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EDUCATION

Anticipated August 2015	The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX Ph.D. in Social Work Dissertation Title: Exploring the Migration-Violence Nexus among Central American Women Chair: Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz; Committee: Drs. Marilyn Armour, Susie Snyder, Yolanda Padilla, and Rebecca Torres
May 2002	The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX Master of Science in Social Work – Administration & Planning
May 1996	Georgetown University, Washington, DC Pontificia Universidad Católica, Santiago, Chile Universidad de Chile, Santiago, Chile Bachelor of Science in Linguistics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

International social work; immigration and forced migration; immigrants and refugees; human trafficking and exploitation; violence against women; domestic violence; sexual assault

TEACHING INTERESTS

Social justice; research methods; human behavior and the social environment; introduction to social work; international social work; violence against women; migration

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Sept. 2010 - Present	<i>Associate Director for Research</i> Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervise graduate research assistants and teaching assistants• Assist with designing research studies and writing local, state, and federal grants• Coordinate research institute's IRB proposal submissions, amendments, and continuing reviews• Utilize Provalis software for analysis of qualitative data• Coordinate safe storage and management of research data
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- May 2014 - Present *Principal Investigator*
Exploring the Migration-Violence Nexus among Central American Women
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- Design constructivist grounded theory study
 - Recruit participants through 3 community-based partner organizations
 - Conduct and analyze qualitative interviews with Central American migrant women in Spanish
- June 2014 - Present *Co-Investigator with supervision of Dr. Marilyn Armour*
Lived Experiences of Bosnian Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence and the Service Providers Supporting Them
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- Analyze qualitative interviews with survivors of intimate partners violence and service providers
- September 2013 - Present *Investigator with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz*
Texas Slavery Mapping Project: A Statewide Analysis
Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- Coordinate development and planning of study
 - Develop initial statewide data collection instruments for multiple stakeholder groups
- June 2013 - Present *Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz & Dr. Maura Nsonwu*
Assessing the Needs of Congolese Refugee Women at Risk
Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- Develop recruitment strategy and data collection tools
 - Conduct qualitative interviews with resettled refugees and service providers
 - Analyze data from 57 participant interviews through a content and thematic analysis using Provalis software
- Sept. 2012 - Dec. 2013 *Editorial Assistant*
Noël Busch-Armendariz, Editor-in-Chief of Affilia
Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
- Assisted editor-in-chief of journal
 - Managed submitted manuscripts and corresponded with authors and reviewers
 - Attended editorial board review meetings
- May 2012 - Aug. 2013 *Research Assistant with Dr. Craig Field*
Multidisciplinary Approach to Reducing Injury and Alcohol Use

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Coded over fifty interviews for an NIH-funded (NIAAA), long-term clinical research study using the Motivational Interviewing Skill Code (MISC) system

Jan. 2012 -
Aug. 2013

Student Investigator with supervision by Dr. Marilyn Armour

Refugee Women's Voices in Resettlement Leadership

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Designed exploratory qualitative study of refugee women in leadership positions, including data collection instruments and IRB proposal
- Recruited and interviewed participants
- Analyzed data using Provalis software

2011 - 2013

Research Project Director with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz

Engaging Adult Victims of Non-Stranger Sexual Assault: A Law Enforcement Toolkit

Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Completed IRB proposal process
- Developed qualitative interview and focus group instruments
- Conducted interviews and focus groups with law enforcement officers, victim advocates, law enforcement trainers, and other stakeholders
- Developed toolkit of resources and recommendations for law enforcement agencies addressing victim engagement in the criminal justice process

July 2011 -
April 2012

Research Project Director with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz

Texas State Plan for Domestic Violence Services Project

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Developed and distributed statewide quantitative and qualitative instrument to assess delivery of services and needs of over 90 domestic violence shelters in Texas
- Analyzed qualitative and quantitative data

June 2011 -
August 2012

Researcher with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz & Dr. Sapana Donde

Strategic Approaches to Sexual Assault Kit Evidence: Action Research

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Conducted interviews and focus groups with professionals working in sexual assault services and with survivors of sexual assault in English and Spanish

May 2010 -
August 2011

Research Project Director with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz & Dr. Regina Johnson

Assessment of the Texas Non-Report Sexual Assault Forensic Exam

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Administered interviews and focus groups with 79 professionals working in sexual assault services
- Analyzed qualitative data
- Collaborated with nursing faculty member and co-investigator Dr. Regina Johnson

