

# Waktaun: Pay Attention; Be Aware

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020 | 5:45–7:30 p.m.

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Victims within Indian Country face unique and difficult challenges, which make holding suspects an uphill battle. Discover the hidden and disturbing reality behind the sex trafficking demand within Indian Country.

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## EVENT SCHEDULE

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| 5:45–6 p.m.    | Log in to Zoom and view local agencies providing human trafficking awareness materials |
| 6–6:10 p.m.    | Welcome and introductions  |
| 6:10–6:50 p.m. | Interview with J. Dakotah  |
| 6:50–7:25 p.m. | Panel discussion   |
| 7:25–7:30 p.m. | Closing comments   |

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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**J. Dakotah** is of Ojibwe and Dakota heritage. She is a Native American human trafficking survivor and an advocate for victims of sex trafficking as well as individuals with substance abuse and mental health conditions. She engages individuals through her public speaking events, which help to raise awareness and promote prevention. J. Dakotah is also licensed as an ordained minister to help individuals who request guidance in their culture and spirituality while maintaining their sobriety and recovery process. J. Dakotah also volunteers her time to help bring those who are trafficked into safe houses and works closely with law enforcement agencies to aid in the incarcerations of the traffickers.

## PANELISTS



### **Kirby Williams**

*Outreach Coordinator for the Native American Program with Legal Aid of Nebraska*

Kirby Williams (Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma) holds master's and bachelor's degrees in Clinical Psychology from Missouri State University. For six years, she has worked in her professional and personal life to raise awareness and promote prevention of domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking and stalking. She currently focuses the majority of her work on serving Native American survivors of these crimes. For her work in violence prevention, she was named an inaugural recipient of the Cherokee Phoenix's Seven Feathers Award.



### **Sally Frantzen**

*Founder and President of Fighting Against Trafficking Organization*

As Founder and President of Fighting Against Trafficking Organization and a consultant on policy, services and effective strategies in the fight to end sex trafficking, Frantzen's impactful work on this issue and her personal experiences bring value to the fight as society becomes engaged on the reality of the topic. As a survivor of childhood abuse, human trafficking and domestic violence, Frantzen has focused her work on successfully championing the cause of victims' rights of sexual crimes, domestic abuse and violence against women and children. Frantzen's expertise has been utilized by legislators throughout the Midwest to help pass new and stronger sex trafficking and domestic violence legislation.



### **Ye-Ting Woo**

*Assistant United States Attorney in the Terrorism and Violent Crimes Unit*

Ye-Ting Woo works in the United States Attorney's Office for the Western District of Washington, located in Seattle, Washington. She is currently the criminal civil rights coordinator in the office. Woo has been a federal prosecutor for 25 years and handles a wide variety of prosecutions, including human trafficking, human smuggling, civil rights offenses, transnational drug crimes, money laundering, child exploitation and offenses in Indian Country. She has served as a resident legal advisor at the U.S. Embassy in China and an intermittent legal advisor at the American Institute of Taiwan. Woo was one of the co-founders of the Washington State Advisory Committee on Trafficking and was a co-chair of the committee for ten years.

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## INTERVIEWER



### **Erika L. Dakin Kirby, PhD**

*Director of Communication Studies, Creighton University*

Erika Dakin Kirby is professor of communication studies and the A.F. Jacobson Chair in Communication at Creighton University and a senior facilitator for the Anti-Defamation League. She studies the intersections of working and personal life, emphasizing how differing social identities (including race, class and gender) intersect with organizational structures. She co-edited two editions of *Gender Actualized: Cases in Communicatively Constructing Realities* with Dr. Chad McBride and has published in numerous disciplinary outlets, including the *Handbook of Organizational Communication*. She teaches several social justice courses and is currently teaching Being Color Brave: Race, Privilege, Oppression and Justice.

## MODERATOR



### **Rebecca K. Murray, PhD**

*Associate Dean College of Arts and Sciences, Creighton University*

Rebecca Murray is a professor of sociology and criminal justice and the associate dean for social sciences and professional programs. Her research and publications focus on criminogenic spaces and need for criminal justice reform. She was the primary investigator on two grants that have funded the Nebraska Victim Assistance Academy, which brings basic training to advocates and allied professionals who encounter victims of crime. Murray has worked with a number of agencies that engage in the prevention and intervention of violence, helping them to evaluate their programs and promote positive systemic change.