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*Safety after Slavery*  
*Protecting Victims of Human Trafficking*

**Biographies of Working Group Participants**  
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**Elena Azaola** is Senior Investigator at the Center for Advanced Studies and Research in Social Anthropology located in Mexico City. She received her Ph.D in Anthropology at the same institution, and her A.B. and M.A. degrees at the Ibero-American University. She also graduated as a Psychoanalyst. She was an advisor for Children Rights at the National Commission of Human Rights (1991-1993) and is a current (since 2001) Council Member at the Federal District Commission of Human Rights. Dr. Azaola has received numerous awards and grants for the diverse research projects that she has conducted on children, youth and women's delinquency issues. Dr. Azaola coordinated the European Commission project for street children in Mexico (1997-1999).

Dr. Azaola has published more than 70 works in Mexico, as well as in other countries (Holland, Spain, Canada, Argentina, Brazil, US). Most of Dr. Azaola's research has been in the field of juvenile and women's justice institutions, violent crime, human rights, street children and violence against children. Dr. Azaola's research on commercial sexual exploitation of children (1999-2002) has been sponsored by the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), the National Council for Sciences and Technology (CONACYT) and the Interinstitutional Program for the North American Region Studies (PIERAN).

**Stana Buchowska**, M.A., is a cultural anthropologist. She is the co-founder and Polish national coordinator of "La Strada Foundation against Trafficking in Women" based in Warsaw, Poland. Within La Strada, she is responsible for the "Information and lobby campaign." She is the project coordinator for the Crises Intervention Center and a shelter for trafficked persons in Poland. Ms. Buchowska also serves as a trainer for the National Advocacy Project, an awareness-raising training promoting human rights standards for trafficked persons and several training projects for law enforcement in Poland including "The Gate," "Police Academy," RITA and ARIADNE.

Ms. Buchowska is the author and coordinator of the information and prevention campaign: “You have a right to dream, you have a right to know” (1998) and “The other side of the sun” (2001). In coordination with Anti-Slavery International, she did comparative research on: *Human Rights-Human Traffic: Redefining Victim protection*.

**Ana C. Deutsch**, M.A., M.F.T., is a native of Argentina. She obtained her degree in Clinical Psychology at the Catholic University of Cordoba, Argentina. She came to the United States with her family in 1977 as a political refugee. Ana was trained and practiced psychoanalysis in Argentina. After arriving in California she worked in several mental health settings with the Hispanic Community. At the same time she completed her Master Degree in Cross-Cultural Psychotherapy at the California State University, Northridge.

In 1978 Ana participated in the first study in the United States on the effects of torture, published in 1985 in the book “The Breaking of Bodies and Minds: Torture, Psychiatric Abuse and the Health Professional”, edited by the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Since then, she has been dedicated to the treatment of victims of torture. She is co-founder of the Program for Torture Victims (PTV), the first program of this kind in the United States, and since its inception in 1980 she has served as Clinical Director.

In the 80’s and early 90’s Ana has worked with the Central-American refugees. As an immigrant and refugee herself, she has been able to provide leadership in understanding the particular psychosocial issues confronted by that population. She has also participated in numerous professional local and international forums presenting on the topic of the psychosocial consequences of torture and organized violence.

As an expert in the psychological consequences of torture Ana has been called to testify in three landmark cases in the United States. In addition, she has provided expert testimony in front of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, in Costa Rica, and is currently working in a project with the Inter-American Human Rights Institute to provide training to professionals assisting victims of torture and their families.

In her current position as PTV Clinical Director, Ana’s responsibilities include providing direct services to clients, supervising PTV clinical staff, and implementing different innovative projects at PTV, including the Healing Club and the PTV Drama Group.

**Y.C.** is a trafficking survivor and client of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking.

**Noura Erakat** is a Palestinian-American student-activist and a second year law student at Boalt Hall. As an undergraduate student at U.C. Berkeley, Noura was a leader of the national movement across American university campuses demanding the universities to divest from Israel. She has worked, lived, and studied in Palestine and Israel. Most recently, she worked at Adalah: The Legal Center for Arab Minority Civil Rights in Israel where she helped file briefs to the Israeli Supreme Court as well as draft answers later submitted to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights of the United Nations. In 2003, her radio documentary commemorating the 1982 Sabra and Shatilla massacre was nominated for the National Federation of Community Broadcasters' Golden Reel Award for "Best Local Documentary." Noura is currently touring with INCITE's "Sisterfire" tour featuring women of color artists against domestic and structural violence.