May 2010 -
August 2011

Researcher with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz & Dr. Sapana Donde
El Paso Domestic Violence Project: Evaluation

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Collaborated with family violence investigators, victim advocates, and the District Attorney to evaluate innovative border-area family violence response
- Conducted interviews with English- and Spanish-speaking survivors of domestic violence within 24 hours of their 911 calls
- Supervised three student staff during data collection

May 2010 -
August 2011

Researcher with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz & Dr. Bruce Kellison
Evaluation of Sexual Assault Services in Texas

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Designed and disseminated comprehensive web-based questionnaire to over 100 rape crisis center advocates, law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and policymakers across Texas
- Assisted with data collection by conducting interviews and focus groups across Texas with 138 sexual assault survivors, rape crisis center advocates, law enforcement officers, medical personnel, and other stakeholders

May 2010 -
August 2011

Research Project Director with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz
Statewide Prevalence Study of Interpersonal Violence in Texas

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Completed the IRB proposal process
- Coordinated the collaborative development of telephone interview questionnaire with content matter experts and the use of nationally-used interpersonal violence survey instruments
- Coordinated training of telephone interviewers
- Assisted with data analysis and presentation of findings

Sept. 2009 -
August 2011

Researcher with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz
Organization-Based Resiliency Program for Child Welfare
Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Reviewed literature on the role of resiliency among child welfare professionals
- Co-facilitated expert witness committee on developing organization-based resiliency program
- Assisted with implementation of a pilot test and national train-the-trainer programs with leaders in the child welfare field

2007 - *Research Project Director with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz & Dr. Maura Nsonwu*

Human Trafficking in Texas

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Created qualitative instrument questionnaire
- Coordinated IRB proposal process
- Designed and implemented community-based participant recruitment process
- Conducted qualitative interviews with survivors of human trafficking

2004 - *Project Manager with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz, Dr. Marilyn Armour, Dr. Rowena Fong, & Dr. Amy Chanmugam*

Exploring Employability for Refugee Families in Central Texas

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Administered focus groups and interviews with refugee small business owners and refugee service providers
- Trained and supervised contract interpreters

2003 - *Project Manager with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz & Dr. Rowena Fong*

Assessing the Needs of Refugee Families

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Managed focus groups with refugee families and refugee service providers
- Recruited, interviewed, and hired contractors for language interpretation

2002 - *Project Manager with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz*

Development of Outcome Measures for Sexual Assault Services in Texas

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Assisted with planning and facilitation of expert panel meetings
- Generated and distributed manual of outcome measure instruments to rape crisis centers across Texas

2001 - 2002 *Research Assistant with Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz*

Prevalence of Sexual Assault in Texas

Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Organized and prepared quantitative telephone questionnaire

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2014 *Assistant Instructor*
 School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
 Foundations of Social Justice (undergraduate)
- Revised syllabus and reading requirements
 - Created in-class social justice action planning assignment
 - Generated mid-semester course assessment tools
- Fall 2013 *Assistant Instructor*
 School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
 Foundations of Social Justice (undergraduate)
- Composed syllabus, reading requirements, and assessment tools
 - Constructed writing assignment to integrate content from textbook and lectures with selected fictional novels
 - Developed lectures and taught class sessions
- Fall 2012 *Guest Instructor*
 School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
 UT Signature Course Women for Sale? The economic, social, and political proposition of human trafficking (undergraduate)
- Coordinated service-learning assignment with community organizations
 - Developed lectures and taught class sessions
 - Team-taught with Noël Busch-Armendariz and Bruce Kellison
- Spring 2012 *Teaching Assistant for Noël Busch-Armendariz and Bruce Kellison*
 School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin
 UT Signature Course Women for Sale? The economic, social, and political proposition of human trafficking (undergraduate)
- Planned and obtained funding for development of new, original course
 - Co-developed course syllabus, writing assignments, and class activities for undergraduate course on human trafficking

GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

- September 2014 - Present Investigator
 Texas Slavery Mapping Project: A Statewide Analysis
 Funded by the Office of the Governor of Texas
 Total funding: \$500,000
- June 2013 - Present Co-Principal Investigator
 Assessing the Needs of Refugee Women

