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Women Gender and Sexuality Studies
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Criminology **University of Missouri-St. Louis** **2011**
Dissertation Title: Feminist Advocacy in Community Based Responses to Domestic Violence.

Chair: Kristin Carbone-Lopez. Committee: Jody Miller, Richard Wright, Lee Slocum.
Faculty Mentors: Jody Miller and Kristin Carbone-Lopez

Areas of Specialization: Sex Trafficking/CSE, Intimate Partner Violence, Community Based Responses.

M.A. Sociology **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville** **2001**

B.A. Sociology **Southern Illinois University Edwardsville** **1999**

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Lecturer

Washington University in St. Louis **2012-Present**

Continuing and Professional Studies (2013-present)

Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies (2012-present)

Brown School of Social Work (2014-2018, 2021)

Anti-Trafficking Initiative Coordinator, Brown School of Social Work (2015-2018)

Professor of Sociology **STLCC, Forest Park College** **2003-Present**

Instructor 2003-2007, Tenured 2007, Assistant Professor 2008-2011, Associate Professor 2011-2014, Full Professor 2014-present, Department Chair (Faculty Selected) 2018-2020, Co-Chair, 2020-2022.

TEACHING

Undergraduate Courses

Sex Trafficking

Gender and Crime

Gender and the Prison System

Intro to Sociology

Intro to Criminology

Intro to Gender Studies

Social Problems

Graduate Course

Sex Trafficking (Brown School of Social Work)

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

- Nichols, Andrea J. (2nd edition, 2024). *Sex Trafficking in the United States: Theory, Research, Policy and Practice*. New York, NY: *Columbia University Press*.
- Nichols, Andrea, Edmond, Tonya, and Heil, Erin. (Eds.) (2018). *Social Work Practice with Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation*. New York, NY: *Columbia University Press*.
- *Gerassi, Lara and Nichols, Andrea. (2017). *Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Prevention, Advocacy, and Trauma-Informed Practice*. New York, NY: *Springer Publishing*.
- Heil, Erin and Nichols, Andrea J. (2017). 2nd edition (2019). (Eds.) *Broadening The Scope of Human Trafficking*. Durham, NC: *Carolina Academic Press*.
- Heil, Erin and Nichols, Andrea J. (2015). 2nd edition (2019). *Human Trafficking in the Midwest: A Case Study of St. Louis and the Bi-State Area*. Durham, NC: *Carolina Academic Press*.
- Nichols, Andrea J. (2014). *Feminist Advocacy: Gendered Organizations in Community-Based Responses to Domestic Violence*. Lanham, MD: *Lexington Books*.

PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. Preble, K.M. & Nichols, A.J. (2026). Implementing the *Assets and Logic Strategic Planning Tool* to Address Human Trafficking in an Anti-Trafficking Coalition in the U.S. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.
2. Nichols, A.J., Slutsker, S.** , & Oberstaedt, M.** (2025). Disability and Human Trafficking: Prevention Education and Professional Training. *Dignity: A Journal of Analysis of Exploitation and Violence*. Vol. 10: Iss. 4, Article 4. <https://doi.org/10.23860/dignity.2025.10.04.04>
3. Nichols, A.J., Slutsker, S.** , & Oberstaedt, M.** (2025). Human Trafficking and Disability: Barriers and Facilitators to Help Seeking and Recovery. *Victims and Offenders*. #1–21. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2025.2578459>
4. Nichols, A.J., Oberstaedt, M.** , & Slutsker, S.** (2025). Structural and Interpersonal Oppressions Associated with Vulnerability to Human Trafficking Experienced by People with a Disability. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2025.2559561>.

*indicates current or former grad student, **indicates current or former undergrad student

