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### **DEGREES, LICENSES, INTERNSHIPS**

Ph.D., 1973, University of Iowa, Counseling Psychology  
Clinical Psychology Internship approved by American Psychological Association, 1973  
M.S., 1966, San Francisco State University, Clinical Psychology  
B.A., 1964, Mills College, Oakland, California  
Licensed to practice psychology in California  
Member, American Psychological Association  
Member, Psychologists for Social Justice

Dr. Farley has practiced as a clinical psychologist for 45 years. She brings that experience to her consultations with agencies, governments, and advocates for prostituted and trafficked women. She has articulated the harms of prostitution, pornography, and trafficking as an expert witness in forensic evaluations. She has been categorized as a legal expert on the effects of sexual violence against women and children, posttraumatic stress disorder, dissociation, prostitution and trafficking.

Dr. Farley has spoken at and keynoted a number of conferences on the topic of prostitution and trafficking. In her work, she has consistently addressed the connections between prostitution, racism, poverty, and both domestic and international trafficking.

She has a wide range of experience in teaching and consultation. Dr. Farley has provided consultation as an expert on the harm of prostitution to the Medical Examining Board of the State of California, in 2002. She has provided psychological evaluations of prostituted young women for Contra Costa County and for San Francisco County and has testified in the former which went to trial. She has conducted a forensic evaluation of a woman trafficked into the United States from Asia. Dr. Farley is an associate scholar with the Center for World Indigenous Studies, and has taught seminars on research for social activism at CWIS in Yelapa, Mexico.

With other staff at Prostitution Research & Education, a nonprofit organization that she founded 15 years ago, Dr. Farley manages the Prostitution Research & Education website (<http://www.prostitutionresearch.com>) which provides information about trafficking and prostitution, including a list of agencies offering services to women who have been in prostitution. PRE is formally affiliated with the Pacific Graduate School of Psychology in Palo Alto, California. The PRE website receives approximately 70,000 page views per month. Advocates across the globe have used materials on the website on behalf of women and children in prostitution. The site is contacted by survivors of prostitution, students, teachers, government officials, criminal justice personnel, social workers, legal advocates and nongovernmental agencies that are developing services to women who have been prostituted or trafficked.

Dr. Farley has collaborated with a team of researchers in northern California at Kaiser Permanente who are studying the long term effects of violence against women on their health and how that violence impacts preventive health care for women. Several peer-reviewed publications have resulted from this work.

Melissa Farley edited Prostitution, Trafficking & Traumatic Stress, 2004, a collection of 16 articles on these topics, published by Haworth Press. Farley is the senior author of the chapter, *Prostitution and Trafficking in 9 Countries: Update on Violence and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder*. This article is currently being distributed by the Trafficking in Persons Office of the U.S. State Dept. She also contributed to two chapters in the book, *Dissociation among Women in Prostitution* by Colin Ross, Melissa Farley, and Harvey Schwartz; and the chapter *Prostitution and Trafficking of Women and Children from Mexico to the United States* by Marisa B. Ugarte, Laura Zarate, and Melissa Farley.

Dr. Farley wrote Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada: Making the Connections, 2007 following a 2-year research study in Nevada, sponsored by the Trafficking in Persons Office of the U.S. Department of State. In addition to describing empirical findings resulting from interviews with 45 women in the legal brothels, the book connects legal and illegal prostitution, domestic and international trafficking, political corruption, and organized crime in Nevada.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Farley, M., Macleod, J., Anderson, L., and Golding, J. (In Press) Attitudes and Social Characteristics of Men Who Buy Sex in Scotland. Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy.

Farley, M. (in press) Prostitution: An Extreme Form of Girls' Sexualization. In Eileen Zurbriggen and Tori-Ann Roberts (eds.) The Sexualization of Girls. Oxford University Press.

Farley, M. (2009) Theory versus reality: Commentary on four articles about trafficking for prostitution. Women's Studies International Forum 32(4):311-315.