- Funded by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees (UNHCR)
Total funding: \$15,000
- September 2012 - August 2013 Project Director
Developing a Toolkit for Law Enforcement to Address Sexual Assault
Funded by Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division
Total funding: \$123,487
- July 2011 - August 2012 Project Director
Statewide Domestic Violence Survey of Organizations: A Plan for Policy Development
Funded by Texas Council on Family Violence
Total funding: \$50,000
- August 2009 - May 2012 Researcher
Creating an Evidence-based Program to Build Resiliency in Child Abuse Staff and Volunteers
Funded by Office for Victims of Crime, Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding
Award Number 2009-SZ-B9-K013.
Total funding: \$499,746
- October 2010 - September 2011 Co-Principal Investigator
Phase IV Research: Human Trafficking Victims in Central Texas
Funded by Refugee Services of Texas
Total funding: \$13,334
- April 2010 - March 2011 Project director
The Prevalence of Intimate Partner Violence in Texas
Funded by Texas Council on Family Violence
Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding
Total funding: \$292,867
- April 2010 - March 2011 Project Director
The Non-Report Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Project
Funded by Texas Association Against Sexual Assault
Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funding
Total funding: \$50,000

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Nsonwu, M.B., Welch-Brewer, C., **Heffron, L.C.**, Lemke, M., Busch-Armendariz, N., Sulley, C., Cook, S., Lewis, M., Watson, E., Moore, W., & Li, J. (in press). Development and Validation of an Instrument to Assess Social Work Students' Perceptions, Knowledge,

and Attitudes about Human Trafficking Questionnaire PKA-HTQ: An Exploratory Study. *Research on Social Work Practice*.

Wachter, K., **Cook Heffron, L.**, Snyder, S., Nsonwu, M. & Busch-Armendariz, N. (in press). Unsettled integration: Pre- and post-migration factors in Congolese refugee women's resettlement experiences in the United States. *International Social Work*.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (2014). A kaleidoscope: The role of the social work practitioner and the strength of social work theories and practice in meeting the complex needs of victims of human trafficking and the professionals that work with them. *International Social Work*, 57(1),7-18.

Cook Heffron, L., Vohra-Gupta, J., Johnson, R., Camp, V. & Busch-Armendariz, N. (2014). Time to decide: Initial verdict of a non-report sexual assault examination policy. *American Journal of Nursing*, 114 (3), 26-35.

Faulkner, M., Mahapatra, N., **Cook Heffron, L.**, Nsonwu, M. & Busch-Armendariz, (2013). Moving past victimization and trauma toward restoration: Mother survivors of sex trafficking share their inspiration. *International Perspectives in Victimology*, 7 (2), 46-55.

Nsonwu, M., Busch-Armendariz, N., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (2013). Marital and Familial Strengths and Needs: Refugees Speak Out. *Journal of Ethnic & Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 22 (2), 129-144.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., & **Heffron, L.C.** (2011). Human trafficking victims and their children: Assessing needs, vulnerabilities, strengths, and survivorhood. *Journal of Applied Research on Children*, 2 (1), 3.

Fong, R., Busch, N., Armour, M., **Heffron, L.** & Chanmugam, A. (2007). Pathways to self-sufficiency: Successful entrepreneurship for refugees. *Journal of Ethnic and Cultural Diversity in Social Work*, 16 (1-2), 127-159.

Bell, H., Busch, N., **Heffron, L.**, White, B., Angelelli, M., & Rivaux, S. (2004). Balancing power through community building: Setting the research agenda on violence against Women. *Affilia*, 19 (4), 404-417.

Book and Encyclopedia Chapters

Cook Heffron, L., Snyder, S., Wachter, K., Nsonwu, M. , & Busch-Armendariz, N. (in press). "Something is missing here:" Weaving feminist theories into social work practice with refugees. In S. Wendt & N. Moulding (Eds.) *Feminist Social Work: A Reader*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M., **Cook Heffron, L.** & Mahapatra, N. (under review). Human trafficking: Exploited labor. In C. Franklin (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Social Work Online*. New York City, NY: Oxford University Press.

Nsonwu, M., Busch-Armendariz, N. & **Cook Heffron, L.** (2014). Human trafficking. In L. H. Cousins (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Human Services and Diversity*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., **Cook Heffron, L.** & Mahapatra, N. (2013). Human trafficking. In J.L. Postmus (Ed.), *Sexual Violence and Abuse: An Encyclopedia of Prevention, Impacts, and Recovery*. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.