**Andrea Fitanides** is a second year law student at Boalt Hall and intern with the International Human Rights Law Clinic. Prior to law school, Andrea worked with a number of non-profit groups including Court Appointed Special Advocates, working on behalf of children in dependency proceedings, and the Open Society Institute, working as a debate trainer for high school students in Eastern and Central Europe. Last summer, she worked as a legal intern for an environmental litigation group. While in law school, Andrea also worked with the California Asylum Refugee Clinic representing an asylum seeker.

**Laurel Fletcher** is Acting Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the International Human Rights Law Clinic at Boalt Hall. Before joining the Boalt Hall faculty in 1998, Professor Laurel Fletcher practiced complex civil litigation, including representing plaintiffs in employment discrimination class actions. During her six years in private practice she actively pursued human rights projects. She organized a mission for the International Human Rights Law Group to the former Yugoslavia focusing on rape and gender-based violence.

Fletcher's work in the International Human Rights Law Clinic has involved fact-finding trips to Bosnia, the Dominican Republic and Mexico that utilize an interdisciplinary approach to human rights research and advocacy. She has written about gender-based violence and armed conflict, transitional justice, economic, cultural and social rights, and forced labor.

Fletcher directs the International Human Rights Law Clinic. She received a B.A. from Brandeis University and a J.D. from Harvard University.

**Maria Jose T. Fletcher** has been a supervising attorney at Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center (FIAC) and the Director of *Lucha*: A Women's Legal Project since

June 2000. Her duties include overall supervision of project staff including three staff attorneys, two paralegals, intern students and volunteers, as well as direct representation of low-income immigrant victims of domestic violence, trafficking in persons and other violent crimes. She is actively involved in local, state and national domestic violence and victim's rights organizations. Ms. Fletcher prepares and conducts educational presentations and trainings in the areas of immigration, domestic violence, and trafficking in persons in the United States and internationally. She has been invited to present at conferences, seminars and workshops by the US Department of State, the US Department of Justice and non-governmental organizations to address the needs of survivors of trafficking. Ms. Fletcher currently represents trafficked women and children whose testimony before the US Congress was instrumental in the passage of the Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000. At FIAC, Ms. Fletcher has also been a staff attorney for *Lucha*; and a staff attorney for the Homeless Project, where she represented immigrant homeless individuals in obtaining access to public benefits. Ms. Fletcher is a founding member of the Freedom Network (USA) to Empower Trafficked and Enslaved Persons and an advisory board member of the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women. She received a B.A. in Political Science from the University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida and a J.D. from Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

**Carlos Garduño Salinas** is the Director of the Office of International Human Rights Instruments and Inter-Institutional Participation, Office of the Mexican Attorney General.

Mr. Garduño received his law degree from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. In addition, he has completed specialized studies in human rights from the Technological and Advanced Studies Institute of Monterrey and the Inter-American Institute for Human Rights, as well as on the subject of torture from the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

Mr. Garduño has served professionally as General Counsel for the National Autonomous University of Mexico, Sub-Director of Legal Processes for the Secretary of the Interior for the Mexican government, General Counsel for PEMEX, Coordinator of Advisors to the General Director for the Protection of Human Rights of the Mexican Attorney General's Office, and as a Director for the Mexican National Commission for Human Rights.

During his tenure with the National Commission for Human Rights, Mr. Garduño was directly responsible for the special team dedicated to the investigation of human rights violations. His team instrumentally intervened in the armed conflict in Chiapas, and responded to the massacre of Acteal as well as to armed civilian incursions in Oaxaca and Guerrero. In this position, Mr. Garduño was also

responsible for bringing relevant or related complaints before the Secretary of National Defense.

In his current position with the Attorney General's Office, Mr. Garduño has represented the Attorney General before the Commission of the Political Government on the subject of human rights. He is also one of only two attorneys to participate in a program on medical and forensic examination of torture sponsored by the Program of Technical Cooperation, a project of the government of Mexico and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. Mr. Garduño is also responsible for the litigation of cases on behalf of the Attorney General before the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

Finally, Mr. Garduño is part of a group that offers training in the area of human rights to the National Institute of Criminal Sciences (INACIPE) as well as to various university-sponsored conferences, and federal and state agencies. Significantly, Mr. Garduño is responsible for the Attorney General's implementation of the Istanbul Protocol, also known as the Guide for the Appropriate Investigation and Documentation of Torture and other Instances of Cruel, Inhumane, or Unusual Punishment.

