

Introduction to Human Trafficking: Theory and Practice Instructors



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Julissa is a speaker, advocate, and consultant for anti-trafficking work with lived experience in labor exploitation and trafficking. She has extensive knowledge in cultural humility, worker rights, migrant outreach and labor trafficking trainings. Prior to joining US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, Julissa worked as a comprehensive bi-lingual survivor advocate for an Iowa-based nonprofit serving survivors of human trafficking. Julissa is also a certified sexual assault and domestic violence advocate.