Fong, R., Armour, M., Busch-Armendariz, N.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (2009). Case management interventions with immigrant and refugee students and families. In A. Roberts & J. Watkins (Eds.) *Social Workers' Desk Reference* (pp.1031-1037). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Fong, R., Armour, M., Busch-Armendariz, N.B., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & McClendon, A. (2006). Case management interventions with immigrant and refugee students and families, In C. Franklin, M.B. Harris, & P. Allen-Meares (Eds.) *School Services Sourcebook* (pp. 803-810). New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Manuscripts in Progress

Donde, S., Busch-Armendariz, N., **Cook Heffron, L.** (manuscript in progress). A qualitative study examining domestic violence survivors' perceptions of support following the arrest of the offender and victimless prosecution. *Victims and Violence*.

Wachter, K., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & Busch-Armendariz, N. (manuscript in progress). Domestic minors of sex trafficking: Applying social work perspectives to program development.

Expert Witness Testimony

United States Department of Homeland Security, withholding of removal, April 2015.

United States Department of Homeland Security, withholding of removal, March 2015.

United States Department of Homeland Security, credible fear interview appeal, February 2015.

United States Department of Homeland Security, cancellation of removal, January 2015.

United States Department of Homeland Security, bond hearing testimony, January 2015.

United States Department of Homeland Security, bond hearing testimony, December 2014.

United States Department of Homeland Security, bond hearing testimony and withholding of removal, December 2014.

Bexar County District Attorney's Office, 379th District Court, Criminal case of State charge of continuous human trafficking, October 2014.

United States Department of Homeland Security. T visa petition, June 2014.

United States Department of Homeland Security. T visa petition, May 2014.

United States Department of Homeland Security. T visa petition, April 2014.

United States Department of Homeland Security. U visa petition, March 2014.

United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Immigration Court San Antonio, Texas. Asylum petition based on domestic violence, December 2012.

United States Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review, Immigration Court San Antonio, Texas. Asylum petition based on domestic violence, September 2012.

Technical Reports

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Wachter, K., **Cook Heffron, L.**, Snyder, S., & Nsonwu, M. (2014). *The Continuity of risk: A three city study of resettled Congolese refugee women*, Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., **Cook Heffron, L.**, Kalergis, K., Sulley, C. & Wachter, K., (2014). *Engaging Adult Victims of Non-Stranger Sexual Assault: A Law Enforcement Toolkit*, Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Nsonwu, M.B., Busch-Armendariz, N.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (October 2011). *Surviving the dead-end road/camino sin salida: Service impacts on victims of human trafficking*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B. & **Cook Heffron, L.** (2011). *Non-report sexual assault evidence program: Forging new victim-centered practices in Texas*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & Bohman, T. (2011). *Statewide prevalence of intimate partner violence in Texas*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (2010). *Self-sufficiency, self-efficacy, and sustainability: The process of strategy and support for victims of human trafficking and the Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., **Heffron, L.C.**, Garza, J., Hernandez, M. (2009). *Understanding human trafficking: Development of typologies of human trafficking*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

- Busch-Armendariz, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., **Heffron, L.C.**, Garza, J., Hernandez, M. (2009). *Human trafficking victims: Survivors speak out about long-term needs*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.
- Busch-Armendariz, N.B., **Heffron, L.C.**, Kalergis, K., Mahapatra, N., Faulkner, M., & Voyles, L. (2008). *Human trafficking in Texas: A statewide evaluation of existing laws and social services*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.
- Busch, N., Fong, R., **Cook Heffron, L.**, Faulkner, M., & Mahapatra, N. (2007). *Assessing the needs of human trafficking victims: An evaluation of the Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.
- Busch, N.B., Fong, R., Armour, M., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & Chanmugam, A. (2005). *Pathways to self-sufficiency: A model for successful employability and entrepreneurship for refugees*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.
- Busch, N.B., Fong, R., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & McClendon, A. (2004). *Assessing the needs of refugee and asylee families*. Austin, TX: The University of Texas at Austin.