Farley, M., Bindel, J. and Golding, J.M. (2009) Men who buy sex: who they buy and what they know. Eaves: London and Prostitution Research & Education: San Francisco.  
<http://www.prostitutionresearch.com/c-prostitution-research.html>

Farley, M. (2009) Media Glamourising of Prostitution and Other Sexually Exploitive Practices that Harm Children. In M.T. Reist (ed.) Getting Real: Challenging the Sexualisation of Girls. North Melbourne: Spinifex.

Farley, M. (2009) Prostitution and the Sexualization of Children. In S. Olfman (ed.) The Sexualization of Childhood. Westport: Greenwood.

Farley, M. (2007) Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada: Making the Connections. San Francisco: Prostitution Research and Education.

Farley, M. (2007) 'Renting an Organ for 10 Minutes:' What Tricks Tell Us About Prostitution, Pornography, and Trafficking. In D. Guinn and J. DeCaro (eds.) Pornography: Driving the Demand for International Sex Trafficking Pp 144-152. Los Angeles: Captive Daughters Media.

Farley, M. (2006) Prostitution, Trafficking, and Cultural Amnesia: What We Must *Not* Know in Order To Keep the Business of Sexual Exploitation Running Smoothly. Yale Journal of Law and Feminism 18:109-144.

Farley, M. and Seo, S. (2006) Prostitution and Trafficking in Asia. Harvard Asia Pacific Review 8(2): 9-12.

Farley, M., Lynne, J., and Cotton, A. (2005) Prostitution in Vancouver: Violence and the Colonization of First Nations Women. Transcultural Psychiatry 42: 242-271.

Farley, M. and Lynne, J. (2005) Prostitution of Indigenous Women: Sex Inequality and the Colonization of Canada's First Nations Women. Fourth World Journal 6 (1): 1-29. Available at [http://www.cwis.org/fwj/61/prostitution\\_of\\_indigenous\\_women.htm](http://www.cwis.org/fwj/61/prostitution_of_indigenous_women.htm).

Farley, M. (2005) Prostitution Harms Women Even if Indoors: Reply to Weitzer. Violence Against Women 11 (7): 950-964.

Farley, M., Golding, J.M., Young, G., Muliigan, M., and Minkoff, J.R. (2004) Trauma History and Relapse Probability among Patients Seeking Substance Abuse Treatment. Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment 27:161-167.

Farley, M. (2004) Prostitution is Sexual Violence. Psychiatric Times October 2004 Special Edition. Pages 7-10.

Farley, M.(2004) "Bad for the Body, Bad for the Heart:" Prostitution Harms Women Even If Legalized or Decriminalized. Violence Against Women10: 1087-1125.

Farley, M. (2004) Who are Johns? Conference Report: Demand Dynamics, the Forces of Demand in Global Sex Trafficking. October 18, 2003. Captive Daughters and International Human Rights Law Institute of DePaul University College of Law.

Farley, M., Cotton, A., Lynne, J., Zumbeck, S., Spiwak, F., Reyes, M.E., Alvarez, D., Sezgin, U. (2003) Prostitution and Trafficking in 9 Countries: Update on Violence and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Journal of Trauma Practice 2 (3/4): 33-74.

Farley, M. and Ugarte, M B. (2003) Prostitution and Trafficking are Migrant Health Concerns. Streamline: Migrant Health News Source 9(4): 1-3. Migrant Clinicians' Network Post Office Box 164285, Austin, Texas 78716.

Farley, M. (2003) (Ed.) Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress. New York: Routledge.

Farley, M. (2003) Prostitution and the Invisibility of Harm. Women & Therapy 26(3/4): 247-280.

Farley, M, Minkoff, J R., & Golding, J M. (2002) Is a History of Trauma Associated with a Reduced Likelihood of Cervical Cancer Screening? Journal of Family Practice 51 (10): 827-831.

