

THE LINDESMITH CENTER – DRUG POLICY FOUNDATION

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to the “Drug Policies for the New Millennium” conference! I hope you are ready for what will be a landmark event.

There are as many reasons for being here as there are people at this conference. If you think that the war on drugs is doing more harm than good, if you think the police should stop arresting people for marijuana, if you think more than 400,000 people behind bars on drug charges is too many, if you think the war on drugs is the new Jim Crow, if you think drug testing has gone too far, if you can no longer stand the lies and hypocrasies of the drug war, and if you think the failed drug war should be part of the national debate, then you are in the right place. One thing we all share is that we are concerned citizens who are committed to a new dialogue about the way we deal with drugs in our society.

I invite you to take this opportunity to listen, discuss, debate, network, relax and make new friends and allies. While you are here I encourage you to attend sessions on subjects about which you know the least. You’ll find that by the end of this conference you will know a lot more about drug policy and the common sense steps that we can take to lessen the harms caused by both drug abuse and drug prohibition. As we go back to our communities I hope you will join us in building a movement to bring about drug policies based on science, common sense, public health, and human rights.

The soon-to-be-renamed Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation is proud to provide this forum for the emerging drug policy reform movement, and we hope this conference will be remembered as one of the important turning points in the effort to end the war on drugs, which is truly a war on families, a war on public health, and a war on personal freedoms.

Very truly yours,



Ethan Nadelmann

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DETAILED AGENDA

Wednesday, May 30, 2001

6:30-8:30 P.M.

Registration and Reception, Hyatt Regency

Thursday, May 31, 2001

8:00 A.M.

Registration and Continental Breakfast, Hyatt Regency

9:00-10:20 A.M.

Opening Remarks

Ira Glasser, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union: Introduction

Honorable Jim Baca, Mayor, City of Albuquerque: Welcome

Honorable Gary Johnson, Governor, State of New Mexico: Welcome

Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, The Lindesmith Center-Drug Policy Foundation:
“Drug Policy Reform Comes of Age”

Mathilde Krim, Founding Chairman and Chairman of the Board, American Foundation
for AIDS Research (amFAR): Introduction of Keynote Speaker:

Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church,
Nashville: “Broadening the Struggle”

10:40-11:45 A.M.

Plenary Session I

“Taking Stock: Victories For Drug Policy Reform”

From successful ballot initiatives and legislative victories to headway in the courts, drug policy reformers scored a number of tangible wins in the last year. What are we doing right (and wrong)? How do we build on our successes? What are our next horizons?

State Ballot Initiatives:

- Bill Zimmerman, Director, Campaign for New Drug Policies

Litigation and the Courts:

- Graham Boyd, Director, ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project

Clemencies:

- Julie Stewart, President and Founder, Families Against Mandatory Minimums

State Legislative Initiatives:

- Glenn Backes, Director, Health and Harm Reduction Program, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation

11:45-1:00 P.M.

Lunch Break (on own)

1:00-2:10 P.M.

Plenary Session II “Democrats, Republicans, and the Governor: Legislative Developments in New Mexico”

The New Mexico state legislature recently considered a comprehensive and unprecedented package of drug policy reform bills. How was bi-partisan consensus built? What was learned? Those most intimately involved in the process tell the story.

- *Chair* Katharine Huffman, Director, New Mexico Drug Policy Project, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Honorable Toney Anaya, former New Mexico Governor
- Honorable Roman Maes, New Mexico State Senate
- Honorable Joe Thompson, New Mexico House of Representatives
- Honorable Alex Valdez, Secretary, New Mexico Department of Health

2:30-4:00 P.M.

Consecutive Break-out Sessions

Session 1 “Overdose is Preventable! -- Naloxone Prescription and Distribution in Australia, Chicago and New Mexico”

In many North American cities, more men die from heroin overdose than from bullets, car crashes or AIDS. Why? How have communities, activists and governments responded? This session, and a follow-up panel on Saturday (see page ##), present practical health strategies from drug users’ perspectives, and viable, life-saving policy changes lawmakers can pursue to combat overdose.

