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# CHRIS ASH

NONPROFIT LEADER  
ANTI-VIOLENCE EXPERT AND EDUCATOR

## PROFESSIONAL

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- 2024-Present      *Chair, U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking*
  
- 2021-Present      *Survivor Leadership Program Manager, National Survivor Network, Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking*
  
- 2022- 2023      *Research Consultant, Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre*  
*Lived Experience Engagement Consultant, HEAL Trafficking*  
*Lived Experience Engagement Consultant, Global Fund to End Modern Slavery*
  
- 2019- 2021      *Prevention Education Program Manager – Rape Prevention and Education Grant*  
2018- 2019      *Anti-Human Trafficking Specialist, North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault*
  
- 2009- 2018      *Companion, Support Group Facilitator, Crisis Response Assistant, Orange County Rape Crisis Center*
  
- 2007- 2012      *Doula and Childbirth Educator, Self-Employed*

## EDUCATION

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- 2017      *MA, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*  
*Interdisciplinary focus on Gender, Human Rights, and Sociology*
  
- 2001      *BA, The University of South Florida*

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Alexandria Lesak, Cynthia Fraga Rizo, Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen, Melissa R. Jenkins, Hannah Winslow, Sandra L. Martin, Rebecca J. Macy, Robin Colbert, **Chris Croft Ash**, Courtney Dunkerton, "A Response to Edwards, Kulig, and Diamond-Welch," *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 2022.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2022.2078595>

Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen, Melissa Jenkins, Cynthia Fraga Rizo, **Chris Croft**, Robin Colbert, Sandra L. Martin, "Online Violence Education in the Era of COVID-19," *School Social Work Journal*, 2021.

Alexandria Lesak, Cynthia Fraga Rizo, Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen, Melissa R. Jenkins, Hannah Winslow, L B Klein, Sandra Martin, Rebecca J Macy, Robin Colbert, **Chris Croft**, Courtney Dunkerton,

"Recommendations for Educating Youth about Sex Trafficking," *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2021.1951552>

L B Klein, Brittney R Chesworth, Cynthia Fraga Rizo, Hannabeth Franchino-Olsen, **Chris Croft**, Rebecca J Macy, Sandra L Martin, "Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Indicators and Recommended Inquiries and Responses for Social Workers," *Social Work*, 2021, swab017, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swab017>

## INVITED PUBLICATIONS

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**Chris Ash**, "Whose story, whose benefit? Returning (to) the power of authentic narrative," Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre, 2023.

**Chris Ash**, "Survivor engagement in international policy and programming in human trafficking and modern slavery: Reflections from North America," Modern Slavery and Human Rights Policy and Evidence Centre, 2022.

Hanni Stoklosa and **Chris Ash**, "It has to be their choice. We need to give them options," *Journal of Health Services Research & Policy*, 2021, <https://doi.org/10.1177/13558196211034898>

Margaret Henderson, Sara DePasquale, Nancy Hagan, and **Chris Croft**, "Human Trafficking of Minors and Young Adults: What Local Governments Need to Know," *UNC School of Government Public Management Bulletin*, 2019.

## TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PRODUCTS

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**Chris Ash**, et al. "Survivors' Experiences of Sharing their Trafficking Stories Publicly: Preliminary findings from a survey of 85 survivors," NSN, 2024.

**Chris Ash**, et al. "We Name It So We Can Repair It: Rethinking Harm, Accountability, and Repair in the Anti-trafficking Sector," Lived and Professional Experience Working Group, 2023.

Sabra Boyd and **Chris Ash**. "Survivor Storytelling Workbook," National Survivor Network (NSN), 2023.

**Chris Ash** and Sophie Otiende, "Meaningful Engagement of People with Lived Experience: a framework and assessment for measuring and increasing lived experience leadership across the spectrum of engagement," NSN, 2023.

Abby Larson, Kate VanderTuig, **Chris Ash**, et al. "Care, Self-Determination, and Safety: A Community-Centered, Public Health Approach to Preventing Human Trafficking," NSN, 2023.

**Chris Croft** et al. "Without Judgment: Centering the Margins in Bar Outreach & Prevention," North Carolina Coalition Against Sexual Assault (NCCASA), 2022.

Montia Daniels, Shareen El Naga, and **Chris Croft**, "An Educator's Guide to Supporting 2SLGBTQIA+ Students," NCCASA, 2022.

Ellie Alexander, Ellen Fiedler, and **Chris Croft**, "Campus Culture Change through Horticulture," NCCASA, 2022.