**Katie Glynn** is a second year law student at Boalt Hall. Prior to law school, Katie worked with a number of non-profit organizations dedicated to advocacy on behalf of immigrants' rights. Most recently, she worked as the Social Services Coordinator of AYUDA, Inc., a legal aid clinic serving the foreign-born population of Washington, D.C. in the areas of immigration and domestic violence.

In addition to her work with the International Human Rights Law Clinic at Boalt, Katie currently assists immigrant workers in bringing claims to the California Labor Commissioner through the Unemployment and Wage Claims Project of the Legal Aid Society-Employment Law Center in San Francisco.

**Ann Jordan** is director of the Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons at Global Rights (formerly known as the International Human Rights Law Group). She directs and implements a project to bring a human rights perspective to legal and social responses to the international problem of human trafficking. The Initiative works with immigrant rights, women's rights, and other NGOs in the United States, Africa, Europe, Latin America and Asia on legal reform, research, training, and advocacy. She is presently working with NGOs in Latin America and West Africa to support the development of networks and a regional strategy to coordinate activities and advocacy for a human rights-based approach to addressing the problem.

Ms. Jordan was deeply involved in the development of the new U.S. trafficking law and is presently monitoring its implementation. She was a founder of the Freedom Network (USA) to Empower Trafficked and Enslaved Persons, the premier U.S. network whose members provide social, mental health and legal assistance to trafficked persons, conduct training through the Freedom Network Training Institute and engage in advocacy for the rights of trafficked persons.

She was also deeply involved in the negotiations on the U.N. Trafficking Protocol, which entered into force on December 25, 2003. She was one of the organizers of the “Human Rights Caucus,” consisting of anti-trafficking and human rights organizations from all regions of the world. The Caucus attended all of the negotiations and successfully advocated for a comprehensive definition of trafficking and the inclusion of human rights protections for trafficked persons. She has written the Annotated Guide to the Complete U.N. Trafficking Protocol, which is available in English, German, French and Spanish on the Global Rights website.

She was also a member of the Women's Caucus for Gender Justice in the International Criminal Court and worked with the Caucus to ensure that gender-based crimes and gender balance were successfully included in the new U.N. International Criminal Court. She was also instrumental in including human trafficking as a form of slavery in the treaty.

Prior to joining the Law Group, Ms. Jordan was involved for eight years in a network of fourteen women’s rights NGOs in Hong Kong advocating for the rights of women in Hong Kong. She was also a Fulbright Scholar in the law faculties of Jilin University, Changchun, Jilin Province, China, and the City University of Hong Kong, as well as a law professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Ms. Jordan earned her law and undergraduate degrees at Columbia University.

**Omeheira Lopez Reyna** is an attorney, social worker and director with the Center of Border Studies and Promotion of Human Rights (CEFPROD HAC, *Centro de Estudios Fronterizos y de Promocion de los Derechos Humanos*).

Ms. Lopez is a founding member of CEFRPODHAC, a Mexican organization located in Reynosa, Tamaulipas. The fundamental objective of CEFPROD HAC is the denunciation and analysis of the problematic border region. The issue of migration has been a priority for the organization and a subject of their studies since 1989.

**Marcela Mora Córdoba** is a lawyer with specialization in international policy. She graduated from the Universidad del Valle de Mexico. Mrs. Mora has worked at the Ministry of Public Security, the General Attorney’s Office, the Mexico City General

Attorney's Office, and the Ministry of Public Education. Today, Mrs. Mora is Director at the General Direction of Human Rights of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Mrs. Mora has wide experience in several issues such as legislative analysis, international negotiation on drug trafficking, children victims of crime, rights of children, and negotiation of training programs for public authorities. At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she is in charge of the following subjects: death penalty; internally displaced persons; torture; national institutions of human rights; trafficking of persons, in particular women and girls; elder people and other vulnerable groups; and human rights defenders.

**Agueda Marin Hernandez** has over five years of experience in the field of migration and over three years in Trafficking in Persons issues. As Counter-trafficking Focal Point at the Regional Office in Costa Rica, she provides technical and administrative support to various projects that prevent and combat trafficking in persons at the national and regional level. Her responsibilities also include regional programming, liaisons with governments, identification and strengthening of specific alliances with counterparts from non-governmental and international organizations.

Previous to taking her position at IOM, Ms. Marin worked as a facilitator for a multi-ethnic and multi-cultural immigrant network in United States to analyze problems and encourage discussion of cooperation through popular education workshops, cross-visits, regional, national and international conferences, and liaisons to resources.

**F.A.** is a trafficking survivor and client of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking.

**Heidi Rummel** is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Civil Rights Section of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the Central District of California. Ms. Rummel specializes in criminal prosecutions involving human trafficking and involuntary servitude, including forced prostitution, child prostitution, and domestic servitude. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Following graduation from the University of Chicago Law School, she served as a law clerk to Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. After her clerkship, Ms. Rummel worked as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the District of Columbia prosecuting local crimes. Ms. Rummel is on the Los Angeles Women's Rights Committee for Human Rights Watch and coordinates her office's participation in Public Counsel's Adoption Project.

**Jennifer R. Stanger** is the Training Director and a founding member of the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking (CAST) in Los Angeles, an organization

that provides human services and human rights advocacy for survivors of slavery and trafficking. She has worked as a case manager and advocate for survivors since 1999 and collaborated with federal and local government and law enforcement by developing an inter-agency task force in Los Angeles. She has worked to build the capacity of community organizations and government agencies to identify and serve survivors of trafficking through training and technical assistance. Ms. Stanger advocated for the passage of the *Victims of Trafficking and Violence Protection Act of 2000* through media advocacy, congressional testimony and policy advocacy. She is a founding member of Freedom Network USA and currently directs the Freedom Network Institute on Human Trafficking, a national training and technical assistance project.

**Eric Stover** is Director of the Human Rights Center and Adjunct Professor of Public Health, University of California at Berkeley. He was the Executive Director of Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) until December 1995. Since 1993, he has served on several forensic missions as an “Expert on Mission” to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in The Hague. In March and April 1995, he conducted a survey of mass graves throughout Rwanda for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. In June 1984, Mr. Stover testified for the prosecution at the trial of leaders of the military junta that ruled Argentina from 1976 to 1983. In the early 1990s, Stover conducted the first research on the social and medical consequences of land mines in Cambodia and other post-war countries. His findings helped launch the International Campaign to Ban Land Mines, which received the Nobel Prize in 1997. Stover is presently a co-principal investigator of a large multi-institutional, four-year study of justice and social reconstruction in the aftermath of genocide and war in the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda. The study is funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, The Rockefeller Foundation, the Hewlett Foundation, and The Sandler Family Supporting Foundation.

He is the author of numerous books, reports, and articles on medicine and human rights, including *The Graves: Srebrenica and Vukovar* (with photographer Gilles Peress/Scalo); *Witnesses from the Grave: The Stories Bones Tell* (Little, Brown, Inc.), which was named one of the ten best books of 1991 by the *New York Times Book Review*; *The Breaking of Bodies and Minds: Torture, Psychiatric Abuse, and the Health Professions* (W.H. Freeman); *Medicine Under Siege in the former Yugoslavia 1991 -1995* (Physicians for Human Rights); *Landmines: A Deadly Legacy* (Physicians for Human Rights and Human Rights Watch); and *A Village Destroyed: May 14, 1999 -- War Crimes in Kosovo* (University of California Press, 2002). In 2004, Stover will publish *The Witnesses: War Crimes and the Promise of Justice in The Hague* (University of Pennsylvania Press), and an edited volume, with Harvey Weinstein, entitled *My Neighbor, My Enemy: Justice and Community in the Aftermath of Mass Atrocity*. His articles and photographs have appeared in the *Smithsonian*, *The New York Times*, *Science*, *The Washington Post*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, *New Scientist*,



*Historical Archaeology* and other professional journals. In 1992, he wrote and co-produced a NOVA-WGBH documentary on the search for the graves of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid in Bolivia.

During the Iraq war (March and April 2003), Stover was in northern Iraq where he monitored compliance with the 1949 Geneva Conventions for Human Rights Watch. He returned to Iraq on behalf of Human Rights Watch in February 2004.