Book Reviews

- Cook Heffron, L.** (2013). Girls like us: More than a memoir [Review of the book *Girls like us*, by R. Lloyd]. *Affilia*, 28(1), 101-102.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Cook Heffron, L.** (2015). "Salía de uno y me metí en otro:" Violence against Migrating Central American Women. Presented at the Violence on the Border: Women's Experience and the Policy Reaction Conference, The University of Texas at Austin.
- Wachter, K., **Cook Heffron, L.**, Schmidt-Portnoy, E., (2015). *Opportunities for Collaboration: Responding to Refugees' Experiences with Sexual Assault*. Presented at the Texas Association Against Sexual Assault (TAASA) Annual Conference, Austin, TX.
- Cook Heffron, L.**, Wachter, K., Nsonwu, M., Busch-Armendariz, N. (October 2014). *The continuity of risk: Congolese women refugees resettled in the US*. Poster presented at the annual conference of the Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL.
- Cook Heffron, L.** & Wachter, K. (March 2014). *Balancing physical safety and social isolation? Resettlement of Congolese refugee women in the US*. Poster presented at (Re)Membering the Body, 21st Annual Conference on Emerging Scholarship in Women's and Gender Studies, The University of Texas, Austin, TX.
- Cook Heffron, L.**, Busch-Armendariz, N., & Nsonwu, M. (October 2013). Social Work's Role in Teaching about Human Trafficking (Modern Slavery). Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

Wachter, K., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & Busch-Armendariz, N. (October 2013). *Domestic Minors of Sex Trafficking: Applying Social Work Perspectives to Program Development*. Poster presented at Council on Social Work Education, Dallas, TX.

Cook Heffron, L., Busch-Armendariz, N. (June 2013). Tackling Modern Slavery in the Classroom: A Two-Pronged approach to Interdisciplinary Learning, Paper presented at Global Health and Well Being: the Social Work Response, New York, New York.

Cook Heffron, L. (June 2013). Straddling the Divide: Refugee Women Working in Resettlement. Paper presented at Global Health and Well Being: the Social Work Response, New York, New York.

Cook Heffron, L., Busch-Armendariz, N., & Nsonwu, M. (January 2013). Exploring the Needs of Survivors of Human Trafficking. Paper presented at Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Diego, CA.

Cook Heffron, L. (November 2012). Refugee Women's Voices in Resettlement Leadership. Paper presented at Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, Washington, DC.

Busch-Armendariz, N. & **Cook Heffron, L.** (October 2012). Typologies of Human Traffickers. Paper presented at Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Cook Heffron, L., Nsonwu, M.B. & Busch-Armendariz, N.B. (May 2012). Exploring the Needs of Immigrant Survivors of Human Trafficking. Paper presented at Responding to Immigrants National Conference: Bridging Research and Practice to Meet the Needs of Immigrants in New Growth Communities, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B. & **Cook Heffron, L.** (2011). Non-report sexual assault evidence program: Forging new victim-centered practices in Texas. Paper presented at Texas Association against Sexual Assault Annual Conference, Austin, TX.

Nsonwu, M.B, Busch-Armendariz, N.B., & **Heffron, L.C.** (April 2011). Development of typologies of traffickers: A framework for understanding human trafficking. Paper presented at Sixth Annual Women's Studies & Womanist Religious Studies Summit, Bennett College, Greensboro, NC.

Nsonwu, M.B, Busch-Armendariz, N.B., & **Heffron, L.C.** (April 2011). Human trafficking 101 for public health providers. Paper presented at UNCG, Greensboro, NC.

Busch, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (October 2010). Addressing the long-term needs of survivors of human trafficking. Paper presented at Fifth Annual Social Work Conference: Human Trafficking. Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

Busch, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (October 2009). Typologies of human trafficking: What do we know? Paper presented at the 1st Annual Interdisciplinary Conference on Human Trafficking, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Busch, N.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (September 2009). Human trafficking 101. Paper presented at the 11th Annual Conference of the Texas Victims Services Association, El Paso, Texas.

Busch, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & Hernandez, M. (March 2009). Exploring the long-term needs of victims of human trafficking. Paper presented at the 7th Annual Freedom Network (USA) Conference in Dallas, Texas.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

Cook Heffron, L. (2014). Human trafficking: Fact versus fiction. Presented to Chiefs' Meeting, University of Texas System Police. Bandera, TX.

Cook Heffron, L. & McDermott, K. (2012). *Human trafficking: What you should know.* Presented to CASA of Travis County. Austin, TX.