Hadas Baron, **Chris Croft**, and Brittany Thomas, "Campus Human Trafficking Prevention Toolkit," NCCASA, 2022.

Shareen El Naga, Montia Daniels, and **Chris Croft**, "Emergent Space: Finding an Alternative," NCCASA, 2020.

Madison Van Epps and **Chris Croft**, "Human Trafficking Prevention Curriculum Matrix," NCCASA, 2020.

**Chris Croft**, "Human Trafficking Prevention Toolkit," NCCASA, 2020.

**Chris Croft** et al. "Opening the Dialogue: Helping Youth Stay Safe Online," NCCASA, 2020.

**Chris Croft** and Courtney Dunkerton, "Expanding Our Reach: Equipping North Carolina's Rape Crisis Centers to Serve Survivors of Human Trafficking," NCCASA, 2019.

## **CURRICULUM**

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Co-author and Development Team Member, "Teach2Reach Curriculum Program Manual: Partnering with Schools to Educate Students about Sex Trafficking"  
*UNC School of Social Work Teach2Reach* | 2021

Primary Curriculum Developer and Trainer, "Schools Creating Optimal Protective Environments"  
*Guilford County Schools (partnership with NCCASA)* | Virtual – 2020

Curriculum Developer and Trainer, "Reframing Human Trafficking Prevention National Training Cohort"  
*NCCASA Training Institute* | Virtual – 2020

## **SELECT PRESENTATIONS**

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Roundtable webinar presenter, "Meaningful Engagement and Partnership with Lived Experience Experts of Human Trafficking, Domestic, and Sexual Abuse: Roundtable Webinar"  
*Futures Without Violence* | 2023

Plenary panelist, "Beyond tokenistic involvement of people with lived experience in anti-trafficking research"  
*Equity in Evidence Conference* I. London, UK – 2023

Panelist, "Survivor Leadership Opening Plenary"  
Co-Presenter, "Naming Harm, Rethinking Leadership"  
*Freedom Network USA Annual Conference* | Washington, DC – 2023

Co-host and Panelist, "Meaningful Engagement of People with Lived Experience"  
*GFEMS and NSN publication launch event* | Washington, DC – 2023

Presenter, "Working with Survivors in the Sex Trades"  
*New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault Training Institute* | Virtual – 2022

Co-Presenter, "NCCASA's Campus Human Trafficking Prevention Toolkit"  
*ValorUS* | Virtual – 2022  
*National Association of Student Personnel Administrators* | Virtual – 2022

Co-trainer, "Rethinking Survivor Leadership"  
*Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking* | Virtual – 2022  
*Human Trafficking Legal Center* | Virtual – 2022  
*Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking* | Virtual – 2022

Co-Presenter, "Wraparound Services for Survivors of Human Trafficking"  
Co-Presenter, "Understanding the Intersection of Sex Work and Human Trafficking"  
*Freedom Network USA Training Institute webinars* | Virtual – 2022

Presenter, "Contextualizing Demand: Deconstructing an Ideology"  
Co-Presenter, "Developing Survivor Leadership and Professional Talent"  
*Freedom Network USA Annual Conference* | Miami, FL – 2022

Presenter, "Incorporating Anti-Oppression Principles into Violence Prevention"  
*Oklahoma Department of Public Health web training series* | Virtual – 2022

Co-Presenter, "Academic Equity through Trauma-Informed Practices: Making Repositories Sustainable for Researchers with Lived Experience"  
*Samvera Connect* | Virtual – 2022

Co-Presenter, "Non-Discrimination in Housing Programs"  
*Freedom Network USA Training Institute webinars* | Virtual – 2021

Co-Presenter, "A Roadmap to Prevent and Disrupt Human Trafficking: A Health Care & Human Rights Challenge."  
*Tennessee Hospital Association Annual Meeting* | Franklin, TN – 2021

Presenter, "Creating Emergent Spaces for Sexual Violence Prevention"  
*Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence Title IX Training* | Virtual – 2021

Presenter, "Understanding Safety and Tradeoffs for LGBTQ Youth"  
Presenter, "Questioning Binaries and Certainty to Support LGBTQ Youth Survivors"  
*Children's Advocacy Centers of NC Conference* | Virtual – 2021

Presenter, "Externalizing the Violence: Shifting from Bogeymen and Bad Guys to Our Collective Responsibility"

*Freedom Network USA Annual Conference* | Virtual – 2021

Co-Presenter, "Creating Emergent Spaces for Sexual Violence Prevention During COVID-19."