- *Chair* Glenn Backes, Director, Health and Harm Reduction Program, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation: “Time for Action – National Epidemiology Points to Crisis, Proven Interventions are at Hand”
- Steve Jenison, M.D., Director, Bureau of Infectious Diseases, New Mexico Department of Health, “New Mexico Naloxone Prescription Policy”
- Fernando Beyardo, MD, Española Hospital Emergency Room, Española, New Mexico. “The Experience of a Physician Prescribing Naloxone”
- Dan Bigg, Director, Chicago Recovery Alliance. “Hundreds of Doses of Goodwill and Good Medicine in Chicago”
- Wayne Salazar, Chief of Police, Española Police Department. “Why the Police Support Overdose Prevention”
- Alex Wodak, MD, President, International Harm Reduction Association. “Australia Responds to OD Epidemic”

Session 2 “Collateral Consequences of Overreaching Government Practices: Today’s Jim Crow”

The drug war reaches more and more deeply into the lives of every American who tests positive for drugs or has a past drug conviction. Highly punitive and sometimes lifelong consequences can include loss of access to housing, employment, and government benefits – often standing in the way of people’s efforts to build new lives after drug problems and/or incarceration.

- *Chair* Owen Lopez, Director, McCune Charitable Foundation
- Graham Boyd, Director, ACLU Drug Litigation Project
- Corinne Carey, Director, Harm Reduction Law Project, Urban Justice Center
- Rev. Charles Kiker, Friends of Justice
- Sue Baca, Impact Program

Session 3 “The Emergent Student and Youth Movement”

The D.A.R.E. generation has grown up; organizations like Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Prison Moratorium Project, and DanceSafe now represent the children and students who were exposed to the harsh drug laws and “Just Say No” drug prevention campaigns of the 1980s and 1990s. These students say they’ve been far from “protected” -- and they will no longer allow their name to be used to perpetuate the drug war.

- *Chair* Sharda Sekaran, Assoc. Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Shawn Heller, President, Students for Sensible Drug Policies
- Arne Ekstrom, United Students Against Sweatshops
- Rashid Shabazz, Prison Moratorium Project
- Jamie Smidt, DanceSafe

Session 4 “U.S. Drug Policies and Latino Communities”

While U.S. prohibitionist policies drive violence and corruption in Latin America, they also fuel massive incarceration and the growing spread of HIV among Latinos in the U.S. More and more Latinos recognize that they and their communities are being victimized, not protected, by the war on drugs.

- *Chair* Roberto Vargas, Chief of Staff, William C. Velasquez Institute
- Honorable Toney Anaya, former Governor of New Mexico
- Maria Chavez-King, Regional Director, Harm Reduction Coalition
- Jim Gonzalez, former San Francisco City Councilman

- Avelardo Valdez, Director, Center for Drug and Social Policy Research, University of Texas at San Antonio

Session 5 “Offline Activism”

Though the reform movement has made brilliant use of online organizing, traditional community outreach and activism remain as important as ever. Panelists explore ways to mobilize real-life public solidarity -- in on- *and* off-line communities.

- *Chair* Nora Callahan, Executive Director, November Coalition
- Sandee Burbank, Mothers Against Misuse and Abuse
- Mike Smithson, Director, ReconsiDer Speakers Bureau
- Julie Stewart, President and Founder, Families Against Mandatory Minimums
- Randy Credico, William Moses Kunstler Fund for Racial Justice

Session 6 “Is Reform Possible Inside the Beltway?”

Though “Change comes last to Washington” is common wisdom among reformers, some reforms may be possible at the federal level in coming years. A panel of D.C. drug policy experts discusses mandatory minimums, crack vs. powder cocaine sentencing, the Higher Education Act, expanded funding for treatment – and the long term prospects for ending the drug war in the nation’s capital.

- *Chair* William McColl, Director of Legislative Affairs, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Kevin Zeese, Director, Common Sense for Drug Policy
- Sanho Tree, Drug Policy Project, Institute for Policy Studies
- Eric Sterling, President, Criminal Justice Policy Foundation

4:20-5:50 P.M.