Farley, M. (2001) Prostitution: The Business of Sexual Exploitation. J. Worell (ed.) Encyclopedia of Women & Gender, Volume II: 879-891. New York: Academic Press.

Farley, M. and Patsalides, B. (2001) Physical symptoms, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Healthcare Utilization of Women with and without Childhood Physical and Sexual Abuse. Psychological Reports 89:595-606.

Farley, M., Minkoff, J. R., Barkan, H. (2001) Breast Cancer Screening and Trauma History. Women & Health 34 (2): 15-27.

Farley, M. and Kelly, V. (2000) Prostitution: A Critical Review of the Medical and Social Sciences Literature Women & Criminal Justice 11 (4): 29-64.

Farley, M. (1999) Women in Prostitution. Support for Survivors: Training for Sexual Assault Counselors. Oakland: California Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Farley, M; Baral, I; Kiremire, M; & Sezgin, U. (1998) Prostitution in Five Countries: Violence and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder. Feminism & Psychology, 8 (4): 405-426.

Farley, M. and Barkan, H. (1998) Prostitution, violence against women, and posttraumatic stress disorder. Women & Health, 27 (3): 37-49.

Farley, M. and Barkan, H. (1997) Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, Dissociation, and Pathological Tension-Reducing Behaviors. Psychotherapy and Psychosomatics 66:133-140.

Farley, M. and Keaney, J. (1997) Physical Symptoms, Somatization, and Dissociation in Adult Women Survivors of Childhood Sexual Assault. Women and Health 25 (3): 33-45.

Farley, M. and Keaney, J. (1994) Development of a Scale to Measure Physical Symptoms in Adults who Report Childhood Trauma: a Pilot Study. Family Violence and Sexual Assault Bulletin, 10 (1-2): 23-27.

Baral, I., Sezgin, U. and Farley, M. (1998) The Traumatic Consequences of Prostitution in Turkey. Archives of Neuropsychiatry (Turkey) 35: 1, 23-28.

Cotton, A., Farley, M. and Baron, R. (2002) Attitudes toward Prostitution and Acceptance of Rape Myths. Journal of Applied Social Psychology 32 (9): 1790-1796.

Green, E.C., Farley, M., Herling-Ruark, A. (2009) Book Review: The Wisdom of Whores: Bureaucracies, Brothels and the Business of AIDS. Journal of the American Medical Association 301 (23): 2502-4. June 17, 2009.

Keaney, J. and Farley, M. (1996) Dissociation in an Outpatient Sample of Women Reporting Childhood Sexual Abuse. Psychological Reports, 78: 59-65.

Macleod, J., Farley, M., Anderson, L, and Golding, Jacqueline (2008) Challenging Men's Demand for Prostitution in Scotland: A Research Report Based on Interviews with 110 Men Who Bought Women in Prostitution. Glasgow: Women's Support Project.

McCaw, B., Golding, J.M., Farley, M., and Minkoff, J.P. (2007) Domestic Violence and Abuse, Health Status, and Social Functioning. Women & Health 24(2): 1-23.

Ross, C., Farley, M., & Schwartz, H.L. (2003) Dissociation among women in prostitution. Journal of Trauma Practice 2(3/4): 199-212.

Schwartz, H., Williams, J., and Farley, M. (2007) Pimp Subjugation of Women by Mind Control. In M. Farley (ed.) Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada: Making the Connections. San Francisco: Prostitution Research & Education. Pages 49-84.

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Zumbeck, S., Teegen, F., Dahme, B and Farley, M. (2003) Posttraumatische Belastungsstörung bei Prostituierten - Ergebnisse einer Hamburger Studie im Rahmen eines internationalen Projektes. Zeitschrift für Klinische Psychologie Psychiatrie und Psychotherapie 51(2): 121-136.

### **SELECTED PRESENTATIONS**

Farley, Melissa (2010) Prostitution in South Africa: Racialized Colonization of Women. Presented at Prostitution in South Africa: Developing a Research Agenda sponsored by Coalition Against Trafficking in Women and Sexual Violence Research Institute. Pretoria, South Africa, April 14.