5. Nichols, A.J. & Preble, K.M. (2025). Examining the Use of Specialized Workgroups to Enact Anti-Trafficking Coalition Strategic Planning in a Small Midwestern State. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 1–18. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2025.2542073>
6. Nichols, A.J. & Preble, K.M. (2025). Targeted Funding for Anti-Trafficking Initiatives: An Evidence Based Anti-Oppressive Approach. Special Issue Following the Money. *Anti-Trafficking Review*.
7. Nichols, A.J., & Preble, K.M. (2025) Professionals’ perspectives and experiences working with sex trafficking survivors and implications for anti-oppressive practice: Vulnerabilities to sex trafficking and barriers to service access by race, gender, sexuality, and disability. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.
8. Nichols, A.J., Oberstaedt, M.,** Slutsker, S.,** & Gilbert, K.* (2025). Anti-Trafficking Professionals’ Perspectives and Experiences Engaging Families with Interventions to Respond to Sex Trafficking of Minors. *Journal of Family Violence*.
9. Nichols, A.J., Oberstaedt, M.,** Slutsker, S.,** & Gilbert, K.* (2024). Practitioners’ Perspectives on Working with Families of Minors Experiencing Sex Trafficking: Family Risk Factors and Implications for Family Based Interventions. *Child Abuse and Neglect*.
10. Nichols, A.J., Heil, E., Volkl, H.*, & Hudson, S. (2024). Family Involved Human Trafficking: An Analysis of State and Federal Cases. *Journal of Family Violence*. doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-024-00795-9>
11. Nichols, A.J., Oberstaedt, M.,** Slutsker, S.,** & Gilbert, K.* (2023). Practitioners’ Perspectives of Family Involved Sex Trafficking of Minors: Implications for Practice. *Journal of Family Violence*.
12. Nichols, A.J. & Heil, E. (2023). An Integrated Model of Human Trafficking Response in the Prosecution Process: Restorative Justice, Therapeutic Jurisprudence, Survivor Centered Practice and Anti-Oppressive Practice. *Crime, Law, and Social Change*.
13. Nichols, A.J. & Preble, K.M., Cox, A., Nichols, E., Amann, W. (2023). An Examination of Sex Trafficking by Race and Ethnicity in the State of Missouri on State and Local Levels: Implications for Anti-Oppressive Practice. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2023.2225993> .
14. Nichols, A.J., Slutsker, S.,** Oberstaedt, M.,** & Gilbert, K.* (2023). Team Approaches to Addressing Sex Trafficking of Minors: Promising Practices for a Collaborative Model. *Societies*. 13, 66. <https://doi.org/10.3390/soc13030066>
15. Nichols, A.J., Preble, K.M. (2022). A Method to Develop a Statewide Resource Guide, Needs Assessment, and Service Inventory to Respond to Human Trafficking. *Dignity: A Journal of Analysis of Exploitation and Violence*. <https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/dignity/vol7/iss3/4>

16. Nichols, A.J., Preble, K.M., & Cox, A. (2022). A State-Level Analysis of Demographic Characteristics and Sex Trafficking Experiences of Survivors. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.
17. Nichols, A.J., *Gerassi, L.B., *Gilbert, K., & *Taylor, E. (2022). Provider Challenges in Responding to Retrafficking of Juvenile Justice-Involved Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Survivors. *Child Abuse and Neglect*.
18. Nichols, A.J. & Heil, E. (2022). Human Trafficking of People with a Disability: An Analysis of State and Federal Cases. *Dignity: A Journal of Analysis of Exploitation and Violence*. <https://digitalcommons.uri.edu/dignity/vol7/iss1/1/>
19. Preble, K.M., Nichols, A.J., & Cox, A. (2022). Working with Survivors of Human Trafficking: Results from a Needs Assessment in a Midwestern State. *Public Health Reports*.
20. *Gerassi, L.B., & Nichols, A.J. (2021). Social Work Education that Addresses Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation: An Intersectional, Anti-Oppressive Practice Framework. *Anti-Trafficking Review*.
21. Preble, K.M., Nichols, A. J., & Owens, M. (2021) Assets and Logic: Proposing an evidenced-based strategic partnership model for anti-trafficking response. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. DOI: 10.1080/23322705.2021.1899525
22. Nichols, A.J., & Cox, A. (2021). A Pilot Study Comparing Sex Trafficking Indicators Exhibited by Adult and Minor Service Populations. *Journal of Human Trafficking*.
23. Preble, K.M., Nichols, A.J., & Cox, A. (2020). Labor Trafficking in Missouri: Revelations from a Statewide Needs Assessment. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. DOI: [10.1080/23322705.2020.1855900](https://doi.org/10.1080/23322705.2020.1855900)
24. Nichols, A.J. (2019). Advocacy Responses to Intimate Partner Stalking: Micro, Mezzo and Macro Level Practices. *Journal of Family Violence*, <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10896-019-00125-4>.
25. *Gerassi, L., Nichols, A.J., Cox, A., Kimura-Goldberg**, K. & **Tang, C. (2018). Examining Commonly Reported Sex Trafficking Indicators From Practitioners' Perspectives: Findings From a Pilot Study. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. doi.org/10.1177/0886260518812813
26. *Gerassi, L., Fabbre, V., Howard, A., Nichols, A.J., & Edmond, T. (2018). How Sex Trading Identities Shape Experiences of Service Provision: Insights from Adult Women with Lived Experiences and Service Providers. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. 1, 5, 74-87.
27. Nichols, A.J., & Hudson, S. (2018). The Nature and Scope of Human Trafficking. *St.*

Louis Bar Journal, 64(3), 4-11.