Consecutive Break-out Sessions

Session 7 “Syringe Availability”

HIV/AIDS, hepatitis C, and other blood-borne infections continue to spread rapidly among IDUs and their loved ones across the country. Still, current laws and police practices continue to impede access to sterile syringes in many states and localities. What can be done? This panel reviews strategies to make sterile injection equipment available to at-risk communities through pharmacies, physician prescription, and needle exchange/distribution programs.

- *Chair* Glenn Backes, Director, Health and Harm Reduction Program, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Mathilde Krim, Founding Chairman and Chairman of the Board, American Foundation for AIDS Research (amFAR)
- Capt. Gene Halliburton, Albuquerque Police Department
- Maureen Rule, Clinical Advisor/Team Leader, Harm Reduction Outreach Program, Healthcare for the Homeless
- Paul Smyth, Director, National AIDS Brigade, Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- Alica Young, Staff Attorney, ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project

Session 8 “Using Litigation to Fight Involuntary Drug Testing”

Perhaps the most ominous development in the war on drugs is the increasingly pervasive use of drug testing to detect and punish anyone who uses drugs: pregnant women, impoverished parents, students, employees, and anyone caught up in the criminal justice system.

- *Chair* Dan Abrahamsom, Director, Office of Legal Affairs, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Julian Gross
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women
- Graham Boyd, ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project

Session 9 “Ditching D.A.R.E.”

After a decade of damning studies, even D.A.R.E. leadership had to concede early this year that it wasn’t working. But will their promised reforms be more than cosmetic? A

panel of drug education experts assesses D.A.R.E., examines the undisclosed problems with “Just Say No” curricula, and looks at the future of reality-based drug education.

- *Chair* Marsha Rosenbaum, Director, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation West
- Harvey Ginsburg, Southwest Texas State University
- Brian Gralnick, Students for Sensible Drug Policies
- Ted Shepard, Ph.D., LeMoyne College
- Michael Roona, ReconsiDer

Session 10 “We’ve Got Issues: Drug Use in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Communities”

Drug use in GLBT communities is different from the general population. Current research, treatment, and policy is either inappropriate or completely neglected when it comes to queer drug users. These panelists address the intersection of GLBT issues and drug policy, harm reduction at circuit parties, drug use and identity, and issues specific to lesbian health.

- *Chair* Bill Jordan, M.A., New Mexico Advocates for Children and Families
- Richard Elovich, Columbia University School of Public Health
- Chris Mann, MD, MedEvents
- Tim Santamour, Moving Equipment Queer Harm Reduction Collective
- Paula Santiago, National Community Organizer, Harm Reduction Coalition

Session 11 “Gringos Against the Drug War in Latin America: Lobbying, Journalism, and Grassroots Advocacy Without Borders”

The U.S.-backed drug war dramatically escalates in Colombia. The Andean region, still suffering the consequences of earlier crop eradication campaigns, braces for the spillover of refugees and violence. Drug prohibition continues to create enormous obstacles to democracy and peace in Mexico. What is to be done? Three North American reform advocates discuss their strategies for public education, lobbying and grassroots activism in the U.S. and Latin America.

- *Chair* Matthew Briggs, Research Associate, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation

- Al Giordano, Publisher, The Narco News Bulletin
- George Ann Potter, CIDES
- Sanho Tree, Drug Policy Project, Institute for Policy Studies

7:30-9:00 P.M.. Youth Caucus (open admission)

“Connecting the Dots”

Representatives from Youth Force, Students for a Sensible Drug Policies, AIDS Brigade, DanceSafe, Prison Moratorium Project, and Lindesmith-DPF join other anti-drug war youth organizers, activists and outreach workers to brainstorm, network, and "connect the dots" among their campaigns.

Friday, June 1, 2001

8:30-10:00 A.M.

Plenary Session III “Ecstasy: Science, Medicine, Culture”

MDMA -- and other drugs often sold as “Ecstasy” -- have grown rapidly in popularity in recent years, giving rise to a wave of media sensationalism and drug war politicking. But a reasoned debate can be heard amid the hysteria: researchers, policy reform advocates, and harm reduction activists are investigating Ecstasy’s actual harms and benefits. Panelists consider the current scientific research on MDMA, its use in psychotherapy, the rave culture, and strategies for reducing the harms associated with Ecstasy.

