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An organized and detail-oriented Ph.D. Candidate with five years of experience in Academia. Experiences range from grant work to independent projects. Currently in process of finishing her dissertation project focusing on the use of human trafficking by violent non-state actors and the disparities towards women and children in anti-terrorism global legislative framework.

EDUCATION

Ph.D.: Criminal Justice, ~ Spring'25

University of New Haven – West Haven, CT

M.S.: Forensic Technology, Spring'18

University of New Haven – West Haven, CT

M. Sc.: Anthropology, Spring'15

Panjab University - Chandigarh, India

Post Graduate Diploma of Forensic Science and Criminology: Spring'13

Panjab University - Chandigarh, India

Bachelor of Arts (B.A): Spring'11

Panjab University - Chandigarh, India

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Practitioner-in-Residence (PIR), Department of Forensic Science, 2024- Present

University of New Haven, CT

- Acting Interim Director of the Center for the Forensic Investigation of Human Trafficking and developing and implementing a strategic vision for the Center.
- Developing networking with academic partners, researchers, law enforcement, and private sector entities with a shared mission to combat human trafficking.
- Securing funding for the center and research on human trafficking.

- Student engagement and acting advisor for the Students Against Trafficking in Persons (SATIP) club.

Lecturer, Department of Criminal Justice, 2021- Present

University of New Haven, CT

- Teaching independent courses for Criminal Justice department for the pedagogical aspect of the Ph.D. Program. Detailed overview of classes provided below.

Research Consultant, 05/2018 – 02/2020

OICJS, University of New Haven, CT

- Assistance with lecture series on policing and projects related to King Fahd Security College, Saudi Arabia.
- Fill the cultural lag by preparing a guidebook for preparing courses on policing/investigations in the Middle East and South Asia.

Graduate Administrative Assistant, 02/2017 to 05/2018

University of New Haven, CT

- Departmental tours; familiarizing prospective students with the provided courses in Forensic science.
- Chemicals inventory on MSDS online software.
- Lab setups.

Crime Scene Unit Intern, 08/2017 to 01/2018

New Haven Police Department, CT

- Assistance in evidence processing and crime scene photography.
- “Ride-Alongs” for better understanding of patrolling.
- Assistance in fingerprint comparisons on AFIS.

Intern, 09/2016 to 10/2017

Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History, CT

- Experience on Forensic Facial Approximation from the head preparator (Michael Anderson) of the museum.
- Reconstruction on a human skull using skin-tissue depth data to create facial features for identification.

Research Intern, 04/2014 to 04/2015

Panjab University – Chandigarh, India

- Data collection from various public schools of District Chamba, India.

- Data interpretation using Excel and published papers on growth patterns, indices of adiposity and fat patterning among Rajput boys of Chamba, India.
- Participation in research projects pertaining to human growth and development, forensic science, and skeletal biology.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistance

Winter Intersession, 2020

CJST 2250 – Scientific Methods in Criminal Justice

Independently Taught Courses (Adjunct Positions):

University of New Haven -Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Science

Spring, 2021

Introduction to Human Trafficking (CJST-4448-01 & FORS-4454-01) - This course is designed to provide an overview of the processes and problems involved with human trafficking, also known as modern slavery and the forensic investigations related to such crimes.

Fall, 2021

The UnCommon Course (UNIV-1125- 04) - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Spring, 2022

CJST 4400: Criminal Justice Capstone Seminar

FORS 4454- 01- Introduction to Human Trafficking

Summer, 2022

Accelerated Term: CJST 4446-01 Introduction to Human Trafficking (Asynchronous format)

Fall, 2022

CJST (2250- 03 & 04) – Scientific Methods in Criminal Justice – This course focuses on the use of the language of social science research, evaluating the strengths and weaknesses of different research methods followed by applying the scientific method to answer different types of research questions. This also includes identifying the ethical dimensions of research in criminal justice and biases in considering cause-and-effect relationships.

Spring, 2023

FORS 4454- 01 & CJST 4445-01- Introduction to Human Trafficking

CJST 2250-01 - Scientific Methods in Criminal Justice

Summer, 2023

Accelerated Term: CJST 4446-01 Introduction to Human Trafficking (Asynchronous format)

Fall, 2023

CJST 3311- 05 & 06

Criminology

This course offers an examination of principles and concepts of criminal behavior, criminological theory, the nature, extent, and distribution of crime, and the legal and societal reaction to crime.

CJST 4446-01

Introduction to Human Trafficking (Asynchronous)

Spring 2024

CJST 4445-01 & 02

ST: Introduction to Human Trafficking (Asynchronous)

Spring 2025

CJST 4450-01 & 02 (Mini Terms)

ST: Introduction to Human Trafficking (Asynchronous)

FORS 4456-01

ST: Introduction to Human Trafficking (On Ground)

INVS 6727

Forensic Investigations into Trafficking in Persons

Invited Talks:

Spring 2023 - Rotary Club of Network for Empowering Women (RNEW) - Terrorism, human trafficking, and everything in between... (Africa)

Fall 2021 – University of Rhode Island – Types of trafficking: Child Trafficking

Fall 2019 – Conrad High School – West Hartford, CT: Human Rights Day Event - Human Trafficking – A Plague

Fall 2023 – Mitchell College – New London, CT: Conversations on current issues in Human Trafficking Victimization (Undergraduate students)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human Trafficking and Terrorism Connection