28. Nichols, A.J., *Gerassi, L., & *Snider, K. (2018). What's in a Name? Benefits and Challenges of the Anti-Trafficking Language in Practitioner Perspective. *Journal of Human Trafficking*. Special Edition. Media & Human Trafficking: Negotiating Meaning, Representation, and Change. Barbara Friedman, Ed., 4(1), 73-85.
29. *Gerassi, L.B., Edmond, T.E., Fabbre, V., Howard, A., & Nichols, A.J. (2017). Disclosing sex trading histories to providers: Barriers and facilitators to navigation of social services among women impacted by commercial sexual exploitation (CSE). *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. DOI 10.1177/0886260517746130
30. *Gerassi, L. & Nichols, A.J. (2017). Heterogeneous perspectives in coalitions and community based responses to sex trafficking and commercial sex. *Journal of Social Service Research*. DOI 10.1080/01488376.2017.1401028
31. Nichols, A.J. & Heil, E. (2017). Challenges to Prosecuting Buyers as Traffickers in Human Trafficking Cases: Implications of U.S. v Jungers and U.S. v. Bonestroo. *Dignity: A Journal of Analysis of Exploitation and Violence*, 2(4), 1-18.
32. *Gerassi, L., Nichols, A.J., & *Michelson, E. (2017). Lessons Learned: Benefits and Challenges in Community Based Responses to Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation. *Journal of Human Trafficking*, 3(4), 285-302.
33. *Gerassi, L., Edmond, T.E., & Nichols, A.J. (2016). Design strategies from sexual exploitation and sex work studies among women and girls: Methodological considerations in a hidden and vulnerable population. *Action Research Journal*, 15(2), 161-176.
34. Nichols, A.J. & Heil, E. (2014). Challenges to Identifying and Prosecuting Sex Trafficking Cases in the Midwest United States. *Feminist Criminology*, 9(2), 1-30.
35. Nichols, A.J. (2014). No-Drop Prosecution in Domestic Violence Cases: Survivor-Defined and Social Change Practices. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 29(11), 2114-2142.
36. Heil, E. & Nichols, A.J. (2014). A Theoretical Discussion of the Potential Problems Associated with Targeted Policing and the Eradication of Sex Trafficking in the United States. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 17(4), 421-433.
37. Nichols, A.J. (2013). Meaning-Making and Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy: An Examination of Feminist Identities, Ideologies, and Practices. *Feminist Criminology* 8(3),177- 201. **+Best Article of the Year Award Winner 2014, Feminist Criminology**
38. Nichols, A.J. (2013). Survivor-Defined Practices to Mitigate Revictimization of Battered Women in the Protective Order Process. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence* 28(7).

39. Miller, J. & Nichols, A.J. (2012). Gender Identity, Sexuality, and Commercial Sex Among Sri Lankan Nachchi. *Sexualities*, 15, 554-569.
40. Nichols, A.J. (2011). Gendered Organizations: Challenges for Domestic Violence Victim Advocates and Feminist Advocacy. *Feminist Criminology*, 6, 111-131.
41. Nichols, A.J. (2010). Dance Ponnaya, Dance! Police Abuses Against Transgender Sex Workers in Sri Lanka. *Feminist Criminology*, 5, 195-222.

PEER REVIEWED BOOK CHAPTERS

42. Sex Trafficking. In *The international encyclopedia of Politics and Gender*. L.K. Roberts, Ed. Thousand Oaks: Sage.
43. Nichols, A.J. (2023). Sex Trafficking of Minors in the United States. Kathleen Bogle, Ed. *Gender-Based Crime: Learning Through Experts and Cases*. Cognella Publishing.
44. Heil, E. & Nichols, A.J. (2024). A pilot study examining issues with identifying and providing services to victims of labor trafficking during the Covid-19 pandemic. In Pleggenkuhl, B. & Schafer, J., Eds. *Covid, Crime, and Justice*, Carbondale, IL: SIU Press.
45. Preble, K.M., & Nichols, A.J. (2023). Fields of Practice in Criminal Justice: Human Trafficking. In K. Bolton, D. McLeod, and A. Natale, *Handbook of Forensic Social Work*. Oxford University Press.
46. Nichols, A.J. (2018). Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation of LGBTQ* People: Implications for Practice. In Nichols, Andrea, Edmond, Tonya, and Heil, Erin. (Eds.) *Social Work Practice with Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation*. Columbia University Press.
47. Nichols, A.J. (2018). Prevention and Outreach to At-Risk Groups . In Nichols, Andrea, Edmond, Tonya, and Heil, Erin. (Eds.) *Social Work Practice with Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation*. Columbia University Press.
48. *Peffley, L. & Nichols, A.J. (2018). Challenges to Sensational Imagery Used in the Anti-Trafficking Movement and Implications for Practice In Nichols, Andrea, Edmond, Tonya, and Heil, Erin. (Eds.) *Social Work Practice with Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation*. Columbia University Press.
49. Nichols, A.J. (2016). Global Inequality and Human Trafficking: The Organ and Tissue Trade. In Heil, Erin and Nichols, Andrea J. 2016. (Eds.) *Broadening The Scope of Human Trafficking*. Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.
50. Nichols, A.J. (2014). The Intersectional Nature of Transgender Victimization: Police

Abuses Against Transgender Sex Workers. In *The Handbook of LGBT Communities, Crime, and Justice*, edited by Dana Peterson and Vanessa R. Panfil. *Springer Publishing*.