- *Chair* Marsha Rosenbaum, Director, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation West
- Charlie Grob, MD, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- Dustianne North, Ph.D. Candidate, UCLA
- Theo Rosenfeld, Pala Community Development
- Rick Doblin, President, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies

10:15-11:45 A.M.

Plenary Session IV “Race and the Drug War”

The bad news: the drug war continues to assault black and brown communities at extremely disproportionate levels, tearing families apart, spreading disease, and denying basic personal freedoms to millions. The good news: never before have people of color been so mobilized to demand reform. Citizens and community leaders -- including many who once strongly supported the drug war -- are joining forces in ever greater numbers to call for an end to America's new Jim Crow. Panelists discuss both trends.

- *Chair* Deborah Small, Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- James Forman, Jr., Fellow, New America Foundation
- Antonio Gonzales, President, William Valasquez Institute
- Teddy Shaw, NAACP Legal Defense Fund

12:00-1:45 P.M.

Luncheon with Keynote Speakers

Award presentation: The Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for Achievement in the Field of Scholarship presented to David Vlahov

The Honorable Maxine Waters, Member, United States House of Representatives

The Honorable Rocky Anderson, Mayor, Salt Lake City, Utah

2:00-3:30 P.M.

Plenary Session V

A. "Maintenance: What do Cigarettes and Street Heroin Have in Common?"

Methadone maintenance is the most effective treatment for reducing the death, disease, crime and suffering associated with illicit heroin use. It is not, however, the only effective method of opioid maintenance. Heroin maintenance trials are currently underway or under consideration in The Netherlands, Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Australia, and other countries. Meanwhile, nicotine maintenance grows in popularity as a treatment for tobacco addiction. This panel considers the political, scientific and ethical implications of maintenance therapy.

- *Chair* Holly Catania, Director, Methadone Policy Project, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation

- Robert Newman, Director, Edmond de Rothschild Foundation Chemical Dependency Institute, Beth Israel Medical Center, NY.
- David Vlahov, Director, Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, New York Academy of Medicine
- Brad Rodu, Professor, Department of Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- Alex Wodak, MD, President, International Harm Reduction Association

B. “Living Together in the Reform Community”

Many of us have chosen to dedicate our lives to working for social justice. But as we all know, our shared noble intentions don’t inoculate us from the conflicts, dissatisfaction, and tensions that bedevil any movement. This discussion explores the values and experiences that bind us, how we relate to each other as human beings, and how to keep our inevitable (and often healthy) personal, organizational, and philosophical disagreements in perspective.

- *Chair* Jim Gollin, Chairman, Rainforest Action Network
- Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville
- Paula Santiago, National Community Organizer, Harm Reduction Coalition
- Chuck Blitz, Co-Director, The Mailman Institute; Lead Guitarist, Les Poissons Mauves; Member, Mesa Lane Community; Founder, Suicidals for Social Responsibility
- Honorable John Vasconcellos, California State Senator

3:45-5:15 P.M.

Consecutive Break-out Sessions

Session 12 “Doing Methadone Right”

Methadone maintenance is the proven, most effective treatment for reducing illicit heroin use and related harms – yet only twenty percent of the more than one million Americans addicted to heroin have access to it. Excessive government regulations severely restrict

its availability. Patients and providers are stigmatized. This panel discusses how methadone works, as well as efforts abroad and in the U.S. to decrease legal and cultural barriers to its effectiveness.

- *Chair* Holly Catania, Director, Methadone Policy Project, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Dr. Bob Newman, Director, Edmond de Rothschild Foundation Chemical Dependency Institute, Beth Israel Medical Center, NY.
- Ernie Drucker, Director, Division of Community Health, Montefiore Medical Center
- Lisa Torres,

Session 13 “Harm Reduction Strategies: Foreign Innovation, U.S. Stagnation”

Europe, Australia and other parts of the world have responded to their drug problems with a spirit of experimentation and pragmatism mostly absent from the United States.

