

*“Thank you for an amazing, productive and fulfilling week. I’ve been working exclusively in the field of anti-trafficking providing direct services to survivors for almost two years and despite the fact that I was well aware of some of the topics and terms the speakers brought forth, I can tell you the academy was one of the most comprehensive and effective trainings I’ve attended. I am thankful for your dedication, efforts and hospitality (as a vegetarian and eight-month pregnant participant, I appreciated very much the special accommodations...) and hopefully the Academy can continue to train the community to once and for all eradicate modern day slavery and aid the survivors properly.”*

Florencia Dominguez, HTA’14  
Caseworker, International Rescue Committee

*“My favorite thing about the academy was that it exposed us to different professionals in the field. I also liked that it was interactive and it gave us a deeper look at the legal process for prosecuting human trafficking cases. I would like to hear more from medical professionals dealing with the mental and physical effects of human trafficking. Doctors, psychologist or social workers who can share actual stories from survivors and how they were able to help them. It would be great if survivors of trafficking agree to participate in the academy and share their stories.”*

Yudelkys Beltran Altman, HTA’15  
Private Attorney  
Woodbridge, VA

*“Dear Dr. Pati: I wanted to express my most sincere gratitude for organizing such a wonderful conference on Human Trafficking. The presenters were very well informed and relayed the information in "plain speak" making it easier to navigate through the maze of legal language and rules that I am not accustomed to as a clinician. I will be passing along the "good news" of what you and your very wonderful team are doing to help all of the survivors and those pending survivors that I know your good work will be reaching. It is very inspiring to know that you and all the wonderful professionals that I met this week are "on-board" in eradicating human trafficking. Please keep me informed of any upcoming training as I would be most eager to participate and I will be encouraging my colleagues to do the same. Could I please ask you to thank your support staff including, but not limited to your cafeteria personnel, volunteers, presenters and your gracious School of Law, Dean Garcia and the long list of distinguished professors that provided for such a memorable and informative experience? Dr. Pati... May God always keep you and all those you work with in safe keeping.”*

Felix O. Padron, HTA’14  
Clinical Director, FACES

*“I have enjoyed participating in this conference. The people you gathered are highly professional and committed personnel.”*

Barry Goodson, HTA’15  
Tenured Professor of Criminal Justice  
Columbia Southern University

*“Dr. Roza Pati: I thank St. Thomas school of law and by extension you for giving me this great opportunity to attend the 2014 human trafficking academy. Thank you also for the well sourced lecturers, they have been all wonderful. The academy has been a big eye opener to me as a person and by extension, to Catholic justice and peace commission and the Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops. The latest annual report by the US State department of HT states that Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi are among the nation's that remain both sources and destination countries for men, women and children subjected to forced labor and sexual trafficking. I honestly take this as a challenge and do state on my part that CJPC is immediately taking this up as a matter of emergency to fully create community awareness on this sad subject. Attempts will also be made to work with CJPC offices both in Uganda and Tanzania on prevention and protection of human trafficking. I look forward to even closer and continued partnership between CJPC Kenya and St. Thomas school of law on this important topic. God bless the works of your hands!”*

Beatrice Odera, HTA'14  
Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, Kenya

*“What I like most about the training was the diversity of perspectives offered by the variety of professionals that came to teach. I would have added more testimonies of survivors and their perspective on what has helped them in the short/mid/ and long term.”*

Camila Molina, HTA'15  
UAC Clinician  
His House Children's Home

*“While the problem of human trafficking is daunting, I am surprised and encouraged by how much is being accomplished to help victims and prosecute traffickers. Thank you to the Academy, all of the excellent speakers, and my fellow participants who added so much to the discussions!”*

Carol Castleberry, HTA'14  
Attorney, Tampa, Florida

*“I thought the training offered by the Human Trafficking Academy was first class. You invited many excellent speakers and experts in the field who are directly involved in the area of human trafficking and shared with us information on cases they have worked on from beginning to end. Also, [I] really enjoyed watching all the material that was illustrated by videos. The daily lunch provided was delicious and the thematic presentations were excellent. I would highly recommend the training offered at the human trafficking academy and I am very glad I was able to attend and hope to have the opportunity to continue to learn more about this very important and current topic.”*

Mary Iacobelli, HTA'15  
LL.M. Student  
St. Thomas University School of Law

*“Dear Dr. Pati: It has been an honor and privilege to meet you and all the well knowledge speakers in this HTA training. I can say that it has broadened my view to look further into the investigations that I do on a daily basis which many times deals with migrants in the Homestead area as well as runaways in some cases. The partnership between all departments is crucial which has given me the knowledge on who to contact when the need arises in my investigations. I wish to thank you and all your colleagues for a wonderful experience.”*

Theresa Luquis-Hernandez, HTA’14  
Senior Child Protective Investigator  
Miami-Dade South

*“This is the best training I have ever attended!”*

Sergeant Arley Flaherty, HTA’15  
Miami Beach Police Department

*“Dear Professor Pati: Salus et pax. I pray you are well. Many thanks again for the opportunity to attend the Academy. What a blessing! I was energized: at mass on Sunday I spoke about human trafficking during my homily. I did so in the context of preaching on the gift and the responsibility that human freedom is and the reality that this gift is "taken away" with modern day slavery - human trafficking. I plan to talk more about this topic in future sermons.”*

Fr. Scott Francis Binet, HTA’14



Dr. Roza Pati, Associate Dean Cecile Dykas, and participants of the Winter 2015 Human Trafficking Academy