

“Human Trafficking in Los Angeles County:”
a panel organized by the Studio for Southern California History with Farmlab
for the Studio’s current exhibit “Law & Disorder.”

What are the most relevant definitions of human trafficking today? What are examples of human trafficking that we may not see but that may surround us? How has the passage of Assembly Bill 22 – the California Trafficking Victims Protection Act – increased our ability to recognize & respond to human trafficking in Los Angeles? How can we protect our daughters? What are the tell tale signs that someone is in a relationship that may lead to prostitution? What else can we do? As individuals? As a community?

Friday, December 4, 2009

12:00 pm lunch, 12:30 – 2 pm panel

Proposed Panel: 45 – 60 minutes

Farmlab: 1745 North Spring Street, Unit 4, Los Angeles, CA

Moderator: T. Julie Mairs

Panelists:

Monica Carrasco, Los Angeles County Unity Coalition

Susannah Faxon-Mills, Break the Cycle

Speaker Bios:

Monica Carrasco

Ms. Carrasco is the Director of the Los Angeles County Unity Coalition (LACUC), which is part of a regional three county human trafficking outreach campaign spearheaded by the Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition (BSCC), based in San Diego County. In October 2006, BSCC won a contract with US Department of Health & Human Services under its national “Rescue & Restore” outreach campaign (www.rescueandrestore.org). Beginning in 2007, HHS’ Rescue and Restore Campaign has given \$260,000 to Los Angeles County NGOs combating human trafficking in Los Angeles County. The grants are focused on identifying/finding victims of human trafficking in Los Angeles County.

Susannah Faxon-Mills

Ms. Faxon-Mills is the Senior Coordinator of Youth Education for Break the Cycle. Those at Break the Cycle believe everybody has the right to safe and healthy relationships—regardless of where they live, who they are or what they believe. That is why they work everyday towards a mission to engage, educate and empower youth to build lives and communities free from domestic violence. Break the Cycle offers programs that defy geographic bounds—ensuring that no young person is excluded from receiving the help, tools and information they need to live free from violence. Their success is demonstrated by more than a decade of leadership in working with teens to prevent and end domestic and dating violence.

T. Julie Mairs

Julie Mairs is the immediate past president of Soroptimist International of Los Angeles, Chair of Project Five-0-Los Angeles, and Chair of the Camino Real Region Soroptimists STOP Trafficking campaign. The Soroptimists STOP Trafficking campaign is an initiative of Soroptimists with 19 countries and territories including Canada, the USA, Central and South America, the Caribbean, Philippines, Taiwan, Korea, and Japan. Julie has over 25 years of experience in the leadership of human social and health services and strategy and change management.