- *Chair* Sue Simon, Associate Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program
- Marek Beniowsky, Center for AIDS Diagnostics and Therapy, Katowice District, Poland
- Alec Khachatryan, Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors Without Borders), Moscow
- Nora Stojanovic, Healthy Options Project, Skopje, Macedonia
- Alex Wodak, MD, President, International Harm Reduction Association

Session 14 “Asset Forfeiture Reform Gains Momentum”

Civil asset forfeiture remains a serious threat to due process and property rights guaranteed by the Constitution – and a favorite source of revenue for federal, state and local police. Last year, the U.S. Congress and voters in Oregon and Utah approved measures curtailing the egregious drug war tactic. Missouri followed suit several weeks ago. Panelists discuss these victories and future targets for reform.

- *Chair* Judy Osburn, Author of *Specter of Forfeiture*
- Brenda Grantland, President, Forfeiture Endangers American Rights
- Scott Ehlers, Director of Research, Campaign for New Drug Policies

- Jerry Sheehan, ACLU of Washington State

Session 15 “How to Use the Internet to Raise Money, Increase Membership, and Promote Activism”

This workshop provides a practical how-to for Web site developers and others interested in using the internet to build social movements. Panelists will talk specifically about organizing on the web, working with volunteers, fundraising online, realizing the potential of databases in the reform arena, and building rapport with subscribers.

- *Chair* Jeanette Irwin, Website Coordinator, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Nick Allen, President, donordigital.com
- Karynn Fish, Internet Consultant, AKA Online
- Mark Greer, Director, DrugSense

Session 16 “The Sacred Use of Entheogens”

The purposes and content of the rituals and experiences that employ ayahuasca, peyote, and other entheogens, whether plant or synthetic, may be therapeutic, religious/spiritual or recreational/exploratory. This panel will discuss the enormous potential for individual and social betterment from these substances and ideas for sane policies regarding their use.

- *Moderator* Jodie Evans, Founder/President, Gateways and Passages
- Charles Grob, MD, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center
- Don Topping, President, Drug Policy Forum Hawai’i

Session 17 “Non-profit Engineering: Growing Your Organization”

Strategic planning and fundraising keep the lifeblood of the reform movement flowing. The panelists -- grassroots activists who are experts both in finance and drug policy reform -- share tips on organization-building and outline a framework for analyzing your non-profit.

- *Chair* Ruth Lampi, Director of Finance and Administration, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Mary Jane Borden, Borden Business Publishers
- Jo Kenny, Executive Director, Coalition for Equality in New Mexico

Session 18 “Medical Marijuana Update: From the Grassroots to the U.S. Supreme Court”

Medical marijuana legislation, litigation, lobbying, and implementation all saw dramatic developments in the last year. Experts discuss innovative grassroots lobbying strategies; medical marijuana reform efforts in New Mexico; implementation of past victories; cutting-edge research from California; and the first medical marijuana case heard by the U.S. Supreme Court.

- *Chair* Rob Kampia, Marijuana Policy Project
- Jeff Jones, Director, Oakland Cannabis Buyers Cooperative
- Gina Pesulima, Communications Director, Americans for Medical Rights
- Clifford Rees, Assistant General Counsel, New Mexico Department of Health
- Honorable John Vasconcellos, California State Senator

5:30-7:00 P.M. Special Forum

“Burnout prevention: Harm reduction work is a high risk profession”

Coordinator, Allan Clear, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition

8:00-10:00 P.M.

Comedy Event (Ticketed)

- Barry Crimmins, renowned political satirist
- Randy Credico, comedian and anti-drug war activist

Saturday, June 2, 2001

9:30-11:00 A.M.

Plenary Session VII “Debate: When is Coerced ‘Treatment’ an Alternative to Incarceration?”

The public increasingly supports “treatment instead of incarceration.” But as this panel shows, our movement is deeply divided over if, when, and what kind of *coerced* treatment is ever appropriate. This question, fundamental to the long-term transformation of the drug control regime from criminal justice to public health, inspires impassioned debate among colleagues and board members at Lindesmith-DPF – and at all levels of the drug treatment and drug policy reform communities.

- *Moderator* Daniel Abrahamson, Director, Office of Legal Affairs, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Ira Glasser, Executive Director, ACLU
- David Lewis, Director, Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Studies, Brown University
- Deborah Small, Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation

11:15-12:45 P.M.

Consecutive Break-out Sessions

Session 19 “Breaking Down Walls & Building Bridges: The User’s Point of View”

What are the barriers to user organizing in the United States? What does it take to give users a voice? Active and former users and user advocates tell their stories.

- *Chair* Paul Smyth, National AIDS Brigade, Albuquerque

Session 20 “Getting the Word Out: Media Training for Activists”

The panelists discuss using the media as a public education tool, learning what makes a story “newsworthy,” how to pitch reporters, how to write a press release and more.

- Tony Newman, Director of Communications, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation

- Shayna Samuels, Deputy director of Communications, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Robert Sharpe, Grant Program Associate, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation

Session 21 “Women and the Drug War”

The war on drugs is the principal factor driving the incarceration of women in America today. Pregnant women suspected of using certain drugs - particularly African American and poor women – are increasingly subject to involuntary drug testing, loss of social services, and even prosecution and imprisonment for “fetal abuse” or murder. Drug treatment slots for pregnant women and women with children are chronically underavailable. Panelists critique current policies and discuss efforts at reform.

- *Chair* Marsha Rosenbaum, Director, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation San Francisco
- Nancy Campbell, Assistant Professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Author, *Using Women: Gender, Drug Policy, and Social Justice*, Routledge (June 2000).
- Priya Karim Haji, Community Organizer for Proposition 36 Implementation and former Executive Director, Free At Last
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women
- Amy Ralston, Secretary, Women Advocate Reform

Session 22 “The Dutch and the Swiss”

Despite U.S. government claims to the contrary, the The Netherlands and Switzerland have dramatically improved quality of life by implementing harm reduction measures for “hard” drugs while (essentially) decriminalizing cannabis. Experts on Swiss and Dutch drug policy discuss decriminalization, innovative policing strategies, and initiatives such as heroin maintenance and safer injection rooms.

- *Chair* Craig Reinerman, MD, Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of California Santa Cruz
- Peter Cohen, University of Amsterdam
- Fredrick Polak, MD, Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation SDB
- Jan van der Tas, former Dutch ambassador

- Robert Hämmig, Medical Director of the Integrated Drug Services, University Psychiatric Services of Bern, Switzerland

Session 23 “Implementing Proposition 36 in California”

Last November, California voters passed the most significant drug policy reform ballot initiative in history by a nearly two-to-one margin. The Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act - Proposition 36 – will divert 36,000 non-violent drug possession offenders per year into treatment instead of incarceration, and increase drug treatment funding by \$120 million per year. Panelists discuss the challenges of implementing Prop. 36 consistently with harm reduction principles.

- Dan Abrahamson, Director, Office of Legal Affairs, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Glenn Backes, Director, Health and Harm Reduction Program, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy foundation
- Dorsey Nunn, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children

1:00-2:00 P.M.

Luncheon with Keynote Speaker

New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson

Award Presentation: The Richard J. Dennis Drugpeace Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Drug Policy Reform presented to Governor Gary Johnson

2:10-3:40 P.M.

Consecutive Break-out Sessions

Session 24 “Justice or Just Us?: Youth, Image, and Law Enforcement.”

High profile entertainers, journalists and activists with knowledge of drug issues gather for a Politically Incorrect-style dialogue about pop culture, the media and the drug war.

- *Chair* Farai Chideya, journalist and author
- Amanda Bushnell, Intermountain Harm Reduction Program

- Aya de León, Artist/Youth Worker, de león directions and Trainer, Harm Reduction Training Institute
- Rachel Jackson, Ella Baker Center for Human Rights
- Hayden Mendoza, YouthForce
- Kate Rhee, Prison Moratorium Project
- Vincent Schiraldi, President, Justice Policy Institute

Session 25 “When Does Harm Reduction Become Treatment?”