Criminal Justice Policy

Criminal Psychology

Gender performativity

Critical Criminology

War and Crimes against women

PRESENTATIONS

- Asal, V., Kaur, S., Jadoon, A., & Linebarger, C. (2024, September 5-8). Violent legacies: Historical political systems and perpetration of sexual violence [Conference Session]. American Political Science Association (APSA), Philadelphia, PA, United States.
- Kaur, S. (2024, March 19-23). The Impulsive policymaking – Unforeseen dangers of disregarding gender and human trafficking in anti-terrorism policymaking [Conference session]. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Conference, Chicago, IL, United States.
- Kaur, S. & Barnes-Ceeney, K. (2022, November 16–19). Drivers of Recidivism Among a Sample of Female Guyanese Youth [Conference session]. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.
- Kaur, S. & Barnes-Ceeney, K. (2022, March 15–19). Is Human Trafficking the Next “War on Drugs”: Stakeholder Perceptions of Human Trafficking Prosecution [Conference session]. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Conference, Las Vegas, NV, United States.
- Kaur, S. (2020, June 30). The Atrocities in Nigeria led by Gender Inequality and Terrorism [Online symposium session]. The 2020 Summer Symposium- Cambridge Center for Applied Research in Human Trafficking, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK.
- Kaur, S. & Barnes-Ceeney, K. (2020, November 18–21). Human Trafficking Prosecution- Stakeholder Perceptions of Why Feds Rule [Conference session]. American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, Washington D.C., United States. (Conference canceled)
- Kaur, S. & Barnes-Ceeney, K. (2020, March 24–28). Prosecuting Human Trafficking: Why Feds Rule [Conference session]. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS) Conference, San Antonio,

TX, United

States. https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.acjs.org/resource/resmgr/2020_am_website_photos/2020_draft_program_11-20-19.pdf (Conference canceled)

- Kaur, S. (2019). Human Trafficking – A Plague [Presentation]. Connecticut Association of Campus Law enforcement Administrators meeting, West Haven, CT.
- Kaur, S. (2018). Cessation with Methylation- Using DNA methylation to fight forced child labor [Presentation]. Annual Scholarship Ball—University of New Haven, West Haven, CT.

POSTERS

- Kaur, S. (2024). Unveiling the dark symbiosis: A quantitative exploration of human trafficking, terrorism, and socio-political dynamics in a global context [Poster presentation]. American Society of Criminology Conference, San Francisco, CA, United States.

PUBLICATIONS

- Kaur S. (2024, August 6). Opinion: The Invisible Chains of Connecticut's Battle Against Child Trafficking. *Hartford Courant*. <https://www.courant.com/2024/08/06/opinion-the-invisible-chains-of-connecticuts-battle-against-child-trafficking/>
- Kaur, S. & Greer, B. T. (2023). Human Capital: Boko Haram's Exploitation of Women to Support and Finance its Criminal Operations. In S.N. Romanuik, C. Kaunert & A.P.H. Fabe, *Countering Terrorist and Criminal Financing*. CRC Press.
- Kaur, S. (2019). Human Trafficking in the United States: Significance of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA). *EBP Quarterly*, 3(4). Retrieved from <https://www.ebpsociety.org/blog/education/352-human-trafficking-in-usa>
- Kaur, S. (2019). [Book Review: Mary Bosworth, Alpa Parmar, and Yolanda Vázquez, *Race, Criminal Justice, and Migration Control: Enforcing the Boundaries of Belonging*]. *ACJS Today*, 45(4), 30-35.
- Talwar, I. & Kaur, S. (2015). Growth Status and Indices of Adiposity and Fat Patterning among Adolescent Rajput Boys of Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. *Indian Journal Physical Anthropology & Human Genetics*, 34(1), 25-37.
- Gaur R., Talwar, I., and Kaur, S. (2015). Physique Characteristics of Rajput boys aged 11-18 years of Chamba, Himachal Pradesh. *Indian Journal Physical Anthropology & Human Genetics*, 34(1), 47-55.

MEDIA APPEARANCES

Kaur, S. (2024). Discussion on 'World Day Against Trafficking in Persons' [Television interview]. Fox LiveNow. July 28, 2024.

Kaur, S. (2024). University of New Haven helping combat human trafficking [Television interview]. WTNH News8. August 1, 2024.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Dissertation Work, 2022-

Unveiling the Dark Symbiosis: A Quantitative Exploration of Human Trafficking, Terrorism, and Socio-Political Dynamics in a Global Context

Grant Work, 05/2020 -

The United Nations –Dr. Howard Stoffer (PI) & Prof. Timothy Palmbach (PI)

Effectuating proper translation of DNA-related training material(s) from English (US) to French.

PAST PROJECTS

Prosecuting Human Trafficking – Why Feds Rule, 2020-21

University of New Haven, CT

A project with Dr. Kevin Barnes-Ceeney examines the differential evaluation of federal and state prosecution in human trafficking from a multiple stakeholders' perspective using qualitative methods.

Contractual Grant Work, 08/2020 - 2023

Prof. Timothy Palmbach (PI)

Project initiated by Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) & CT Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI). University of New Haven's Prof. Timothy Palmbach (PI) and Sarbjeet Kaur (Co-PI) partnership is providing technical assistance in creating surveys, data collection, and statistical analysis.

FELLOWSHIPS

2018- 2023- Annual Doctoral Fellowship & Research Assistantship, University of New Haven

Amount awarded: 20,400/year

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS): 2018 -

American Society of Criminology (ASC): 2018 –

American Political Science Association (APSA): 2023 –
International Studies Association (ISA): 2023 –

CERTIFICATIONS

Intro to Child Trafficking in CT – Completed teaching certification (training of trainers) of teaching in the subject.