51. Nichols, A.J. (2014). Therapeutic Jurisprudence. In *The Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics*. Arrigo, Bruce A. & Golson, J. Geoffrey, Eds. Thousand Oaks: Sage.
52. Nichols, A.J. (2014). Pornography. In *The Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics*. Arrigo, Bruce A. & Golson, J. Geoffrey, Eds. Thousand Oaks: Sage.
53. Nichols, A.J. (2014). Hate Speech and Civil Rights. In *The Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics*. Arrigo, Bruce A. & Golson, J. Geoffrey, Eds. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

REPORTS

1. Nichols, A.J., and Nichols, E. (2024). Statewide and Regional Human Trafficking Service Inventory 2019-2024. Report prepared for the Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation.
2. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Evaluating a Human Trafficking Prevention Program- Lincoln County. Report prepared for Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking.
3. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Statewide Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot, 2019-2024. Report prepared for the Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation.
4. Nichols, A.J. (2024). St. Louis Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot, 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
5. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Metro East St. Louis/Illinois Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
6. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Northeast Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
7. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Southeast Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
8. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Kansas City Missouri Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
9. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Kansas City/Kansas Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the

Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation.

10. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Central Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
11. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Northwest Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
12. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Southwest Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
13. Nichols, A.J. (2024). Arkansas-Missouri Region Human Trafficking Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot 2019-2024. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
14. Nichols, A.J. (2024). 'I Am Little Red' Human Trafficking Prevention Program Evaluation. A report prepared for *Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking*.
15. Nichols, A.J. (2022). Missouri and Metro East Human Trafficking/ Exploitation Resource Guide : Evaluation of Awareness, Use, and Effectiveness Part II. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
16. Nichols, A.J., ** Slutsker, S., Pintor, S., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., & Hudson, S. (2022). Metro East St. Louis region human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [Metro East St. Louis Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)
17. **Oberstaedt, M., Pintor, S., Nichols, A.J., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., Owens, M., **Wyland, E., *Peffley, L., **Carter, E., **Guzman, G., **Reddy, A. & **Kelley, E. (2022). Central region human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [Central Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)
18. **Sanders, R., Pintor, S., Nichols, A.J., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., Reed, E. & **Almgren-Bell, J. (2022). Northwest region human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [Northwest Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)
19. ** Slutsker, S., Pintor, S., Nichols, A.J., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., *Peffley, L. & *Almgren-Bell, J. (2022). Northeast region human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [Northeast Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)

20. Nichols, A.J., Egbert, E., Pintor, S., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., & **Reddy, A. (2022). Southwest region human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [Southwest Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)
21. ** Slutsker, S., Pintor, S., Nichols, A.J., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., *Gilbert, K., *Obama, C., **Langsam, H., & **Kelley, E. (2022). Southeast region human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [Southeast Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)
22. **Sanders, R., Pintor, S., Nichols, A.J., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., **Wyland, E. & **Guzman, G. (2022). Kansas City region human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [Kansas City Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)
23. **Slutsker, S., Pintor, S., Nichols, A.J., Cox, A., Preble, K., Nichols, E., *Volkl, H., *Obama, C. & **Kelley, E. (2022). **St. Louis region** human trafficking service inventory and needs assessment. Report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*. [St. Louis Region \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)
24. Nichols, A.J. & Preble, K.M. (2021). Evaluation of Use and Effectiveness of the Missouri and Metro East Human Trafficking/ Exploitation Resource Guide Part 1. A report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
25. Preble, K., M., & Nichols, A.J. (2020). State of Missouri and Metro East St. Louis Anti-Trafficking Strategic Plan. *Missouri Collaboration Against Human Trafficking*. www.mocate.org
26. Nichols, A.J. & Preble, K.M. (2020). Human Trafficking Service Provision under COVID-19. A report prepared for the *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation*.
27. Nichols, A.J. & Preble, K.M., & Cox, A. (2019). Human Trafficking in Missouri and Metro East St. Louis: Provider Based Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot. *Missouri Collaboration Against Human Trafficking*. [Needs-Assessment-Report11.15.19FINAL.pdf \(mocate.org\)](https://www.mocate.org)

BOOK REVIEWS

- Nichols, A.J. (2014). Review of Leaving Prostitution: Getting Out and Staying Out of Sex Work, by Sharon S. Oselin. Invited book review, *Criminal Justice Review*.
- Nichols, A.J. (2014). Review of Leaving Prostitution: Getting Out and Staying Out of Sex Work, by Sharon S. Oselin. *Division on Women and Crime, ASC Newsletter (online)*.

