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EDUCATION

PhD	University of South Florida	2021 – Present
MA	University of West Georgia Graduate Certificate: Data Analysis and Evaluation Methods	2019 – 2021
BS	University of West Georgia Undergraduate Certificate: Forensic Science	2015 – 2019

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human Trafficking, Interpersonal Violence, Program Evaluations, Impacts of Trauma, Minority and Marginalized Populations

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Walker, E.D. & Reid, J.A. (2024). On the overlap commercial sexual exploitation and intimate partner violence: An exploratory examination of trauma-related shame. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.
Ngo, F., Warren, P., Stewart, E., & **Walker, E.D.** (2024). The effects of adolescents' perceived negative treatment by teachers and peers on school victimization. *Crime & Delinquency*.
Williamson, S.H., Creel, S., & **Walker, E.** (2023). #WayfairGate and the growth of human trafficking panics across social media. *Critical Criminology*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Williamson, S.H., **Walker, E.**, & Kawaguchi, R. (Under Review). Evaluating effective antitrafficking efforts: The role of push and pull factors. Submitted to *Crime Law and Social Change*

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Reid, J., Bilali, K., **Walker, E.**, & Cain, C.M. (2024). Recommendations for Child Trafficking Rapid Screening & Assessment Tools.
Ngo, F., **Walker, E.D.**, Holman, K., Santos, M.R., & Reid, J.A. (2024). Evaluation of the Turn Your Life Around (TYLA) Program.

BOOKS AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

Walker, E.D., & Reid, J.A. (Forthcoming). Sex Trafficking. In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Education and Gender*.
Walker, E.D., & Reid, J.A. (2024). Trauma Bonding and the Law. In *Trauma Bonding and Interpersonal Crimes*.
Bilali, K., **Walker, E.D.**, & Reid, J.A. (2024). Trauma-Bonding and Kidnapping/Hostage Taking. In *Trauma Bonding and Interpersonal Crimes*.
Bilali, K., **Walker, E.D.**, & Reid, J.A. (2024). Trauma-Bonding and Cults. In *Trauma Bonding and Interpersonal Crimes*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Bilali, K., **Walker, E.**, & Reid, J.A. Community-engaged evaluation research focused on the prevention of domestic minor sex trafficking: “Dropping F-Bombs” website.

Reid, J.A., de Vries, I., Horn, D., **Walker, E.D.**, Bilali, K. Comprehensive validation of Florida’s Human Trafficking Screening Tool (HTST).

Reid, J.A., **Walker, E.D.**, Bilali, K. The Nature and Extent of CSEC in Texas.

Reid, J.A., Ngo, F., Renno Santos, M., Chenneville, T., Bilali, K., & **Walker, E.** Offering Potentially Trafficked Youth Options Now: Evaluation of a youth trafficking diversion court.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

CJRP LAB, USF 2021 – Present

- NIJ Grant—Prisoner Reentry
- Rural Gang Risk Factors

Trafficking in Persons (TiP) Lab – Risk to Resilience, USF St. Petersburg 2021 – Present

- Turn Your Life Around (TYLA) Court Evaluation
- OPTONS Court Evaluation
- Florida Human Trafficking Screening Tool Validation

Data Collection on Female Registered Sex Offenders

PRESENTATIONS

Walker, E.D., Bilali, K., Reid, J.A. (2024). *Validating Measures of Human Trafficking: A Comparative Analysis of Two Human Trafficking Screening Tools*. American Society of Criminology.

Walker, E.D. (2024). *Turn Your Life Around: Entrance and Success of a Prostitution Diversion Court Program*. USF Student Research Conference.

Walker, E.D., Burckley, J., Carter, K.P., & Burruss, G. (2024). *Assessing the Prevalence of Human Trafficking: Making Advancements Using a Validated Trafficking Indicator Tool*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting

Bilali, K., **Walker, E.**, Borja, B., Ngo, F., Santos, M.R., Chenneville, T., & Reid, J.A. (2024). *OPTIONS: An analysis of Victim Vulnerability Profiles from a Florida-Based, Youth Trafficking Specialty Court*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting.

Walker, E., Holman, K., Ruiz, R.A., Ngo, F., & Santos, M.R. (2023). *Turn Your Life Around: Evaluating the Effectiveness of a Prostitution Diversionary Court Program*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

Bilali, K., **Walker, E.**, Crook, K., Reid, J., Ngo, F., Santos, M.R., & Chenneville, T. (2023). *Offering Potentially Trafficked Individuals Options Now: Evaluation of a Florida-Based, Youth Trafficking Specialty Court*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

Walker, E. (2023). *Turn Your Life Around: Perspectives of Service Providers in a Prostitution Diversionary Program*. USF Student Research Showcase.