Cook Heffron, L. & White, J. (2012). *Understanding human trafficking.* Two-part webinar presented to Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Austin, TX.

Cook Heffron, L. & White, J. (2011, 2012). *Understanding human trafficking.* Two-part webinar presented to Texas Juvenile Probation Commission. Austin, TX.

Busch-Armendariz, N.B., **Cook Heffron, L.**, & Bohman, T. (2011). *Statewide prevalence of intimate partner violence in Texas.* Presented via webinar to Texas Health and Human Services Commission. Austin, TX.

Cook Heffron, L. (October 2010). *How to improve services to victims of trafficking.* International Conference on Human Trafficking. Panel participant. Texas State Representative Thompson, Austin, TX.

Busch, N.B., Nsonwu, M.B., & **Cook Heffron, L.** (October 2010). *Exploring the long-term needs of victims of human trafficking.* Sixth annual Conference on Human Trafficking. Panel participant. Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking, Austin, TX.

GUEST LECTURES

Cook Heffron, L. (April 2015). *Trafficking, Sex Work, Prostitution? The "Sex Wars."* Guest lecture for Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz's undergraduate Signature course Women for Sale, The University of Texas at Austin.

Cook Heffron, L. (March 2015). *Ethics and Social Work Research.* Guest lecture for Karin Wachter's undergraduate Research Methods class, The University of Texas at Austin.

Cook Heffron, L. (July 2014). *Human Rights and Social Work*. Guest lecture for Dr. Susan DeLuca's graduate Foundations of Social Justice class, The University of Texas at Austin.

Cook Heffron, L. (April 2014). *Trafficking, Sex Work, Prostitution? The "Sex Wars."* Guest lecture for Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz's undergraduate Signature course Women for Sale, The University of Texas at Austin.

Cook Heffron, L. (February 2014). *Human Trafficking and the Sochi Olympics*, Invited speaker for Feminist Policy Alliance Brown Bag, The University of Texas at Austin.

Cook Heffron, L. (November 2012). *Human Rights and Social Work*. Guest lecture for Dr. Susan DeLuca's undergraduate Foundations of Social Justice class, The University of Texas at Austin.

MEDIA

Interviews with Univisión, Austin-American Statesman's Spanish-language edition Ahora Sí, KUT 90.5, Daily Texan, March, 2015

Episode 153 - Dr. Noël Busch-Armendariz and Laurie Cook Heffron: Modern Slavery: Social Work's Role in Addressing Human Trafficking. (2014, October 13). *inSocialWork® Podcast Series*. [Audio Podcast] Retrieved from <http://www.insocialwork.org/episode.asp?ep=153>

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

2014 - 2015	Harrington Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
2014 - 2015	P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization) Scholar Award
2014	Human Rights Delegation Member, Guatemala Human Rights Commission
2013 - 2014	Graduate School Continuing Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin
2013	Professional Development Award, The University of Texas at Austin
2012 - 2013	Charles W. Laughton Endowed Presidential Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin
2012	Professional Development Award, The University of Texas at Austin
2011 - 2012	Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship
2011 - 2012	Louis E. DeMoll Endowed Presidential Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin
2011	Professional Development Award, The University of Texas at Austin
2001 - 2002	Helen Farabee Memorial Endowed Presidential Scholarship, The University of Texas at Austin
1996	Magna cum Laude, Georgetown University
1996	Phi Beta Kappa, Georgetown University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Jan 2003 -
May 2007
- Social Worker and Program Coordinator
Green Leaf Refugee Services, Austin, TX
- Provided intensive case management and mental health support to refugee families and survivors of human trafficking
 - Developed and maintained collaborative relationships with refugee service providers, community health agencies, and social services providers
- Jan. 2002 -
Jan. 2003
- Policy Analyst
Texas House of Representatives, Committee on Human Services
- Developed and analyzed recommendations and drafted interim report
 - Briefed chairman for public appearances, media interviews, and committee hearings
 - Arranged testimony and developed briefing materials for interim committee hearings
 - Managed constituent cases related to human services
- Sept. 2000 -
May 2001
- Social Work Intern
Florence Crittenton Programs of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
- Conducted intake interviews, assessments, and goal planning with pregnant adolescents
 - Facilitated weekly psycho-educational groups with pregnant adolescents
- Jan. 1999-
May 2000
- Community Cancer Control Manager
American Cancer Society, Charleston, SC
- Recruited, trained, and managed volunteers for patient services programs
 - Implemented, coordinated, and promoted prevention activities and patient services
- June 1996 -
Aug. 1998
- Health and Nutrition Educator
United State Peace Corps, Niger, West Africa
- Coordinated training of midwives in eight villages
 - Coordinated vaccination campaigns in collaboration with local and international partners
 - Provided nutritional consultations and community health education programs