*PreventConnect and National Sexual Violence Resource Center Web Conference* | Virtual – 2020

Co-Presenter, "Emergent Space: Finding an Alternative"

*Solving the Campus Sexual Assault & Dating Violence Puzzle Conference* | Virtual – 2020

Co-Presenter, "Whole Body Listening: Navigating Embodied Pleasure as a Trauma Survivor"

*Woodhull Sexual Freedom Summit* | Virtual – 2020

Co-Presenter, "Creating Emergent Spaces for Sexual Violence Prevention During COVID-19"

*PreventConnect and NSVRC Web Conference* | Virtual – 2020

Presenter, "COVID-19 School Series: Trauma-Informed Child Sexual Abuse Prevention and Response for School Staff"

*NC Department of Public Instruction, NC Healthy Schools* | Virtual – 2020

Presenter, "Upstream, Same River: Rethinking the Bones of Our Systems"

*NCCASA Training Institute* | Virtual – 2020

Co-Presenter, "Safety and Services for Incarcerated At-Risk Populations"

*Just Detention International and NCCASA* | Virtual – 2020

Panelist, "Housing Solutions for LGBTQ Survivors"

*Freedom Network USA Annual Conference* | Virtual – 2020

Co-presenter, "Human Trafficking in the Historical Context of US Slavery"

*SAFE Coalition for Human Rights Global Human Trafficking Conference* | Chicago, IL – 2019

Presenter, "Meeting People Where They Are: Harm Reduction in Sex Trafficking Outreach and Direct Services"

*International Human Trafficking and Social Justice Conference* | Toledo, OH – 2019

Presenter, "Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: Holistic Prevention and Response"

*SHIFT-NC Annual Conference* | Greensboro, NC – 2019

Presenter, "Working with Survivors of Trauma in a Non-Clinical Setting"

*Intersections Youth Homelessness Symposium* | Chapel Hill, NC – 2019

*NC LiteracyCorps AmeriCorps* | Carrboro, NC – 2019

## GUEST LECTURER EXPERIENCE

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*The University of North Carolina at Greensboro*

"God, the Body, and Sexuality in Alternative Relationship Models" – 2024, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018

*National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence Survivor Leadership Cohort*

"Bringing Your Story into Your Advocacy" – 2022

*Survivor Alliance's Leadership Academy*

"Language, Power, and Control in Abusive Dynamics" – 2022

*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Social Work*

"Navigating Partnerships, Values Alignment, and Integrity" – 2022

"Human Trafficking and Working with Survivors of Complex Trauma" – 2020, 2019

"Human Trafficking and Listening to Impacted Communities" – 2019

*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health*

Guest Judge for Health Policy Presentations, 2022

"Human Trafficking Prevention," 2021

*The University of Wisconsin - Madison School of Social Work*

"Human Trafficking Prevention" – 2021

*Widener University College of Health and Human Services*

"Intimate Partner Violence in Polyamorous Relationships" – 2021

*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Hussman School of Journalism and Media*

"Human Trafficking" – 2019

*Berea College*

"A Feminist Perspective on Human Trafficking" – 2019

## SERVICE

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Moving Beyond Words: Victim-Centered and Trauma-Informed

*Office for Victims of Crime, Washington, DC* – 2022

U.S. Anti-Human Trafficking Movement Building Convening

*Humanity United, San Francisco, CA* – 2022

Preventing Child Sexual Exploitation Subject Matter Expert, National Strategy for Child Exploitation Prevention and Interdiction Meeting

*U.S. Department of Justice, Virtual* – 2020

Speakers Bureau Member

*HEAL Trafficking – 2019-present*

*Freedom Network USA – 2020-present*

Coordinator and Co-Facilitator, North Carolina Sexual Violence Prevention Advisory Council

*Department of Health and Human Services Injury and Violence Prevention Branch –*

*2019- 2021*

Organizer

*LGBTQ Pop-Up Center of Carrboro – 2017-2020*

*House of Kanautica #TransferKanauticaNow Campaign – 2019-2020*

Member: Freedom Network USA, National Survivor Network

### **ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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The Management Center's Managing to Change the World Crash Course (Washington, DC)

HEAL Trafficking Training of Trainers (Boston, MA)

Futures Without Violence Project Catalyst Training of Trainers (Durham, NC)

Racial Equity Institute Phase I two-day training (Cary, NC)

Becoming a Sexuality Educator and Trainer for People with I/DD (Virtual, Elevatus)