

## COMBATING SEX TRAFFICKING BY ELIMINATING THE DEMAND

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### PARTICIPANT BIOS

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**AMBASSADOR SWANEE HUNT** (*Moderator*)  
*President, Hunt Alternatives Fund*

Swanee Hunt is a passionate advocate for provoking social change. Dr. Hunt is the Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where she teaches "Inclusive Security," exploring why women are systematically excluded from peace processes and the policy steps needed to rectify the problem. She founded, and for a decade directed, the Women and Public Policy Program. She is currently core faculty at the Center for Public Leadership and a senior advisor to the working group on modern-day slavery at the Carr Center for Human Rights.

She is president of Hunt Alternatives Fund, through which she has committed some \$120 million in endowments and grants to local, national, and global initiatives. The Fund operates out of Cambridge, Massachusetts and is focused on strengthening youth arts organizations, supporting leaders of social movements, bolstering women's leadership in conflict regions, combating sexual trafficking, and increasing philanthropy. Hunt has worked in more than 60 countries, consulting with political and civil society leaders to promote gender parity. She also chairs the Washington-based Institute for Inclusive Security (including the Women Waging Peace Network) conducting research, training, and advocacy to integrate women into peace processes. She is dedicated to fighting modern-day slavery and has been instrumental in drawing international and national attention to this issue, focusing particularly on the demand side of sex trafficking.

From 1993 to 1997, Hunt served as President Clinton's ambassador to Austria, where she hosted negotiations and international symposia focused on stabilizing the neighboring Balkan states. During that time, she led the US delegation to the EU conference on trafficking in Vienna. Turning her attention to the imploded economies surrounding Austria, she became a specialist in the role of women in post-communist Europe, leading to the July 1997 "Voices: Women in Democracy" conference of 320 women leaders in business, law, and politics, and the documentary film "Voices."

Ambassador Hunt is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the board of Crisis Group. She holds two master's degrees, a doctorate in theology, and six honorary degrees. In 2007, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame.

Hunt is a widely published researcher and columnist and has authored two books: the award-winning *This Was Not Our War: Bosnian Women Reclaiming the Peace* and a memoir, *Half-Life of a Zealot*. A composer and photographer, her world includes her husband (symphony conductor Charles Ansbacher), their three children, three grandchildren, horses, a cat, a parrot, and 76 bison (in absentia).

**AMBASSADOR MARK P. LAGON**

*Executive Director, Polaris Project*

Ambassador Mark P. Lagon is Executive Director of Polaris Project, a leading anti-human trafficking nonprofit running the primary national hotline, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (1-888-3737-888). Previously he was Ambassador-at-Large and Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP). In this capacity, he was Chair of the Senior Policy Operating Group coordinating U.S. agencies domestic and global anti-trafficking policy. From 2004 to 2007, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, responsible for U.S. human rights, humanitarian, and reform policy at the UN. He served on Secretary of State Colin Powell's Policy Planning Staff from 2002 until 2004. From 1999 to 2002, he was a senior staff member at the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, responsible for UN, sanctions, and human rights policy. Previously he was Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow specializing in China policy, Deputy Staff Director of the House Republican Policy Committee, and chief aide to the Foreign Policy Studies Director at the American Enterprise Institute. He has also been a visiting and adjunct professor at Georgetown University and the Institute of World Politics. He is author of the book, *The Reagan Doctrine: Sources of American Conduct in the Cold War's Last Chapter*. He has a Ph.D. from Georgetown University and a B.A. from Harvard University in Government.

**VICTOR MALAREK**

*Investigative Reporter and Author of "The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It"*

Victor Malarek has been a journalist for more than three decades. Currently the senior investigative reporter on CTV's current affairs show W-FIVE, from 2000 to 2003, Malarek was the investigations editor for *The Globe and Mail*, Canada's national newspaper. From 1990 to 2000, he hosted *the fifth estate*, an award-winning CBC investigative news program. In his 20 years in television, Malarek worked on more than 150 investigative documentaries. In 1997, he won a Gemini Award as Canada's top broadcast journalist.

Often described as a crusading reporter, Malarek began his career in journalism as a copy boy at *Weekend Magazine* in Montreal in 1968. Two years later, he joined *The Montreal Star* as a police reporter and was one of the first journalists to report on the 1970 FLQ-October terrorist crisis. In 1971, he broke a front-page story about three teenage boys who had hanged themselves with skate laces in a Montreal juvenile detention centre. That story led him into the world of investigative journalism. In 1976, Malarek joined *The Globe and Mail*, where he garnered three prestigious Governor General Awards for "meritorious public service journalism." He has reported from across Canada and the United States, and from Afghanistan, Australia, Ethiopia, Iran, Kurdistan, Somalia, Ukraine, and various countries in Europe, Southeast Asia, and Central and South America.

Born in Lachine, Quebec in 1948, Malarek has written six nonfiction books. *The Natashas: The New Global Sex Trade*, published in 12 countries, deals with the buying and selling of women and girls for the worldwide sex industry. His most recent book, *The Johns: Sex for Sale and the Men Who Buy It*, lays bare the other side of the sex trade crisis: the men who fuel the demand. In his hard-hitting expose, Malarek unmask the kind of men and organizations that foster and drive the sex trade. *The Johns* is a chilling look into a dark corner of the world that these men have created at the expense of countless women and children.

**THE HONORABLE LINDA SMITH**

*President and Founder, Shared Hope International*

*Former U.S. Congresswoman*

Linda's political career began in 1983 as a Washington State Legislator. She won a write-in campaign for Congress in 1994. Critical to Linda's success is her ability to galvanize the grassroots community to action. Her compassionate and uncompromising belief that every individual has dignity has carried her from advocating for permanent safe homes for children as the State Senate chair of the Committee on Children and Family Services, to the halls of Congress, and ultimately to searching out victims in the red light districts around the world. In the fall of 1998, while still a member of the U.S. Congress, Linda Smith traveled to Falkland Road in Bombay, India- one of the worst brothel districts in the world. The hopeless faces of desperate women and children forced into prostitution compelled Linda to found Shared Hope International (SHI).

In 2006 SHI spearheaded the U.S. Mid-Term Review on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) bringing together leaders from across the USA to assess progress made combating the sexual slavery of children in America. The CSEC conference resulted in a broader approach to combating trafficking that looked at the victimizer in addition to the victim. This concentration on a "buyer" became the focus of the *DEMAND* report and documentary in 2007. In the creation of *DEMAND*, Linda was in the field conducting research in Jamaica, the Netherlands, Japan, and the United States to reveal the sophisticated business model behind sex trafficking, exposing the buyers who increase demand and the traffickers who supply the victims. The *DEMAND* findings revealed that startling numbers of American children are being sex trafficked within U.S. borders. In June 2009, SHI will be releasing a National Report on America's Prostituted Children. This report is a compilation of two years of research and assessments of ten major cities in the U.S related to domestic minor sex trafficking.