Nichols, A.J. (2011). Review of The Gender of Crime, by Britton, D. *Division on Women and Crime, ASC Newsletter (online)*.

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024 Community Impact Award

Honors Individuals Who Have Made a Significant Positive Impact Within Their Community

Healing Action Network, Supporting Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation

2023 Blue Heart Award

Award for Community Efforts to Address Human Trafficking

Gateway Alliance against Human Trafficking

2018 Early Career Scholarship Award.

For outstanding scholarship, Sex Trafficking in the U.S., Theory, Research, Policy and Practice; Social Work Practice with Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation.

Midwest Sociological Society

2015 New Scholar Award.

For body of work examining IPV victim advocacy.

American Society of Criminology, Division on Women and Crime

2014 Carnegie Award, Missouri Professor of the Year

Carnegie Foundation, Council for Advancement and Support of Education

2014 Best Article of the Year Award, Feminist Criminology

For “Meaning-Making and Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy: An Examination of Feminist Identities, Ideologies, and Practices.” *Feminist Criminology* 8(3),177- 201.

American Society of Criminology, Division on Women and Crime

2012 Governor’s Award for Teaching Excellence

State of Missouri

2012 NISOD Teaching Excellence Award

The National Institute for Organizational Development

2011 Graduate Student Paper Competition Award

Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology

2011 Public Policy Research Center Dissertation Fellowship.

University of Missouri St. Louis

2010-2011 Doctoral Scholarship Award

American Association of Women in Community Colleges

2011 Empowering Women Award
Every Step Counts, Family Resource Center

2011 Jane Addams Outstanding Service Award
Midwest Sociological Society

2011 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award
Emerson Charitable Trust

2011 Teacher of The Year
St. Louis Community College Forest Park

Students Appreciating Teachers Award [Student Selected Teaching Award]
St. Louis Community College Forest Park 2023, 2022, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004.

Honors Recognition Award [Teaching Award]
St. Louis Community College Forest Park 2017, 2016, 2015, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010, 2009, 2007, 2005.

ACCESS Award [Student Selected Teaching Award for working with disAbled students]
St. Louis Community College Forest Park 2017.

GRANTS

Marion Horstmann Online Teaching Innovation Grant Award. *Washington University in St. Louis.* \$5000

Collaborative Partner/Co-PI: Strengthening and Increasing Access to Services for Human Trafficking Survivors. Partners include CATE; The Covering House; Restoration House; Healing Action; Dr. Kathleen Preble – University of Missouri; Center for Applied Research and Engagement Systems – MU Extension; and StratCommRX. *Missouri Foundation For Health (2021-2023), \$245,000.*

Primary Investigator, Strategic Plan To Address Human Trafficking in Missouri and Metro East St. Louis: Resource Development, Needs Assessment and Innovative Solutions. (Kathleen Preble, Primary Investigator). *MCAHT, (2018-2020), \$101,343.*

Gephardt Institute 2017-2018. Small Change Grant. (\$500).

Primary Investigator, A Systems Analysis of Juvenile Justice Involved DMST. *Midwest Sociological Society, (2017-2018). \$2400.*

Co-Investigator, Human Trafficking in the St. Louis Metropolitan Area (Rumi Price, Principal Investigator). *Washington University Institute for Public Health. PH Cube Award (2015-17), \$20,000.*

Coordinator, Anti-Trafficking Initiative, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Brown School of Social Work. *Roblee Foundation* (2015- 2018), \$20,000-\$30,000

Coordinator, Anti-Trafficking Initiative, Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children, Brown School of Social Work. *Private Donor* (2014-2017), \$10,000

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Peer Reviewer, *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, *Criminal Justice Review*, *European Journal of Criminology*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Critical Criminology*, *Sexual Abuse: A Journal of Research and Treatment*, *Violence and Victims*, *Journal of Human Trafficking*, *Victims and Offenders*, *Journal of Primary Prevention*, *Dignity: A Journal on Sexual Exploitation and Violence*, *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*, *Gender and Politics*, *Child Abuse and Neglect*, *Public Health Reports*, *Children and Youth Services Review*, *Societies*.

Book Review Editor, *Division on Women and Crime Newsletter*, American Society of Criminology 2012-2016, 2018.

Social Action Committee, *Midwest Sociological Society*, 2012-2016
Chair 2014-2016

CONSULTANT

Projects Reviewed:

High School Prevention Education Curriculum and Assessment. Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking. (2024, 2025).

Middle School Prevention Education Curriculum and Assessment. Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking. (2024), 2025).

Missouri Attorney General's State Anti-Trafficking Task Force, Education and Training. (2019).

Daughters of Charity. Feedback for development of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) Prevention project. (2016).

Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and the Florida Coalition Against Human Trafficking. Consultant for development of the Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST) Prevention Campaign (2015).

