

Sarah Koransky

UNITED AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING



Sarah Koransky will present an introduction to human trafficking by providing an overview of human trafficking and break down any misconceptions attendees may have. Additionally, she will introduce her employer, United Against Human Trafficking, and describe ways attendees can become proactive in this fight.

Sarah Koransky holds a Master's degree from the University of Edinburgh, where her graduate thesis researched the limitations of the anti-trafficking movement in sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to joining United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT) she worked as a secondary education English teacher with the Peace Corps in Comoros. Comoros is an archipelago

off the south eastern coast of Africa.

Sarah Koransky serves as the Education Specialist at United Against Human Trafficking (UAHT) where she is responsible for delivering trainings to frontline professionals, including law enforcement, educators and healthcare professions. [UAHT](#) is a 501© 3 non-profit organization working in the Greater Houston Area to combat human trafficking. UAHT's mission is to end human trafficking through awareness, education, and outreach. UAHT envisions a world that is intolerant of buyers and sellers of human beings and aspires for all people to experience freedom and live beyond bondage to others.

James Bradley Dale

Commander of the Vice Division, Houston Police Department



James Bradley Dale will explain the Houston Police Departments' ([HPD](#)) Vice Division, what units comprise the division, how human trafficking affects our community locally and globally, how we can get involved in fighting this crime and how to protect children.

Commander Dale began his professional life as an Office Services Manager for Browning-Ferris Industries, currently named Waste Management Industries. Looking for a more rewarding career path, Commander Dale decided to follow his dream and passion by changing careers to work in the criminal justice field as a police officer.

Commander Dale joined the Houston Police Department and was sworn in as a Police Officer in May of 1995. Over his 21-year career at HPD, he worked in a wide variety of assignments including a police officer, the Fondren Division Administrative Sergeant, creator and implementor of the Divisional Tactical Unit of the Special Operations Division in the downtown area and the Night Command/Security Operations Division spokesman and Chief's representative for the police department during night shift hours of operation.

Currently, Commander Dale is assigned to the HPD Vice Division, where he manages approximately 70 employees. The units he manages include Gambling Squad, General Prostitution, Club Squad and the Human Trafficking Unit. The Human Trafficking Rescue Alliance (HTRA), managed by Commander Dale, uses federal law enforcement agencies and surrounding local agencies to work collaboratively with the division. Commander Dale also works in partnership with Victim-Assisted Organizations under the HTRA Unit.

Commander Dale graduated from Stratford Senior High School in Houston, Texas. Commander Dale holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Houston and a Master of Arts degree in Criminology from the University of Houston-Clear Lake. He is a graduate of the Leadership Institute Program from the City of Houston and a graduate of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) National Academy, Session 246. He has served the department with distinction, having received numerous awards and commendations.

Erica Raggett

A 2ND CUP, FOUNDER



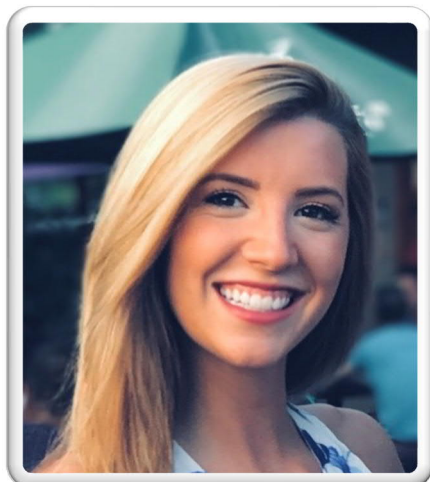
Erica Raggett will discuss the circumstances that spurred her to act in such a unique way, i.e., to found the coffee shop, [A 2nd Cup](#). She will discuss the role and impact of the coffee shop in the larger anti-trafficking movement and how collaboration and partnerships are key to the abolition of slavery in our community. Erica will inspire and encourage others to use their skills, experiences, resources and ideas to join the fight against human trafficking.

The coffee shop was established in 2012 to raise awareness of human trafficking issues in Houston-and to develop resources that help create a second chance for survivors. It was envisioned as a place where people could organize, collaborate, make an impact—or just make themselves at home in a modern café setting. The coffee shop offers gourmet drinks, knowledgeable baristas and a spacious, relaxed atmosphere—all centrally located in the heart of The Heights. Erica is proud to offer a space that brings people together and a force for change in Houston, i.e., proud to serve coffee with a cause.

A 2nd Cup is a 501(c)(3) federal non-profit coffee shop fighting human trafficking in Houston, one of the most intense regions for human trafficking according to the Department of Justice. We are a unique combination of business and charity - using the funds we make through each coffee sale to fund our cause and end human trafficking in our city. We have employees as well as volunteers behind the bar, serving coffee to fight for justice.

Bailey Hall

THE LANDING



Bailey Hall will discuss what [The Landing](#) provides for victims of human trafficking. With an estimated more than 313,000 victims of human trafficking in Texas alone, there is a definite problem to be addressed in our city, state, country, and world. Shelters, long-term residential programs, and other various resources are available to victims, but with less than 2% of victims identified, perhaps the first step to serving victims is increasing identification. Drop-in centers provide a unique opportunity to help increase identification, offer services, build trust, empower survivors, and provide connection to additional long-term support. The Landing is the first and only drop-in center in Houston for survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. Their mission is to serve survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation with a trauma-informed approach fueled by the love of Christ. In the practical

day-to-day, this looks like meeting basic needs such as food, clothing, and hygiene, providing case management and counseling as well as an array of enriching and empowering classes, and meeting survivors where they are at in the stages of change with the goal of engaging their hope and desire for a future of freedom.

Bailey Hall is a graduate of Auburn University with a bachelor's degree in Psychology and minors in both Spanish and Studio Art. She is currently pursuing her Master of Victim Services Management at Sam Houston State. During her time at Auburn University, she worked as an undergraduate research assistant in the Trauma and Anxiety Research Lab where she gained a foundation for understanding the effects of trauma on the brain. After graduation, Bailey began to get involved in the fight against human trafficking by volunteering with multiple anti-trafficking organizations in Houston as well as in Atlanta. She became the Social Services Intern at The Landing, a non-profit daytime drop-in center providing services for survivors of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation. She was hired as the Services Coordinator in January of 2018 and became a Case Manager at the start of 2019. Bailey is using her skills as an artist to teach painting classes at the Landing as well as to create works of art to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking.