



Harold D'Souza
Curriculum Vitae

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Sold a story of the American dream, I entered the U.S. with a work visa and was subsequently exploited, manipulated, tormented, threatened and feared for my family and my own life. It was 19 long months before I broke away from my trafficker, but little did I know that it would be another 3 years before I had my first glimpse of safety or security. Then another 7 years before I finally felt free.

It may be difficult for some to understand, but my mission in education and awareness is in part to help people understand that I was not free when I escaped, my freedom came after 133 months of fighting for my family and myself to become Survivors and be free from victimization. Survivors are poor starters but strong finishers

August 2016-Present

Eyes Open International
Co-Founder/Executive Director

International Non-Profit Organization created to initiate a stronger focus on prevention of human trafficking and exploitation.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Professional Consulting

August 2016 - 2017

March 2018 - Present

The Salvation Army (Columbus, Ohio)
Outreach Partner

Disseminate the Ohio human trafficking public awareness campaign materials with a goal to increase identification and referral of foreign and domestic victims of labor and sex trafficking to establish support and expand capacity in communities and inform victims of protection and resources.

February 2020 - Present

United States Department of State
Expert Consultant

Project-based consulting: advised department of state on domestic and international efforts to combat labor trafficking.

Dec 2015 - July 2020

Co-Chair (April 2016-2017)

U.S. White House Advisory Council on Human Trafficking
Member (Presidential Appointment)

Provide advice and recommendations to the Senior Policy Operating Group and the President's Interagency Task Force to Monitor and Compact Trafficking.

Rule of Law Committee 2016 - 2018, Survivor-Informed Leadership Committee 2018 - 2020

The White House, Washington D.C.

November 2019 - Present **Department of Homeland Security: BLUE Campaign
Consultant**

Provided regular feedback on various digital human-trafficking awareness communications.

Feb 2019 - Present **Justice at Last
Member Board of Directors**

Review proposals and provide feedback on labor trafficking and debt bondage issues as well as organization's long-term strategy to support trafficking victims.

Mar 2017 - Feb 2018 **International Organization for Migration - UN Migration
Policy Consultant**

Provided guidance to IOM staff on the integration of at-risk populations viewpoints, perspectives, and experiences into the IOM Handbook on Protections and Assistance for Vulnerable Migrants.

April 2016 - April 2018 **The Urban Institute-funded by the National Institute of Justice
Research Advisor**

Provided feedback on projects, materials, including but not limited to interview protocols, site selection protocols, and final deliverables through three comprehensive project updates during the two-year study period.

2008 - Present **National Survivor Network CAST (Coalition to Abolish Slavery
& Trafficking)
Member**

By connecting survivors across the country, the NSN supports and encourages survivors to realize and develop confidence in their own leadership qualities and for others to learn to value their insight not just as survivors but as experts in the field.

Invited Speaker

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September 24, 2020 **International Human Trafficking & Social Justice Conference**
Scars Left by Labor Trafficking Presentation (Virtual)
University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

September 18, 2020 **Eyes Open International Independent Event**
Human Trafficking the Untold: Panel Discussion (Virtual)
Host/Moderator

September 3, 2020	End Human Trafficking Through The Arts Live Interview (Virtual) See It, End It Podcast
August 27, 2020	On Eagles Wings Human Trafficking AE Basics Webinar (Virtual) Charolette, North Carolina
August 20, 2020	Human Trafficking Institute Labor Law in the Context of Trafficking (Virtual) Fairfax, Virginia
August 15, 2020	Bharat FM: Rubaru Immigration & Trafficking Interview Vadodara, India
August 4, 2020	The Central Ohio Reach & Restore Coalition Labor Trafficking Panelist Columbus, Ohio
July 16, 2020	Toronto Masala Club Human Trafficking Webinar (Virtual) University of York, Toronto, Canada
July 15, 2020	CCARHT 2020 Summer Symposium Modern Day Slavery Presentation (Virtual) Cambridge University, Cambridge, England
May 1, 2020	Office of Respect for Life Ministries 60 minute podcast: Human trafficking Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio
March 7, 2020	National Underground Railroad Freedom Center Human Trafficking Prevention; Stopping it before it starts Cincinnati, Ohio
February 13, 20, March 10 (2020)	OhioState High Way Patrol Training Training highway patrol officers to recognize signs of human trafficking and trauma-informed response methods. Columbus, Ohio
February 11, 2020	Safe Harbor Systems Conference

Plenary Session: Improving Outcomes
Fridley, Minnesota

January 9, 2020

National Slavery and Human Trafficking Awareness Event
Department of Defense Combatting Trafficking In Persons (CTIP)
United States Pentagon, Washington D.C.

October 2, 2019

Columbia University
Featured Speaker: A Survivor's Story
New York City, New York

Trip to India, November 2019:

November 27, 2019

Talk on 'Human Trafficking Across the Globe'
St Aloysius College, Mangalore, India

November 19, 2019

Seminar on Human Trafficking
Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Vadodara, India

November 15, 2019

An inspirational talk on 'Frog in a Well-Turning Obstacles into Opportunities'
Faculty of Commerce, MSU, Baroda, India

November 14, 2019

'Anand Ashram Sanstha'
Vadodara, India

November 12, 2019

Talk on 'Turning Obstacles into Opportunities'
Karnavati University, Gujarat, India

November 7, 2019

Hope for Freedom Symposium
Tarnataka, India

August 14, 2019

National Underground Freedom Center
Empowering and Protecting Survivors: A Town Hall on Human Trafficking (with Ambassador John Cotton Richmond)
Cincinnati, Ohio

August 4-7, 2019

US Advisory Council on Human Trafficking - Town Hall Series (6)
Six Town Hall Presentations drawing over 500 people
Cincinnati, Ohio

- July 11, 2019 **Restoration Project International**
The Sustainability Restoration Project
Denver, Colorado
- February 28, 2019 **10th Annual Ohio Human Trafficking Awareness Day**
Survivor Panel: Hear Their Voices
The Ohio Statehouse, Columbus, Ohio
- February 17, 2019 **2019 Ohio & Michigan Liberator Awards**
Presenter: Survivor Award for 2019
The S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution)
Sylvania, Ohio/Michigan
- January 29, 2019 **Xavier Student Government Association**
Let's X Out Human Trafficking
Panel of experts fighting to stop human trafficking
Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio
- October 30, 2017 **SFCAHT 2017 Annual Conference**
San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking
Industries Impacted By Human Trafficking: Business and
Community Fighting Back – Keynote Speaker
San Francisco, California
- April 7, 2017 **Harvard Coalition Against Slavery, Harvard Kennedy School**
Survivor Speaker
Inter-collegiate Convention Against Modern Slavery (ICAMS)
Cambridge, Massachusetts
- April 4-5, 2017 **Redefining Justice, Freedom Network**
Invited Speaker, Bending Towards Justice, Envisioning New
Approaches in Anti-Trafficking Work
Washington, D.C.
- February 14, 2017 **The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction**
Presenter, training for Mental Health Managers throughout Ohio
Prisons
Training and Education Center (TEC)
1580 State Route 56
London, Ohio
- January 27, 2017 **Human Trafficking, An Intersectional Approach**
Keynote Address

San Jose, California

January 23-24, 2017

Human Trafficking Awareness Week at Heidelberg University
From Modern Day Slavery to the White House
Keynote Address and International Travel Safety
Tiffin, Ohio

November 10, 2016

Enhancing Ohio's Frontline Response to Human Trafficking
Invited Speaker
Columbus, Ohio

October 3, 2016

University of Cincinnati, Economics Department
Guest Lecture, Economics of Immigration
Cincinnati, Ohio

September 28, 2016

United Nations-The Global Sustainability Network
GSN Initiatives-Presented Labor Trafficking Survivor Experience
New York City, New York

September 22, 2016

University of Toledo
13th Annual International Human Trafficking & Social Justice
Conference
Human Trafficking & Social Justice Institute

June 2016

"Frog in a Well" – Survivor Story of Labor Trafficking (6)
Ohio Network of Child Advocacy Centers

June 16, 2016

Defiance, Ohio

June 21, 2016

Pike County, Ohio

June 22, 2016

Akron, Ohio

June 23, 2016

Lorain, Ohio

June 24, 2016

Columbus, Ohio

June 29, 2016

Cincinnati, Ohio

March 25, 2016

University of Pennsylvania, School of Social Policy & Practice
Labor Trafficking Conference, Keynote Speaker
Spoke on social policy initiatives to counter debt bondage and
other systems of labor trafficking
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Trip to India, February 2016:

February 11, 2016

St. Joseph's P.U. College
Presented on human trafficking to approximately 400 students

	Bajpe, Mangalore, India
February 9, 2016	Urmi School, Group-Sargam House URMI School & Hostel Red Flags of Human Trafficking Vadodara, Gujarat, India
February 9, 2016	Convent of Jesus and Mary Girls' High School Vadodara Presented on human trafficking to approximately 200 attendees of all girl's high school students, teachers and staff Vadodara, Gujarat, India
February 9, 2016	Vadodara Municipal Corporation, Bharat Dangar Mayor Spoke on Human Trafficking to approximately 400 people Vadodara, Gujarat, India
February 8, 2016	Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) Vadodara Presented on human trafficking to approximately 250 students, parents, priests, nuns, teachers, bishop and archbishop. Vadodara, Gujarat, India
February 7, 2016	Tulu Sanga Association South Indian Community Conference Vadodara, Gujarat, India
February 6, 2016	The Maharaja Sayajirao University of Baroda Guests of Honor Vadodara, Gujarat, India
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April ?, 2015	Freedom Network USA Keynote Speaker Highlighted the oppressive and cyclical nature of human trafficking and debt bondage. Washington DC, D.C.
January 18, 2015	National Human Trafficking Awareness Day Surviving Labor Trafficking Presentation Columbus, Ohio
April 19, 2014	FAIR, Walnut Hills Modern Abolitionist Club Freedom Advocacy Initiative through Retail Cincinnati, Ohio

January 14, 2014

Office of Victims of Crime

Human Trafficking Survivor Forum & Listening Session
Washington DC, D.C.

Media/Press
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May 2, 2019

Breaking the Silence: Uncovering Ohio's Human Trafficking Crisis
Documentary

May 22, 2020

WCPO Cincinnati
Has COVID-19 made human traffickers 'more aggressive'?
<https://www.wcpo.com/news/coronavirus/has-covid-19-pandemic-emboldened-human-traffickers-some-advocates-for-survivors-believe-it-has>

May 8, 2020

NDTV
"He Hired a Hitman To Kill Me": A Human Trafficking Survivor's
Viral Post
<https://www.ndtv.com/offbeat/he-hired-a-hitman-to-kill-me-a-human-trafficking-survivors-viral-post-2225241>

November 20, 2019

Times of India
'Gujaratis turning victims of human trafficking in the US'
<https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/vadodara/gujaratis-turning-victims-of-human-trafficking-in-the-us/articleshow/72133388.cms>

October 25, 2019

WCPO Cincinnati
Slavery survivor plans trip to India to warn others
<https://www.wcpo.com/news/our-community/human-trafficking-survivor-harold-dsouza-plans-trip-to-india-to-try-to-warn-other-potential-victims>

August 1, 2019

Cincinnati Enquirer
'I was broken': Local human trafficking survivor brings national
council to town
<https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/your-watchdog/2019/08/01/local-human-trafficking-survivor-brings-national-council-town/1870137001/>

July 23, 2019

WLWT 5

Victim of human labor trafficking now fighting the problem in national spotlight

<https://www.wlwt.com/article/victim-of-human-labor-trafficking-now-fighting-the-problem-in-national-spotlight/28486196>

February 28, 2019

WOSU-NPR All Sides with Ann Fisher

Radio interview on labor trafficking

https://radio.wosu.org/post/human-trafficking-columbus?fbclid=IwAR1Gt0e4PfYVafmL1EkjLUU542_bw0uKjYCw4U-IUij-L1Peg6YEZssKF8vA#stream/0

February 7, 2017

WCPO Cincinnati

Once a slave, he now seeks freedom for others

<https://www.wcpo.com/news/insider/once-a-slave-harold-dsouza-now-is-dedicating-his-life-to-helping-others>

March 16, 2016

India West

Business Briefs: The State of Ohio Honors Harold D'Souza

https://www.indiawest.com/news/business/business-briefs-the-state-of-Ohio-honors-harold-d-souza/article_79c1a0f0-45c6-11e9-8736-7bf1117fdf1c.html

November 4, 2014

WCPO Cincinnati

Slavery in Blue Ash: The D'Souza family's story of human trafficking and how it happened here

<http://www.wcpo.com/news/local-news/slavery-in-blue-ash-the-dsouza-familys-story-of-human-trafficking-and-how-it-happened-here>

July 22, 2013

Fox 19 Local News

Promise of American Dream leads family into labor trafficking

<http://www.fox19.com/story/22906188/family-overcomes-years-of-labor-trafficking-in-the-tri-state>

Awards

January 2018, 2019, 2020

Special Recognition for Survivor Leadership

General Assembly (2020)

State Senate (2019)

Governor's Office (2018)

Columbus, Ohio



- November 2019 **Distinguished Alumni Award**
Vadodara College
Gujarat, India
- March 18, 2017 **iCan Award**
Humanitarian Service Award.
Chicago, Illinois
- January 15, 2017 **OhioLiberator Award-Survivor**
Created by S.O.A.P. (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution)
Columbus, Ohio

Community Service

- March 2020 - Present **Off the Streets**
Bread-runner to victims affected by the pandemic in need of food.
- June 2015 - Present **St. Savior Parish Festival** (Seasonal)
Booth Director
Supervise of child-activity booth for three-day community festival.
- Aug 2010 - Present **Western and Southern Open** (Seasonal)
Ball Person and Lounge Monitor-Tennis Championships
Supervising and mentoring youth ball persons at Western
Southern Open tennis tournament.
- Jan 2007-Present **Walnut Hills Soup Kitchen - St. Saviour Church**
Server
Service of food to the poor in an environment of respect,
hospitality and dignity.