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## **Bukola Oriola**

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Bukola Oriola is an international public speaker, author, mentor, advocate, entrepreneur, and former member of the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking. She recently completed a two-year term as a member of the International Survivors of Human Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC), appointed by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). Oriola is also an award-winning journalist and a survivor of labor trafficking.



She is the founder and Executive Director of The Enitan Story, a MN-based nonprofit with a mission to advocate for victims and empower survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence. Oriola has dedicated her life to helping others by sharing her story and offering practical solutions to service providers, clinics, community members, and law enforcement on how to help victims of human trafficking. Oriola is a consultant for the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) and the U.S. Department of State.

She is the CEO of Bukola Oriola Group, LLC, formerly known as Bukola Braiding & Beauty Supply, LLC. She's an entrepreneur who uses her skills to help others become entrepreneurs through book publishing and small business creation.

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## **Monica Miller**

LSW/Survivor Advocate

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Monica Miller is a Subject Matter Expert with lived experience, advocate, and LSW. She was trafficked in rural and metro cities in Minnesota as a youth. She has endured many other types of abuse and trauma throughout her life. Monica uses her story to raise awareness and educate that human trafficking and exploitation exist in all communities. Monica promotes that we must view victims as people and treat them accordingly. She also owns her own craft business, M&M Creations, which she has started to help her to be able to support herself and her family while doing advocacy work.



## **Lindsay Arf**

Advocate and Safe Harbor Consultant

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Lindsay Arf is a Survivor Consultant partnering with Olmsted County Victim Services, MDH, and many other Safe Harbor projects. Lindsay was a victim of sex trafficking for more than 10 years, and her victimizations occurred across the United States. In 2016, Lindsay left the life and found it was possible to break free. Lindsay shares how possible it is to build a new life through her dreams of supporting other victims/survivors.

Lindsay's presentations across Minnesota and the Midwest have impacted thousands by sharing her story. Lindsay has experience as a Sexual Assault and outreach Advocate. Lindsay is an independent consultant as a Survivor Speaker and loves being able to have thoughtful and intentional conversations surrounding change in the movement.

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## **Lateesha Coleman**

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Lateesha Coleman is the founder of Survivors for Systems Change. She has used her lived experience to help guide her work in intervention, prevention, and aftercare of sexual exploitation and sex work. Through her involvement in the community, she is helping to bridge gaps between the community and systems while helping folks with lived experience find their way to the table in a meaningful way. She was involved in the efforts to enact the Minnesota Safe Harbor Law in 2013, where she helped to create and lead training for law enforcement, judges, child protection, and other direct service staff.



She continued her fight against exploitation through speaking engagements and helping co-create conferences. She was also a part of the I Am Priceless Campaign and helped to co-found the Passageways Shelter. She continued on the advisory board for survivors of sexual exploitation at the Link and The Missing and Murdered African American Task Force, where she also started to fight for Youth homelessness and creating systems change in all aspects against violence, disparities, and injustice toward black and indigenous woman, LGBTQ communities, homelessness, and all avenues that include involving people with lived experience in a meaningful way.

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## Joy Friedman

Survivor Leader and Subject Matter Expert

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Over the past 24 years, Joy Friedman has directly supported over 5,000 victims and survivors of sexual exploitation through outreach, advocacy, courtroom support, and group facilitation. She has helped survivors in jails and prisons transition back into society by connecting them with needed resources and services.

As a consultant, trainer, and advisor— Joy has trained and provided expert consultation to various law enforcement agencies investigating sex trafficking cases, including the St. Paul Police Department's Human Trafficking Task Force and the FBI. In 2014, Joy completed a prestigious human trafficking program hosted by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.



Joy has also testified throughout the United States as an expert witness on trafficking issues. Joy sits on advisory boards for the Just Exits Initiative and the University of Minnesota's Modeling Effective Network Disruptions - MEND Project. She is also certified to run survivor mentor groups through My Life, My Choice.

The Sexual Violence Center has recognized Joy's support for incarcerated women, a rape crisis center headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and in 2021, the Center honored Joy with its inaugural Champion Award.

Committed to empowering survivors, Joy started her own consulting business, The Missing Peace, through which she continues training and advising anti-sex trafficking stakeholders throughout the country and to empower victims of sex trafficking by providing direct support to victims, comprehensive Law Enforcement training workshops, and working with elected officials to create systems and legislative change to stop the violent cycle of sexual exploitation.

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## Chris Stark

Organizer and Author

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Chris Stark is a Native (Anishinaabe & Cherokee) award-winning writer, researcher, visual artist, and national and international speaker. She is currently a research fellow at Villanova Law School. She is researching a book about the history of commercial sexual exploitation, MMIW, and the maritime trade. Her second novel, *Carnival Lights*, is a Minnesota Book Awards Finalist. Her first novel, *Nickels: A Tale of Dissociation*, was a Lambda Literary Finalist.



Her essays, poems, academic writing, and creative non-fiction have appeared in numerous publications, including *The Palgrave International Handbook on Trafficking*, *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*; *Dignity Journal*; *The WIP*; *Florida Review*; *The Chalk Circle: Intercultural Prize-Winning Essays*; *When We Became Weavers: Queer Female Poets on the Midwest Experience*; *Hawk and Handsaw: The Journal of Creative Sustainability*; and many others. Her poem, "Momma's Song," was recorded by Fred Ho and the Afro Asian Music Ensemble as a double manga CD. She is also a co-editor of *Not for Sale: Feminists Resisting Prostitution and Pornography* and a co-author of the ground-breaking research "Garden of Truth: The Prostitution and Trafficking of Native Women in Minnesota." Primary research she conducted with Native women survivors of prostitution and trafficking on the ships in Duluth, Minnesota, is included in her article "Strategies to Restore Justice for Sex Trafficked Native Women." She is also co-author and co-researcher of "Evidence of Survivor, Agency, and Researcher Collaboration: An Example of an Emerging Model of Survivor Wellbeing."

Her writing has been nominated twice for a Pushcart Prize. In 2012, she was named a "Changemaker" by the Women's Press and was a Loft Series Mentor Finalist. In 2019, she received the International Social Justice Citizen Award from the International Leadership Institute. She has appeared in numerous media, including NPR, MPR, PBS, *Justice Talking*, and Robin Morgan's radio show. She has spoken at law schools, conferences, rallies, and the United Nations (four times). She has taught writing and humanity courses at universities and community colleges for twenty years and worked as a Two-Spirit program director at the Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center. She is the Inaugural Visiting Research Fellow at Villanova Law's Institute to Address Commercial Sexual Exploitation. She is researching the history of colonization, slavery, and sex trafficking of Indigenous women and girls. She also consults with various local and national organizations and teaches writing at a community college. She is a member of the Minnesota Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Taskforce. She has an MFA in Writing and an MSW. For more information: [www.christinestark.com](http://www.christinestark.com).