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Event Spotlight: LGBTQ+ Issues Forum

Join us this Thursday for a public forum, "Local and Global Perspectives on LGBTQ+ Issues." The event, which is free and open to the public, will take place Nov. 3 in the Pegasus Ballroom of the Student Union, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Representing local issues is Hannah Willard, the Public Policy Director for Equality Florida. In this role, her number one priority is to see the passage of the Florida Competitive Workforce Act, a statewide law that would provide nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ Floridians. She will provide an update on the state of affairs in the legislature related to

LGBTQ issues, our path forward to statewide nondiscrimination protections, and the ways in which the Pulse massacre has set the stage for the full acceptance and protection of LGBTQ people in Florida.

Representing global issues is Michael Luongo, an author of 15 books including *Gay Travels in the Muslim World*, a writing lecturer at the University of Michigan and a freelance journalist. In 2013, he won journalist of the year for [NLGJA](#), the LGBT journalists group, for his coverage of international LGBT issues. He has traveled to over 90 countries and all seven continents, with extensive work in conflict zones and the developing world. Audience members will learn about LGBT movements and trends in other countries, along with the back-and-forth impact movements in the United States have with those across the globe, including reactions to the Pulse massacre.



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This event is hosted by the UCF Global Perspectives Office in partnership with UCF and Tampa Bay chapters of the United Nations Association and LGBTQ+ Services, which is housed in the Department of Social Justice and Advocacy of UCF's Student Development and Enrollment Services. Click [here](#) for more information.

"Follow the Benjamins" – Combating Domestic Trafficking

By Sara Ard, David Boone Human Trafficking Awareness Scholar

Atlanta attorney and Civil Lawyers Against World Sex Slavery (CLAWS) founder David Boone '75 recently visited UCF. While on campus, he delivered a special guest lecture in John C. Bersia's Honors Human Trafficking course. This course helps students gain an interdisciplinary awareness of contemporary human trafficking, also known as modern slavery and forced servitude. It offers definitions of human trafficking, explores the various types of forced servitude that are prevalent today and examines the global and domestic dimensions of the problem, including in Central Florida.



In the class, Boone discussed the various methods used to combat human trafficking in the United States, and the work of CLAWS. The organization offers survivors of this injustice a method to gain redress against their traffickers. The group's members have been key fighters in the anti-

trafficking movement in Georgia, and are moving their influence around the United States with varying partnerships.

Boone advised that to combat human trafficking, one must “Follow the Benjamins,” or the money trail associated with trafficking. According to the International Labour Organization, human slavery generates an annual estimated income of \$150 billion USD per year. Boone further explained that the best method we have to contest human trafficking as a society is through bridging income disparity of those most at risk and strengthening education on the issue. He clarified that children have been large targets for traffickers due to their lack of education on the issue, and vast, often unsupervised, internet access. Boone discussed how pornography has, in his opinion, impacted the influx of children that have been taken advantage of in the world of trafficking.

Boone's visit coincided with a meeting of the UCF Human Trafficking task force, which is a group of faculty, staff, students and community members seeking to expand the efforts of the Human Trafficking Awareness Program. Boone serves an advisory board member to the program and has, through his generosity, increased student research opportunities on campus. Click [here](#) for more information about the program and its activities.

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