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WHITMAN CENTER TO HOST EXPERT ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE MIDWEST

MONROE, Mich. – On Tuesday, Sept. 28, the Whitman Center will host a presentation on identifying sex trafficking victims, their experiences, and what people can do to address the problem human trafficking in the Midwest.

The session will be presented by Dr. Celia Williamson, a national and international expert on human trafficking. It begins at 6:30 p.m. and is open to the public.

Williamson has published several research articles on the subject of prostitution and human trafficking, and has received numerous grants to study the subject.

She was the founder of the Second Chance program in Lucas County, which works with trafficked girls and women. The program won the 2010 national FBI award for its work with rescued victims.

She was an active force in securing an FBI Innocence Lost Task Force in Lucas County, which works to rescue children from the sex trade in Toledo.

Williamson has also organized and co-chaired six National and International Conferences on prostitution, sex work and human trafficking.

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In conjunction with Williamson's appearance, the Whitman Center is hosting an exhibit through Sept. 30 on the international and local significance of human trafficking, specifically focusing on labor and sex trafficking.

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