

Our Agenda

7:30 sign in at the registration area and gather food from the continental buffet. Please remember to sign in for CEU credits if you have pre-registered for them. Then just take a seat in the Hibiscus Ballroom

8:30 to 9:40 the morning plenary session in the Hibiscus Ballroom featuring Keynote speaker Kamala Kempadoo of York University in Toronto, Canada. Professor Kempadoo has written and edited several books on the international sex trades and the efforts of persons working in those trades to achieve labor rights and agency while overcoming various harms and obstacles. Featured speaker Annalee Lepp will follow. Ms. Lepp is a professor at Victoria University in Canada and one of the co-founders of the Canadian branch of the Global Alliance Against Traffic in Women (GAATW). The GAATW is the largest organization dealing with issues of human trafficking worldwide. They have taken positions in favor of legal reforms in the sex industry that may differ from various US approaches. Ms. Lepp will discuss her organization, its policies and what it feels are best practices. The morning session will be moderated by UH Manoa professor Meda Chesney-Lind. Professor Chesney-Lind is the chair of the Department of Women's Studies and (as of January 1) the president of the American Society of Criminology.

9:50 to 10:50 The first of four breakout sessions will include presentations in four different rooms.

- A. Hibiscus Ballroom. This will be a panel discussion on the global sex worker rights movement moderated by Professor Chesney-Lind. The panelists will include Kimberlee Cline and Kristen DiAngelo of the Sex Worker Outreach Project (SWOP) of Sacramento. Both Ms. Cline and Ms. DiAngelo have extensive experience in sex work. Ms. DiAngelo is a former sex trafficking victim. They will be joined by Professor Kempadoo.
- B. The Carnation Room. This will be a panel presentation about the homeless sex worker. It will be moderated by Heather Lusk the executive director of the Community Health Outreach Work (CHOW) Project that handles Hawaii's needle exchange program. Panelists will include Cathy Kapua of the Life Foundation, as well as Hana Barrineau and Jean Mooney of the CHOW Project.
- C. The Plumeria Room. "Trauma Informed Care and Self-Care for Practitioners". This will be a training that will give persons in the social service field valuable tools to improve their skills and methods to help mitigate the stresses of their work.
- D. The Anthurium/Pakalana Room. UH Professor Nandita Sharma will present "Anti-Trafficking an Alibi for State Immigration Restrictions". This will cover problematic aspects of government efforts aimed at controlling transnational trafficking. It will include some of her ground breaking findings from a well-publicized case in Canada over a decade ago.

11:00 to 12:00 The second breakout session

- A. Hibiscus Ballroom. A panel discussion on the international, national, and local efforts to fight human trafficking. Hawaii Deputy Attorney General Kevin Takata will talk about Hawaii's approaches and the work of the Hawaii Anti-Trafficking Task Force that he has led. He will be joined by Annalee Lee who will add comments about various efforts and models elsewhere. A discussion of the pluses and minus of differing approaches. Needs for monies for services to victims versus money for law enforcement and other topics should be covered. The session will be moderated by Chaminade University Professor Janet Davidson.
- B. Carnation Room. A presentation by occasional worker and activist Doug Upp and Kimberlee Cline from SWOP called "Government Regulation of the Sex Industry: Models". This will help people understand the various ways that government approaches the sex industry around the world. The

differences between Sweden, Nevada, New Zealand, and our system here will be explained and the often confusing terminology used made clear.

- C. Anthurium/Pakalana. A brief history of prostitution in Hawaii. This will be presented by Tracy Ryan the Executive Director of Harm Reduction Hawaii and Ms. Carter Churchfield from HonoluluExposed.com. It will talk about prostitution in the Kingdom days, the brothels in Iwilei at the turn of the 20th century, the defacto legal brothels in Chinatown during the 1930's and 40's and some more recent history.

Noon to 1:20PM will be lunch on your own. There are many venues available at the Ala Moana shopping center and elsewhere nearby. This may be a great time to have lengthy talks with others you have met during the morning sessions.

1:20 to 2:10 The afternoon plenary in the Hibiscus Ballroom. This will be an interview of the Rev. Pam Vessels. The Rev. Vessels spent over ten years as an outreach worker in Waikiki, Chinatown and elsewhere. For five years she also ran a residential facility for persons wishing to exit the sex industry. She will be interviewed by Dee Sawyer the President of the Zonta Club of Leilehua. The Rev. Vessels will share many anecdotal stories from her work from the humorous, to the shocking, to the tragic.

2:20 to 3:20 The first of two afternoon breakout sessions will include presentations in four rooms.

- A. Hibiscus Ballroom. A panel of voices from within the sex industry featuring three sex workers stories. The three women will include Kimberlee Cline and Kristen DiAngelo from SWOP and others. They will talk about their lives in the business and share personal anecdotes. This will be moderated by Dee Sawyers.
- B. Carnation Room. Understanding Hawaii Prostitution Law with Tracy Ryan and local attorney William Harrison. Ms. Ryan will present a power-point showing and explaining the actual Hawaii laws. Mr. Harrison will comment on cases he has encountered and how laws are used in practice.
- C. Plumeria Room. Restorative Justice Training. Kat Brady of CAP and Lorenn Walker will present the hands on training that was such a success at the January 2017 Harm Reduction Conference. This will involve audience participation and role playing.
- D. Anthurium/Pakalana. A presentation by Wayne Lee about his wonderful Hawaiian cultural program for youth with problems. Wahi Kana 'aho operations are suspended at present due to funding. It is hoped that good ideas from our host culture can become a strong component in dealing with these issues.

3:30 to 4:30 The last series of breakouts will occur in three rooms.

- A. Hibiscus Ballroom. Cathy Kapua will lead a voices discussion including persons in the audience to cover issues of the transwoman in the sex trades. For decades transwoman have been highly represented in prostitution, particularly street based. Let's let them tell their own stories and learn from them.
- B. Plumeria. "The Pharmacology of Cannabis". Two nurses Wendy Gibson and Kristin Wohlschlagel, both experts on the topic will explain the various ways in which this natural plant can be used in public health.
- C. Anthurium/Pakalana. "Homeless Street Youth" will be a presentation by a UH study by Ivette Rodriguez Stern and Sarah Yuen. It will be moderated by Judith Clark the Executive Director of the Hawaii Youth Services Network.

Pau at 4:30 don't forget to pick up your CEU paperwork and turn in those evaluations.