Farley, Melissa (2009) Critical Issues: Trafficking for Prostitution. University of Pennsylvania Law School. Philadelphia, November 14.

Farley, Melissa (2009) Prostitution: The victim, the harms, the criminal, the crime. National Prostitute Diversion Conference. Dallas, Texas. Nov 4.

Farley, Melissa (2009) The Social Injustices of Trafficking and Prostitution: Racism, Poverty, and Sexism. Western Dominican Justice Promoters. Berkeley, California. October 24.

Farley, Melissa (2009) Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress. Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds, University Medical Center, Las Vegas, Nevada. June 10.

Farley, M. (2009) Cultural Connections between Prostitution, Trafficking, and Pornography. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. May 2.

Farley, M. (2009) Intelligence Squared Debate "It's wrong to pay for sex." Rosenkranz Foundation, New York. April 21. [http://www.intelligencesquaredus.org/Audio\\_Image\\_past.aspx](http://www.intelligencesquaredus.org/Audio_Image_past.aspx)

Farley, M. (2009) Prostitution, Pornography, and Human Trafficking (Keynote) Freedom Day, Life Pacific University, San Dimas, California. April 19.

Farley, M. (2009) Myths & Facts about Prostitution & Trafficking. Gender & Justice Conference. Vanguard University, Costa Mesa, California. March 6.

Farley, M. (2008) Talk to Montavilla Neighborhood Association, Portland Oregon. October 7.

Farley, M. (2008) Economic Impact of Trafficking for Prostitution. Economic Roundtable on Human Trafficking. William Jessup University. September 26.

Farley, M. (2008) Health Service Provision to Victims and Survivors. National Symposium on the Health Needs of Human Trafficking Victims. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Washington, D.C. September 23.

Farley, M. (2008) Prostitution and Trafficking in Nevada. Sierra Nevada Region of Soroptimist International of the Americas. Reno, Nevada April 25.

Farley, M. (2008) Prostitution and the Myth of Friendly Subordination. Mythology of Violence Conference. Pacifica Graduate Institute, Santa Barbara, California. April 6.

Farley, M. (2008) Severing Prostitution from Trafficking: Who Benefits? Sex Trafficking Conference. South Texas College, McAllen Texas. April 2.

Farley, M. (2008) The Economics of the Sex Industry: Financing Inequality (2008) Commission on the Status of Women. New York: United Nations. Feb. 28.

Farley, M. (2007) The effects of a prostitution culture on men and women in Nevada. Conference on Prostitution, Trafficking, and Demand: Making the Links. Glasgow Inter Agency Working Group on Trafficking. Glasgow, Scotland. Dec. 5.

Farley, M. (2007) Trafficking for Prostitution: Making the Connections. Invited Symposium. American Psychological Association 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention. San Francisco California August 17.

Farley, M. (2007) "What do we know about men who buy sex?" Conference on Child Trafficking. Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena California. April 28, 2007

Farley, M. (2007) Pornography, Prostitution, and Sex Trafficking: Same Industry, False Distinctions. Pornography and Pop Culture: Reframing Theory, Rethinking Activism. Wheelock College, Boston, March 24, 2007.

Farley, M. (2007) Psychological Trauma Caused by Being Trafficked into Prostitution. Human Sex Trafficking Conference: Raising Awareness in Social Service Communities. San Francisco State University Department of Social Work March 12, 2007.

Farley, M. (2006) Trafficking and Prostitution: Invading Women's Human Rights. International Conference on the Links between Prostitution and Trafficking: Focusing on Women's Human Rights and the Issue of Demand. Seoul, Korea. September 6, 2006.

Farley, M. (2006) Harm Reduction or Harm Elimination? Global Technical Consultation on HIV and Sex Work. Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. July 13.

Farley, M. (2006) What We Know about the Effects of Legalized Prostitution. Legalization Dialogue, Kolkata India. June 3.