Valentine, C., **Walker, E.**, Bilali, K. (2023). *Eradicating Human Trafficking in Our Own Communities and Beyond*. USF Honors College.

Walker, E., Ngo, F., Ruiz, R., Walsh, E., Holman, K., Santos, M.R., Reid, J. (2022). *An Evaluation of the Turn Your Life Around (TYLA) Prostitution Diversion Program*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.

Updated August 2024

- Laugalis, G., **Walker, E.**, Weber, C., Fox, B., Moule, R.K., Verona, E. (2022). *The Interaction of Psychological and Social Pulls Towards Gang Membership among Rural Jail Inmates*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.
- Williamson, S.H., Creel, S., **Walker, E.** (2022). *#Wayfairgate and the Growth of Sex Trafficking Panics across Social Media*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
- Walker, E.D.**, & Reid, J. (2022). *Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Violence in Intimate Partner Relationships*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting.
- Walker, E.D.**, & Weber, C., Laugalis, G., Fox, B., Moule, R.K., & Verona, E. (2022). *Risk Factors Associated with Rural Gang Membership*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting.
- Walker, E.D.**, & Reid, J. (2022). *Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Violence in Intimate Partner Relationships: The Potential Role of Shame and Traumatic Sexualization*. University of South Florida's Graduate Research Symposium.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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|---|----------------|
| Graduate Teaching Assistant , University of South Florida | 2021 – 2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate “Miscarriages of Justice”• Undergraduate “Victimology”• Undergraduate “Death Penalty”• Undergraduate “Theories of Criminal Behavior”• Undergraduate “Research Methods”• Graduate (MACJA) “Current Issues in Law Enforcement”• Graduate (MACJA) “Research Methods” | |
| Graduate Teaching Assistant , University of West Georgia | 2019 – 2021 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate “Global Crime and Justice”• Undergraduate “Family Violence”• Undergraduate “Victimology”• Undergraduate “Women & Criminal Justice”• Undergraduate “Survey of Criminal Justice” | |
| Instructor of Record , University of South Florida | 2023 - Present |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Undergraduate “Survey of Criminal Justice System”• Undergraduate “Theories of Criminal Behavior” | |
| Guest Lecturer | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Sex Trafficking | |

HONORS AND AWARDS

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| USF Sarasota-Manatee Trail Blazers Award Scholarship | 2023-2024 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amount: \$15,000 | |
| USF Sarasota-Manatee Trail Blazers Award Scholarship | 2022-2023 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amount: \$25,000 | |
| USF Student Research Award | 2021 |
| Turn Your Life Around (TYLA) Evaluation | |
| William T. Simons Award | 2021 |
| Outstanding Graduate Student | |

SERVICE

To Community

- Alpha Phi Sigma, National Service Fraternity
Vice President of Service

To Department/College

- Criminology Graduate Student Organization
Vice President
President
- Student Grievance Committee

To Discipline

- Peer Reviews
Victims & Offenders
Journal of Human Trafficking
Justice Quarterly
JMIR Research Protocols
Journal of Family Violence
International Migration
Dignity

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Society of Criminology
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
Alpha Phi Sigma Honor Society

MEDIA REPRESENTATION

- Hahamy, M. (2023). "USF lab Will be the first in Florida to create human trafficking database". Tampa Bay Times. <https://www.tampabay.com/news/education/2023/06/09/usf-lab-will-be-first-florida-create-human-trafficking-database/>
- Lucky, S. (2022). "Apple AirTags and 'High-Tech Stalking' in FL: What to Know". Patch. <https://patch.com/florida/stpete/apple-airtags-high-tech-stalking-fl-what-know>
- McGivern, K. (2022). "USF's new research lab could become statewide hub for human trafficking data". ABC Action News. <https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/local-news/iteam-investigates/usfs-new-research-lab-could-become-statewide-hub-for-human-traffickingdata>
- Rankin, M. (2022). "Tracking human trafficking: Small USF team creates statewide database". First Coast News. <https://www.firstcoastnews.com/article/news/local/trackinghuman-trafficking-usf/67-d4fd4f30-b66a-4e74-83dc-ab057b63b7f9>
- "USF researchers, students study court program to help sex-trafficking victims. USF Sarasota – Manatee Newsroom. <https://www.sarasotamanatee.usf.edu/news/2022/usf-researchersstudents-study-court-program-to-help-sex-trafficking-victims.aspx>

REFERENCES

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Mateus Renno Santos (rennosantos@usf.edu)
Richard Moule (rmoule@usf.edu)