,000 children in the United States are domestic victims of sex trafficking – primarily adolescent girls between the ages of 12 and 16.

Shockingly, Minnesota has the 13th-highest proportion of sex trafficking in the nation.

The symposium will be held on **Wednesday, March 27, 7:00-9:00 pm** at The Woman's Club, 410 Oak Grove Place, Minneapolis. Co-sponsors include Minnesota Women in Psychology and The Woman's Club.

Speakers include Dr. Ellen Kennedy, executive director of World Without Genocide, and Christine Stark, author, writer, teacher, and survivor. The focus of the symposium is to understand the extent of trafficking in our communities; learn how to keep girls safe; support the criminal justice system in prosecuting perpetrators; and provide services for the survivors.

The program is open to the public; no reservations are necessary. The event is free to students, \$5 to seniors, and \$10 to the general public. CEUs are offered for educators, non-approved CEUs for MWP members, and PLP diversity credit for Mitchell students.

World Without Genocide promotes education and action to protect innocent people, prevent genocide, prosecute perpetrators, and remember those whose lives and cultures have been destroyed by genocide. Visit www.worldwithoutgenocide.org for more information.

More information:

<http://ruthjacobs.co.uk/2013/01/11/christine-stark-interview/>