Joseph H. & Florence A. Roblee Foundation. Feedback on Report: Understanding Prevention Programming for the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth in the United States. (2015).

PEER REVIEWED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Nichols, Andrea. 2021. Sex Trafficking Demographic Trends in a Midwestern State. *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN.

Nichols, Andrea. 2018. System Benefits and Challenges in Responding to Juvenile Justice Involved Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking. *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN.

*Gerassi, Lara. & Nichols, Andrea. 2017. Benefits, Challenges, and Lessons Learned from Coalitions Organizing Against Sex Trafficking and Exploitation. Poster Presentation at the *Society for Social Work Research Conference* in New Orleans, LA.

Nichols, A. 2016. "Lessons Learned: Benefits and Challenges in Coalitions Addressing Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.

Gerassi, Lara. & Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Lessons learned: Benefits and Challenges in Community-Based Responses to Sex Trafficking/Exploitation. *Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) Conference* in Atlanta, GA.

*Gerassi, Lara. & Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Coalition Heterogeneity in Community Based Responses to Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sex. *Grand Challenges of the American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare Initiative*. Invited poster presentation at the *Society for Social Work Research Conference* in Washington, DC.

Heil, E., Nichols, A., and Cannon, K. 2016. Roundtable. "Teaching Sensitive Topics in the Classroom." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, LA.

*Gerassi, L. and Nichols, A. 2016. "Coalition Heterogeneity in Community Based Responses to Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sex." *SSWR Annual Conference*, Washington, D.C.

Nichols, Andrea. 2015. Panel Organizer. "Human Trafficking and Exploitation: Dynamics, Practices, and Policy Implications." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C.

- Nichols, Andrea. 2015. "Promising Practices with Sex Trafficked and Commercially Sexually Exploited People." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2015. "Teaching Social Action." Session Organizer. *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Kansas City, MO.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2014. Session Organizer. "Issues in Criminology." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Omaha, NE.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2013. "No-Drop Prosecution in Domestic Violence Cases." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- Nichols, Andrea and Heil, Erin. 2012. "The Hidden Nature of Sex Trafficking: Trafficking Techniques and Other Challenges in the Justice System." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2012. "Analyzing Qualitative Data." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Minneapolis, MN.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2011. "Policy Implications for Victim Advocacy in Community Based Responses to Domestic Violence." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C.
- Jody Miller and Andrea Nichols. 2011. "Resistance and Recourse: An Examination of Responses to Abuse Among Transgender Sex Workers." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Washington, D.C.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2011. "Secondary Analysis of Qualitative Data." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, St. Louis, MO.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2010. "Acker's Theory of Gendered Organizations and Challenges for Domestic Violence Victim Advocacy." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2010. "The Community Based Response to Domestic Violence and Challenges for Feminist Advocacy." *North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2010. "Police Abuses Against Transgender Sex Workers in Sri Lanka." *Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Chicago, IL.
- Nichols, Andrea and Jody Miller. 2007. "Definitional, Methodological and Operational Challenges in Transnational Research." *American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Nichols, Andrea. 2024. Sex and Labor Trafficking in the State of Missouri. *Missouri Society for Clinical Social Work*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2024. Sex and Labor Trafficking in the State of Missouri. *University of Missouri St. Louis*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2024. The Truth About Human Trafficking. Panelist. *Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking. University of Missouri St. Louis*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2023. Intro to Sex Trafficking: Types, Risks, and Misconceptions. FVIP Learn & Share. *Child Advocacy Center of Niagara.*
- Nichols, Andrea, and Heil, Erin. 2023. Human Trafficking of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Equal Justice Talk Series. The Criminal Justice Advocacy Program. Exploring a Closer Look: "Human Trafficking of Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities" [Recorded Webinar](#)
- Nichols, Andrea. 2023. Sex and Labor Trafficking in the State of Missouri. *University of Missouri St. Louis, Dept. of Social Work, Behavioral Health Workforce Education Training program seminar series.*
- Nichols, Andrea, 2023. Our Boys Are Vulnerable Too. Panelist, *Kerengende Foundation.*
- Nichols, Andrea, 2022. Provider challenges in responding to re-trafficking of juvenile justice-involved domestic minor sex trafficking survivors. *Gateway Human Trafficking.*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2022. Human Trafficking in Missouri: Types, Trends, and Needs. Policy Session, Missouri House of Representatives Caucus.
- Nichols, Andrea. 2021. Strategic Planning and Community Based Responses to Address Human Trafficking. *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation. CATE.*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2021. Sex and Labor Trafficking in Missouri. *Gateway Human Trafficking.*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2021. Sex Trafficking of LGBTQ+ Youth. *St. Louis Community College Forest Park/Florissant Valley.*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2020. Human Trafficking in Missouri and Metro East St. Louis: Needs Assessment and Demographic Snapshot. *St. Louis Community College Forest Park.*
- Nichols, Andrea. 2019. Sex Trafficking: Risks and Prevention. *St. Louis Community College Forest Park.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2018. Risk Factors and Experiences of LGBTQ+ Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation. *Fontbonne University. Center Against Human Trafficking and Exploitation.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2018. Structural and Interpersonal Risk Factors for Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation. *Fontbonne University. Center Against Human Trafficking and Exploitation.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2018. Sex Trafficking in St. Louis. *Bethel Lutheran Church.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2018. Sex Trafficking in St. Louis: Risks and Prevention. *St. Louis Community College Wildwood.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2018. Community Based Responses to Sex Trafficking. Sabbatical Presentation, *St. Louis Community College Forest Park.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2018. Labor Trafficking in St. Louis and the Bi-State Area. 2017. St. Louis Community College Forest Park.

