

A 3D rendered metal chain with one link broken and shattering into pieces against a blue background. The chain is made of thick, polished metal links. One link in the middle is breaking apart, with many small, sharp fragments flying outwards. The background is a solid, vibrant blue.

# Human Trafficking Awareness Forum

**February 18, 2016  
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Garden Key, Student Union  
University of Central Florida  
Orlando, FL, U.S.A.**

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## Program Agenda

**2:45 p.m. Registration**

**3:00 p.m. Welcome**

**John C. Bersia**, Special Assistant to the President for Global Perspectives, University of Central Florida

**3:10 p.m. Firsthand and Expert Perspectives**



**Shamere McKenzie**,  
Chief Executive  
Officer, Sun Gate  
Foundation



**Pastor Paul Palmer**,  
Director and Founder,  
The Atlanta Dream  
Center



**Ted Reynolds**,  
Senior Research  
Fellow in Terrorism  
Studies, UCF

**4:00 p.m. Questions, Answers and Discussion**

**4:30 p.m. End**

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The UCF Human Trafficking Awareness Program, Global Perspectives Office, and Student Government Association, Civil Lawyers Against World Sex Slavery. This forum is a feature of UCF's Sex Positive Week.

**Shamere McKenzie** is a sex trafficking survivor turned activist in the fight against human trafficking, promoting social and political change. McKenzie became an international speaker on sex trafficking, raising awareness by speaking at various universities, conferences and with government officials. She is featured in several publications including a college textbook, television programs, documentaries, newspapers and radio programs. Currently she serves on the speaker's bureau for the Frederick Douglass Family Initiative and Survivors of Slavery organizations. She is a consultant with Fox Valley Technical College and a member of the National Survivor Network and the Survivor Leadership Institute. McKenzie is the former Program Assistant for Shared Hope International, where she trained professionals on identifying and responding to trafficking victims, using her experience to inform policy initiatives. McKenzie is pursuing a B.A. in Criminal Justice at Loyola University Chicago. She aspires to be a human trafficking attorney, advocating for victims of modern slavery.

**Pastor Paul Palmer** is the director and founder of The Atlanta Dream Center, an organization dedicated to the use of faith ministries to restore the lives of men, women and children affected by human trafficking, homelessness and financial hardship. The ADC's mission is to reach the lost, rescue those in need and restore the brokenhearted. Palmer is an ordained minister who serves as the lead pastor at the Atlanta International Church and as president of the Atlanta School of Ministry. Palmer was previously a lead pastor at Ruth Community Church and Mount Zion Assemblies of God in California, both of which grew to be the largest churches within their counties. Formerly a Police Chaplain, he served six years in the United States Army and has published over 200 articles.

**Dr. Ted Reynolds** is Senior Research Fellow in Terrorism Studies for the Global Perspectives Office. His research focuses on understanding how extremists/terrorists use social media and other computer mediated communication to radicalize, recruit, and mobilize their members. Some of the same tools and tactics are used by human traffickers. In addition to his research fellowship, he serves as an adjunct professor in the Political Science Department at UCF. Reynolds is a graduate of Rollins College with a B.A. in International Affairs and a UCF graduate with an M.A. in Political Science. He has a graduate certificate in Terrorism Studies from the Centre for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland, UK, and completed the Summer Workshop on Teaching About Terrorism at Oklahoma University. Reynolds received his Ph.D. in International Relations from St. Andrews.



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