Farley, M. (2006) 'Renting an Organ for 10 Minutes: Spanish and US Men's Attitudes Toward Prostitution. Challenging Demand Conference. Glasgow, Scotland. May 18.

Farley, M. (2006) What Must We Not Know in Order to Keep the Business of Sexual Exploitation Running Smoothly? Sexual Trafficking: Breaking the Crisis of Silence: An International Conference. Chapel Hill, North Carolina. April 7.

Farley, M. (2005) Presentation to New York State Judges. Prostitution, Trafficking, and Domestic Violence: understanding and innovation. Sponsored by New York State Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts. White Plains, N.Y.

November 18.

Farley, M. (2005) Prostitution and Family Violence. World Conference on Prevention of Family Violence. Banff, Canada, October 24.

Farley, M. (2005) Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress. International Congress on Trafficking for Sexual Exploitation. Madrid, Spain. October 27.

Farley, M. (2005) Intimate connection between prostitution and trafficking. Western Regional Task Force Training Seminar on Human Trafficking. San Diego Sept 30.

Farley, M. (2005) Prostitution, Trafficking, and Traumatic Stress. Grand Rounds, San Francisco General Hospital. August 26.

Farley, M. (2005) Prostitution, Trafficking and Traumatic Stress. 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Race and Diversity Issues. Kern County Mental Health System. Bakersfield, CA. April 8, 2005.

Farley, M. (2004) Domestic Violence, Trafficking, and Prostitution: Common Themes, Common Challenges. Speech at Fordham University School of Law. Lawyers Committee Against Domestic Violence and New York State Judicial Committee on Women in the Courts. New York, NY. March 1.

Farley, M. (2003) The Health of Incarcerated Women: Prostitution, HIV and Violence. Presentation at American Public Health Association. San Francisco. Nov 19.

Farley, M. (2003) Emerging from Invisibility: The Complex Challenges of Recovery for Women Victimized by Prostitution. Invited Symposium at International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago Illinois. October 31.

Farley, M. (2003) Prostitution, Trafficking and Public Health. Panel presentation at Parallel Worlds: San Diego and Tijuana. Third Annual Bilateral Safety Corridor Coalition Conference. August 27.

Farley, M. (2003) Johns: Prostituted Women's Accounts, Social Science Anecdotes, but Little Research: Prostitution: a Perspective on the Customer's Domination of Women. 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association. Toronto, Canada. August 28.

Farley, M. (2003) Prostitution, Sexual Assault, and Trafficking of Women and Children (Keynote). Arte Sana Training Institute: Reaching las Familias: Empowering Our Communities. Austin Texas April 3.

Farley, M. (2003) Prostitution and Trafficking: Working with Victims of Trafficking Stress Syndrome. Speech at Arizona's Tri-County Battered Immigrant Women Project. Tucson, Arizona. March 28.

Farley, M., Ackerman, R., and Banks, M. (2003) Traumatic Brain Injury: Assessment of a Little-Known Sequela of Prostitution. The 9<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Abuse of Children and Adults with Disabilities. Riverside, CA. March 12.

Farley, M. (2003) Prostitution: Male Violence Against Women. United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Coalition Against Trafficking in Women. New York, NY. March 4.

Farley, M. (2002) The Origins of Trafficking in Colonization and Prostitution Presentation. The Human Rights Challenge of Globalization in Asia-Pacific-USA: Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children. Honolulu, Hawaii. November 14.

Farley, M. (2002) Trauma and Substance Abuse: What's the Connection? (Keynote) Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Lisle, Illinois. November 8.

Farley, M. (2002) Witnessing Prostitution. Speech at International Day of No Prostitution, Berkeley, California. October 5.

Farley, M. (2002) Prostitution and Sexual Violence (Keynote) Nebraska Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence Coalition. Lincoln, Nebraska. September 25.

