

BELLA ROBINSON

EMPLOYMENT

Call Off Your Old Tired Ethics Rhode Island (COYOTE RI), *Founder and Executive Director* 2009 - Present

- Founded COYOTE RI, a regional chapter of the nationwide sex workers rights organization
- Develops programming to provide support, community, and connection to resources for local sex workers
- Spearheads advocacy and educational initiatives to support sex workers locally and nationwide
- Hosts annual December 17, International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers event since 2015
- Provides crisis case management for sex workers locally and nationally

ORGANIZING AND ADVOCACY

Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance (AMOR), *Founding Member* January 2017 - Present

- Founded the Alliance to Mobilize Our Resistance (Alianza para Movilizar Nuestra Resistencia, AMOR) funded by the Open Society Communities against Hate Funding Program along with 5 other local coalitions of immigrant, refugee and POC led organizations. Works 10 hours per week to provide support and staffing for initiatives and attend AMOR member meetings
- As founding member, supports communities by crowdsourcing resources to provide:
 - Emergency/immediate legal services to protect people from ICE and other law enforcement agencies,
 - Culturally competent psychological services,
 - Supporting and tracking incidents and victims of hate crimes,
 - Protecting our communities against all forms of violence, especially state-sponsored violence

Sex Workers Outreach (SWOP) Behind BARS, *Member of Advisory Board* 2016 – Present

- Serves as a member of SWOP Behind Bar's advisory board in decision making regarding SWOP's ongoing work to provide community support for incarcerated sex workers and connect incarcerated sex workers in US prisons and jails to the sex worker rights movement.
- Developed penpal program and book request system for currently incarcerated sex workers
- Supports transportation and crisis case management for sex workers being released from prison

The Erotic Service Provider's Legal & Educational Research Project (ESPLERP), *Secretary* 2011 - 2019

- Served as secretary, member, and participant in litigation of ESPLERP
- Contributes to ESPLERP's mission of empowering the erotic community and advancing sexual privacy rights through legal advocacy, education, and research
- Provided Expert Testimony in New Hampshire Decisions on Creating a Committee to Study Decriminalization of Sex Work

PRESENTATION AND FACILITATION

Academic Presentations:

- Sex Work and Pornography, Brown University April, 2019
- Cross-Disciplinary Solutions to Human Trafficking, Texas Christian University February, 2019
- *Naming (In)Justice: Rights and Resistance*, Ohio State University October, 2018
- Speaker at *National Sex Worker's Summit*, Los Angeles CA June, 2018
- Building Power Now: Global Intersectional Activism, Brown University March, 2018
- *Investigating the Modes of Social Change*, Brown University, December, 2017
- *Effects of Criminalization of Sex Work and How to Support Incarcerated Sex Workers*, USF November, 2017
- *Sex Work and Sex Trafficking*, Brown University, September, 2017
- *Making Space for Incarcerated Sex Workers*, Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University April, 2017
- *Marginalized Populations*, Providence College, April, 2017
- *Sex Work and Sex Trafficking*, Guest speaker in the Department of Political Science, Rutgers University March, 2017
- *Sex Work Stigma: Barriers to Medical Services*, Rhode Island College March, 2017
- *Sex Work Stigma: Barriers to Medical Services*, Alpert Med School, Brown University December, 2016
- *Sex Work and Trafficking*, Guest Speaker, Department of Sociology, University of Rhode Island November, 2016
- *Students Against Slavery*, Keynote Speaker Annual Conference, Connecticut College November, 2016
- *Sex Worker Rights and the Trafficking Narrative*, Sociology of Crime and Punishment, Wesleyan College April, 2016
- *The Global Sex Industry*, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, University of New Hampshire April, 2016
- *Sex Workers Rights*, Southern Connecticut State University November, 2015

- *Policing Identities* Panel Discussion, Students Against the Prison Industrial Complex, Brown University April, 2015
- *Sex Workers Rights*, University of New Hampshire November, 2014
- *Sex Workers Rights*, Rutgers University December, 2013
- *Sex Worker Rights and the Effects of Criminalization*, University of New Hampshire November, 2013
- *Sex Worker Rights*, Vicky Wysocanska, Human Sexuality, Rutgers University December, 2012

Labor and Sex Rights:

- *No Perfect Victims and Survived and Punished* Panel, Allied Media Conference June 2017
- *RI Sex Worker Survey Findings*, American Association of Geographers April, 2017
- *RI Sex Worker Survey Findings*, UMass Boston Labor Conference April, 2017
- Rise Up! Rhode Island, *Sex Workers Rights, Speaker at Rise Up! Rally* March, 2017
- Presentations at the Desiree Alliance Conference on 1)Age 2)Activism 3)Research, New Orleans July, 2016
- *Labor Focused Social Justice Efforts of ESPU*, 5th Annual Desiree Alliance Conference, Las Vegas July, 2013

Trainings Delivered:

- Training for Case Managers and Outreach Workers, House of Hope, Warwick, RI August, 2017
- Training on how to provide services for people working in the sex industry and local resources for sex workers
- Training for Staff and Case Managers at Sojourner House, Providence RI March, 2017
- Trained staff at DV and Human Trafficking Shelter on how best to provide services to people involved in the sex industry

RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Nationwide Research Project 2017 - Present

- Conducted 145 questions survey research project on Sex Trafficking and Sex Industry in the United States
- Collected over 1,500 responses from sex workers nationwide to better understand the realities of sex workers nationwide

Rhode Island Research Project 2015 – 2017

- Conducted Research Project with 63 sex workers in the state of Rhode Island to explore sex work experiences in RI
- Presented findings at the Desiree Alliance, Labor Conference, and the American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting

'The New Virtual Crackdown on Sex Workers' Rights: Perspectives from the United States, Anti-Trafficking Review April, 2019
- Co-authored article published in the anti-trafficking review that details SESTA and FOSTA's significance and consequences for US based sex workers.

Sex Workers Deserve Dignity and Safe Working Conditions, RI Future December, 2016
- authored an article published on RI Future's website that describes how sex workers should be treated in all sectors through a compassionate, rights-based approach

Trending Globally: Politics and Policy Podcast – Episode 4 – Sex Work Is Work December, 2016
- Provided insight into the trafficking narrative and position of sex workers in the United States for podcast at the Watson Institute

EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND CONFERENCES ATTENDED

- GED, Dixie Hollins High School, 4940 62nd St N, St. Petersburg, FL 33709
- Certified to Administer HIV Tests in the State of Rhode Island, 2017
 - Online Sex Trafficking Class, Trafficking from Home, 2014
 - Northeast Regional Summer School for Union Women, Penn State University July, 2015
 - Northeast Regional Summer School for Union Women, Queen's University July, 2014
 - Regina v Polk Women's Labor Leadership Conference, Grafton, IL May, 2014
 - "Taking the Crime Out of Sex Work, New Zealand Sex Workers Fight To Decriminalization August-November, 2013

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Red Bandana Award in Recognition of Local Persons and Organizations Carrying Out Social Activism June, 2019
- Certificate of Appreciation: Southern Poverty Law Center January, 2018
- Desiree Alliance Travel Grant July, 2016
- United Association of Labor Education Travel Scholarship July, 2014
- American Sociological Association Community Action Research Initiative 2014 and 2015