**Fabienne Venet**, a sociologist, is the Executive Director of Sin Fronteras, a Mexican not for profit organization dedicated to the human rights of migrants and refugees. Previously she was a consultant to the UNHCR Regional Office in Mexico and Coordinator of the Migrants Studies Programme at the Mexican Academy for Human Rights. She is a member of the Migration Forum in Mexico, the Regional Network of Civil Organizations for Migration and the Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales. She participated in the Mexico-US Group on Migration convened by the International Migration Policy Program of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and the Department of International Studies of the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. She is involved in the Guatemala-Mexico Binational Group on Migration and Development. Ms Venet has 15 years of experience in the fields of migration, human rights and civil society.

**Stephanie Yang** is a Senior Program Officer at the Women's Foundation of California. She manages several funds at the Foundation, including the Community Action Fund, the Race, Gender and Human Rights Fund and the Sisterhood Fund, a grantmaking program for and by young women, which develops leadership skills and strengthens the diverse voices of young women in California. She is a strong advocate for youth engagement in philanthropy, and wrote a book entitled, *The World Belongs to Us: young women, leadership & philanthropy*. She also manages the Foundation's work on transportation justice promoting community based mobility solutions through a human rights framework. Stephanie received her BA from UCLA and her MA in French Literature from Tulane University where she specialized in film and feminist theory. She is a board member of Resource Generation and will be joining the Board of Directors of WILD for Human Rights in June 2004.

**Enrique E. Zepeda V.** is the Regional Attaché of the Office of the Attorney General of Mexico (PGR) at the Mexican Consulate General in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Zepeda acts as Legal and Law Enforcement Liaison for the Western States of the U.S. and is responsible for the legal cooperation in criminal matters between Mexico and the U.S., including locating fugitives and facilitating extradition proceedings in the U.S., as well as the exchange of information or evidence (statements, depositions,

obtaining documents) required for prosecution of crimes on both sides of the border. Based on Article 4 of the Mexican Federal Penal Code, he is also responsible of providing support to foreign law enforcement authorities and individuals interested in the prosecution and trial in Mexico for crimes committed in the U.S. In this respect, and as representative of the Mexican Public Ministry, criminal complaints can be filed directly with his office.

Mr. Zepeda was Associate Legal Attaché of the PGR in San Antonio, Texas, from November 1993 until February 1997. From February 1997 until July 2002, he was an Associate Legal Attaché for the European Union and Switzerland, in Madrid, Spain. From August to December 2002, the Attorney General of Mexico appointed him as the Legal Attaché for Central America at the Mexican Embassy in Guatemala; and from January 2003 until the present he serves as the Regional Attaché of the Office of the Attorney General of Mexico at the Mexican Consulate General in Los Angeles, California.

Concerning criminal matters between Mexico and the United States, Mr. Zepeda has participated in the Fourth Bi-national Prosecutors Seminar: The United States and Mexico (Albuquerque, New Mexico. Jun 20-22, 1994); the Criminal Law Enforcement Conference (Austin, Texas Oct. 1994); the Border Weapons Seminar (El Paso, Texas, Oct. 1994); the Fifth Bi-national Meeting of Prosecutors from Mexico and the U.S. (Nov. 21-23, 1996 Chihuahua, Chihuahua); and Fourth Bi-national Seminar for Strengthening Prosecution between the Office of the Attorney General of Mexico and the Department of Justice of the U.S. (Mar. 11-13, 2003, Mexico City).

While in Europe, he was a representative of Mexico in international working groups at the Center for International Crime Prevention of the United Nations in Vienna, Austria including, the Global Programme against Corruption; the Global Programme against the Trafficking in Human Beings; and Assessing Transnational Organized Crime Groups. He also participated in meetings at the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. At the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, as representative of Mexico, an observant member, he participated in the European Committee on Legal Co-operation (CDCJ), a body that identifies priorities for intergovernmental legal co-operation, makes proposals to the Committee of Ministers on activities in the fields of public and private law, and implements these activities. He also participated in the European Committee on Crime Problems (CDPC), a body that identifies priorities for intergovernmental legal co-operation, makes proposals to the Committee of Ministers on activities in the fields of criminal law, criminology and penology; and attended meetings of the Group of States against Corruption (GRECO).

He has been a speaker at seminars in the United States, Spain, and Guatemala addressing the issue of international legal cooperation in criminal matters and extradition, as well as reforms of the Mexican criminal justice system.