Farley, M. (2002) Escort Prostitution for Teenage Girls: Job Opportunity or Sexual Abuse? (keynote speech) Iowa Gender-Specific Services Task Force. Ames, Iowa. May 17, 2002.

Farley, M. (2001) Prostitution and Homelessness: the Traumatic Effects of Violence against Women (Keynote). Prostitution: A Violent Reality of Homelessness. Chicago Coalition for the Homeless. Chicago, Illinois, May 23.

Farley, M. (2001) Racism, Gender, and the Global Sex Trade in Women. 45<sup>th</sup> Session of Commission on the Status of Women, United Nations, New York. March 7.

Farley, M. (2001) Consent and Coercion in Prostitution. New York University Law School Symposium on Prostitution, Trafficking, and the Global Sex Trade in Women. March 2.

Farley, M. (2001) The Prostitution Paradigm and Campus Sexual Violence. (Keynote) Technical Assistance Institute for Grants to Combat Violent Crimes against Women on Campuses Program. Tucson: University of Arizona.

Cotton, A., Farley, M., and Schmidt, M. (2001) Prostitution Myth Acceptance, Sexual Violence, and Pornography Use. 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco. August 27.

Golding, J. M., Farley, M., & Minkoff, J. R. (2001) Childhood Abuse and Cervical Cancer Screening. 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco. August 29.

Schmidt, M., Cotton, A & Farley, M. (2000) Attitudes toward Prostitution and Self-Reported Sexual Violence. 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. San Antonio, Texas. November 18.

Farley, M. (2000) Trafficking in Women and Children: a Global Mental Rights Work Issue. World Mental Health Day. NGO Committee on Mental Health and International Labor Organization, United Nations, New York, N.Y. October 10.

Farley, M. (2000) Homelessness and Sexual Exploitation (Keynote) Fourth Annual San Francisco Bay Area Regional Homeless Perinatal Conference. Oakland California. April 7.



- Farley, M. (1999) Prostitution, Torture, and Human Rights Violations. Sixth European Conference on Traumatic Stress. European Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Istanbul, Turkey. June 7.
- Farley, M. (1999) The Price Women Pay: Mental and Physical Health Effects of Sexual Exploitation. United Nations Commission on Status of Women. United Nations, New York, N.Y. March 8.
- Farley, M., Becker, T., Cotton, A., Sawyer, S., Fitzgerald, L., Jensen, R. (1998) The Attitudes toward Prostitution Scale: College Students' Responses Compared to Responses of Arrested Johns. 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, Washington, D.C., November 21.
- Farley, M. (1997) Prostitution, Slavery, and Complex PTSD. 13th Annual Meeting of International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Montreal, Canada, November 8.
- Farley, M. (1997) A Feminist Perspective on Prostitution and Sex Tourism. Proceedings, Gender & Tourism Conference. University of California, Davis. October.
- Farley, M. (1996) Prostitution and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder: Data from United States, Thailand, and Zambia. Psychosocial and Behavioral Factors in Women's Health: Research, Prevention, Treatment and Service Delivery in Clinical and Community Settings. American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C. September 19.
- Farley, M. and Felitti, V. (1996) The Significance of Physical, Sexual and Psychological Abuse to Delayed Recovery and Somatization: Practical Strategies for Primary Care. First Interregional Conference on Primary Care, Occupational Health, Physical Therapy, and Musculoskeletal Medicine. Oakland, California.
- Farley, M. (1996) Trauma History, Somatization, and Healthcare Utilization. Behavioral Medicine Update, Kaiser Regional Psychological Society. Oakland, March 30.
- Farley, M., Felitti, V. and Minkoff, J. (1996) Sexual Abuse and Medical Disorder. Research Grand Rounds, Regional Videoconference Series. Oakland, April 18, 1996
- Farley, Melissa (1995) Impact of Two Types of Early Trauma on Somatization and Healthcare Utilization. 11th Annual Meeting of International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies. Boston, Massachusetts. November.