Nichols, Andrea. 2017. **Congressional Briefing.** Human Trafficking and the Impact on Children and Families. Trafficking Survivors Relief Act of 2017. (H.R. 459) (S. 104). Washington D.C. Sponsored by the Human Trafficking Collaborative Network (HTCN), Clark-Fox Policy Institute at the Brown School of Social work at Washington University in St. Louis, and Congressional Research Institute for Social Work and Policy (CRISP).

Nichols, Andrea. 2017. From Local to Global: Sex Trafficking in St. Louis and India. Sigma Iota Rho (SIR), International and Area Studies honorary, *Washington University in St. Louis.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2017. Labor Trafficking in St. Louis and the Bi-State Area. 2017. Human Trafficking Collaborative Network and Construction Forum.

Nichols, Andrea. 2017. Trafficking in St. Louis and the Bi-State Area. 2017. *Human Trafficking Collaborative Network and Construction Forum.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Panel, Queering “Safe” Sex, Plus+ Stigmatized Sex Week Event. *Washington University in St. Louis.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Intersections and Risks: Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation. *Webster University, St. Louis.*

Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Risk Factors and Prevention Efforts: Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Mercy Medical Center, *Daughters of Charity Foundation.* St. Louis.

Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Sex Trafficking in St. Louis. *Harrison Education Center.* St.

Louis.

Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Panelist. A Day in the Life. *Washington University in St. Louis*.

Gerassi, Lara. & Nichols, Andrea. 2016. Heterogeneous Perspectives in Coalitions and Community Based Responses to Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sex. Presentation given to the *Coalition Against Trafficking & Exploitation (CATE)*.

Nichols, Andrea. 2015. The Complexities of Human Trafficking. World Affairs Council, Ethical Society, and *University of Missouri St. Louis*.

Nichols, Andrea. 2015. Outreach and Prevention for Trafficked and Exploited People. *National Coalition of Jewish Women Annual Conference, St. Louis*.

Nichols, Andrea & Colegrove, Amanda. 2015. The Anti-Trafficking Movement in the United States. *Rescue and Restore Annual Conference*. St. Louis.

Nichols, Andrea & Heil, Erin. 2015. Human Trafficking in the Midwest: A Case Study of St. Louis and the Bi-State Area. *Rescue and Restore Annual Conference*. St. Louis.

Nichols, Andrea 2015. Moderator. Sex Trafficking Awareness Event. Brown School of Social Work, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Nichols, Andrea. 2015. Panelist. Human Trafficking Awareness Event. Brown School of Social Work, Policy Forum, *Washington University in St. Louis*

Nichols, Andrea. 2015. Panelist. Human Trafficking Awareness Event. *University of Missouri St. Louis*.

Nichols, Andrea. 2014. Feminist Advocacy. *St. Louis Community College Meramec*.

Nichols, Andrea and Heil, Erin. 2013. Challenges to Identifying and Prosecuting Sex Trafficking Cases. *Roblee Foundation*.

Nichols, Andrea. 2013. Sex Trafficking: The Basics. *International Justice Mission, Washington University in St. Louis*.

Nichols, Andrea. 2012. Infusing Diversity in the Classroom. *NISOD*. Austin, TX.

Nichols, Andrea and Heil, Erin. 2012. Challenges to Identifying and Prosecuting Sex Trafficking Cases. *St. Louis Rescue and Restore: Advocates Against Human Trafficking*.

Nichols, Andrea. 2011. Effective Teaching: Tips from Award Winning Faculty. Focus on Teaching and Technology Conference. *University of Missouri St. Louis*.

INVITED WORKSHOPS

Chakaryan, H. Allen, S., & Nichols, A. 2018. Human Trafficking Risks and Interventions. Professional Development Workshop. *Webster University*.

Nichols, A., Allen, S., & Chakaryan, H. 2018. Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: Risks and Interventions. Brown School of Social Work, Professional Development Workshop. *Washington University in St. Louis*.

Nichols, Andrea & Souza, Celeste. 2016. Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation: Beyond Awareness to Intervention. Brown School of Social Work Professional Development Workshop. *Washington University in St. Louis*.

Nichols, Andrea. & Howard, Abby. 2015. Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sexual Exploitation: How to Recognize it, How to Help. Brown School of Social Work Professional Development Workshop. *Washington University in St. Louis*.

MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND PODCASTS

Hyatt, Brendan. 2023. *The Intersection of Human Trafficking and Disability*. Human Trafficking Search.

<https://podcasters.spotify.com/pod/show/freedomunitedhq/episodes/Human-Trafficking-and-Disability-Part-2-e28m1bj/a-aa9sn1p>

The Chronicle of Social Change: Children and Youth Front and Center. 2020.

<https://chronicleofsocialchange.org/news-2/manhattan-da-invests-2-million-to-prevent-youth-sex-trafficking/41002>

DSM Femme. Drake University. <https://soundcloud.com/dsmfemme/dsm-femme-episode-four-domestic-violence>

Guarino, M. 2018. *Human Trafficking in the Midwest*. Medium.

<https://medium.com/@markguarino10/human-trafficking-in-the-midwest-54ed9fba7a3>

Guarino, M. 2018. *Made in America*. Medium.

<https://medium.com/@markguarino10/made-in-america-by-force-ccb54e200dad>

SAGE Criminology, Feminist Criminology. <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/sage-criminology/id871120547?mt=2>

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Dissertation Committees

Dissertation Committee, Member, Lara Gerassi. “How Do I Fit? Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Social Services among Women Involved in Commercial Sexual Exploitation through Identities, Traumas, and Substance Use.” (2017).

Dissertation Committee, Member, Rachel Voth Schrag. “Economic Abuse by an Intimate Partner and Women’s Community College Outcomes.” (2017).

Thesis Committees and Capstone Advisor

Capstone Advisor, Daniel Castello. (2024). “Intersex Individuals as a Challenge to the Gender Binary Framework.”

Capstone Advisor, Elaine Macon. (2023). “Sex Trafficking and Commercial Sex and Military Bases in South Korea: Past to Present.”

Thesis Advisor, Sophie Young. (2021-2022). “A Comparative Analysis of Prostitution and Sex Trafficking Policies and Outcomes in Spain and the U.S.”

*Outstanding Honors Thesis in Global Studies (International and Area Studies) Award Winner

Thesis Committee Member, Emi Wyland. (2018). “Examining Trans Sex Work Identities through Film.”

Faculty Mentor

Faculty Mentor, Brigid Hosmer

Women Gender and Sexuality Studies Biggs Award (Research Award) (2022)

Committee Work

Human Trafficking Collaborative Network, Institute of Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis
Cofounder, core faculty. 2015-2018.

COMMUNITY ENGAGED LEARNING

Community Engaged Learning Project with Community Partner: *Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation* Aligned with Art/Sci and University College WGSS Course Sex Trafficking, 2025.

Community Engaged Learning Project with Community Partner: *Healing Action (organization providing services to survivors of trafficking/commercial sexual exploitation)*. Aligned with Art/Sci and University College WGSS Courses Sex Trafficking and Gender and Crime, 2019-present.

Community Engaged Learning Project with Community Partner: *Keyway (reentry organization)*. Aligned with University College WGSS Course Gender and the Prison System, 2024.

Community Engaged Learning Project with Community Partner: *Let’s Start (reentry organization)*. Aligned with University College WGSS Course Gender and the Prison System, 2022.

Community Engaged Learning Project with Community Partner *Court Watch*. Aligned with Art/Sci and University College WGSS Course Gender and Crime, 2021-present.

New Eyes for the Needy. International Education and Sociology Club co-sponsored project, STLCC, Campaign to collect used eyeglasses 2009- present.

Cell Phone Recycling for Domestic Violence Services. Sociology Club sponsored project. STLCC. In coordination with Shelter Alliance to benefit ALIVE 2009, LAAW 2010-2016, and the AWARE program at Barnes-Jewish Hospital 2016-2019.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

CATE: Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation, St. Louis, Mo.
Member 2008-present (including former iterations/ under other names)
Collaborative Partner 2018-present

Gateway Alliance Against Human Trafficking, St. Charles, Mo.
Member, Program Committee 2023-present
Volunteer Data Analyst 2024-present

Human Trafficking Collaborative Network, Institute of Public Health, Washington University in St. Louis
Cofounder, core faculty. (2015-2018).
Steering Committee. (2024-present).

Missouri State Human Trafficking Task Force, Attorney General's Office
Education and Training Subcommittee (2017-2019)
Research Subcommittee (2017-2020).

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Midwest Sociological Society

American Society of Criminology
Division on Women and Crime

Global Association of Human Trafficking Scholars
Senior Research Scholar