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Sept. 2012 -
Present
- Research Mentor*
IDVSA Research Fellows
Institute on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault
School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Meet weekly with undergraduate and graduate research fellows working on community-based research projects on the topic of human trafficking
- Guide fellows' research tasks and provide support and guidance on task completion

2011 - Present

Guest Presenter

Dinitto Center for Career Services

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Present student workshop on working with survivors and victims of human trafficking and other immigrant populations

June 2014

Guest lecturer

Summer High School Symposium

University of Texas Project on Conflict Resolution

- Presented workshop on forced displacement and refugee resettlement form Democratic Republic of the Congo

Jan. 2014 -
June 2014*Mentor*

Intellectual Entrepreneurship Pre-Graduate School Internship

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Provided mentorship to undergraduate student intern related to graduate school interest and preparation

Sept. 2011 -
May 2012*Second Reader for Plan II Honor's Thesis*

The University of Texas at Austin

- Communicated regularly with undergraduate student and faculty member on thesis related to Burmese refugees' experiences with the healthcare system
- Coordinated regular meetings with student and faculty member
- Provided feedback on project design, ethical dilemmas, analysis, and writing stages

Sept. 2010 -
May 2011*Second Reader for Plan II Honor's Thesis*

The University of Texas at Austin

- Met regularly with undergraduate student and faculty member on thesis related to Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking
- Provided feedback on thesis

Sept. 2005 -
May 2007*Field Supervisor*

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Served as MSW field supervisor for graduate social work students placed at Refugee Services of Texas, Inc. and Texas Advocacy Project

2007

Member, International Committee

School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin

- Served as inaugural member of international committee during its start-up

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- June 2014 - Present *Consultant*
Office of Bexar County Criminal District Attorney, San Antonio, TX
- Provide expert witness consultation related to criminal cases involving human trafficking
- May 2012 - Present *Guest Peer Reviewer*
Affilia, Victims & Offenders, Journal of Applied Research on Children
- Provide invited, blind peer review on submitted manuscripts to various academic journals
- May 2012 - Present *Expert Witness Testimony*
De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendáriz, Austin, TX
- Serve as expert witness for De Mott, McChesney, Curtright & Armendáriz, LLP, Immigration and Criminal Defense Attorneys
 - Conduct interviews with immigrant women seeking asylum or other legal remedies based on histories of violence
 - Submit reports to federal immigration court regarding domestic violence and assessment of client experience with domestic violence
- June 2010 - Present *Member of Advisory Council*
Allies against Slavery, Austin TX
- Co-founded and serve on advisory council of community organization to mobilize volunteer efforts and philanthropy to support Austin anti-trafficking efforts, increase awareness, and meet the needs of local survivors of human trafficking
 - Presented numerous trainings to community groups, including non-profit organizations, community organizations, and faith-based groups
- Sept. 2003 - Present *Coalition Member*
Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking, Austin, TX
- Serve as founding member of the Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking
 - Serve on sub-committees to develop and conduct trainings with professionals in healthcare, mental health, homeless youth, and child welfare
- Dec. 2012 *Consultant*
Multicultural Refugee Coalition, Austin, TX
- Facilitated board retreat and strategic planning process for the board of Multicultural Refugee Coalition, an Austin-based refugee service provider

May 2011 -
August 2012

Consultant

iACT Refugee Roundtable, Austin, TX

- Consulted on activities of coalition of refugee services providers in Austin
- Developed content for and facilitated refugee roundtable meetings

Sept. 2005 -
May 2007

Consultant

Texas Consortium of Refugee Service Providers

- Served as consultant for the early development of the Texas Consortium of Refugee Providers, a statewide coalition of community organizations who provide services to political refugees and asylees

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Refugee Service Providers
Central Texas Coalition against Human Trafficking
Council on Social Work Education
Immigration Services Network of Austin
Latin American Studies Association
Society for Social Work Research
Texas Association against Sexual Assault
Texas Council on Family Violence