If (effective, voluntary) treatment is harm reduction, is all harm reduction “treatment”? Panelists explore the gray area between reducing use-related harms and providing the user with the skills and resources needed to break the cycle of addiction.

- *Chair* Maureen Rule, Clinical Advisor/Team Leader, Harm Reduction Outreach Program, Healthcare for the Homeless
- James Cannon, Moderation Management Network
- Patt Denning, Addiction Treatment Alternatives
- Howard Josepher, Executive Director, Exponents, Inc.
- David Lewis, Director, Center for Alcoholism and Addiction Studies, Brown University

Session 26 “Prison Conditions 101”

Over the past three decades, the drug war has fueled an unprecedented population boom in US prisons and jails. Not only are more people "doing time," the conditions of confinement have in many cases deteriorated dramatically. What is life like behind bars in America? How do overcrowding, longer sentences, and limited oversight affect the men and women inside -- and what can we do about it?

- *Chair* Katharine Huffman, Director, New Mexico Drug Policy Project, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Dorothy M. Gaines

- Jaime Fellner, Associate Counsel, Human Rights Watch
- David Leven, Deputy Director, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation
- Tilda Sosaya, COPA

Session 27 “Environmental Consequences of the Drug War”

The U.S. and other governments increasingly resort to environmentally catastrophic mechanisms to “reduce” drug supply. From spraying coca crops with poisonous herbicides to defoliating forests suspected of concealing the drug trade, it seems that no environmental cost is too high. What are the consequences of this no-holds-barred approach? What do scientists have to say about the drug war's threats to ecosystems around the world?

- *Chair* Tim McGivern, Interhemispheric Resource Center
- Michael Stewartt, Wild Angels
- Sanho Tree, Drug Policy Project, Institute for Policy Studies

Session 28 “Overdose is Preventable! -- Drug User Education and 911 Reform in New Jersey, California, Utah and New Mexico”

In many North American cities, more men die from heroin overdose than from bullets, car crashes or AIDS. Why? How have communities, activists and governments responded? This session, a follow-up to Thursday’s panel (see page ##), presents practical health strategies from drug users’ perspectives, and viable, life-saving policy changes lawmakers can pursue to combat overdose.

- *Moderator* Glenn Backes, Director, Health and Harm Reduction Program, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation. “Overdose Prevention Bill in California”
- Steve Jenison, MD, Director, Bureau of Infectious Diseases, New Mexico Department of Health. “Drug User Education Interventions in New Mexico”
- Michael Landon, New Mexico Department of Health
- Diana McCague, Executive Director, The Chai Project. “Working on the Streets, in Treatment and in Jails in New Brunswick, New Jersey”
- Luciano Colonna, Director, Intermountain Harm Reduction Project. “Building Policy to Deal with Number One Killer in Salt Lake City”

- Heather Edney-Meschery, Executive Director, Santa Cruz/Watsonville Needle Exchange Program. “Youth Education, Action and the Struggle for Reform in Santa Cruz California”

Closing Session

Chair Peter Lewis, Cleveland, Ohio

3:55-4:20 P.M.

Heather Edney-Meschery, Executive Director, Santa Cruz Needle Exchange: “The Reason We’re Here: Where Do Users Fit in to This Movement?”

4:20-5:10 P.M.

“Law Enforcement Speaks Out”

- Joseph McNamara, former Police Chief, San Jose, California
- Nick Bakas, Cabinet Secretary, New Mexico Department of Public Safety
- Patrick Murphy, former Police Commissioner, New York City

5:10-5:40 P.M.

Dan Carol, Founder, Carol-Trevelyan Strategy Group: “Beyond Strange Bedfellows”

Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation:
Closing remarks

6:30-9:30 P.M.

2001 Awards Ceremony (Ticketed)

The awards ceremony will be followed by music and dancing. Dress to impress.

Note: Affiliations are provided for identification purposes only.

Video Screening Room

Program

Thursday , May 31

10:30 –12:00

Snitch

This Frontline program investigates how a fundamental shift in the country's anti-drug laws -- including federal mandatory minimum sentencing and conspiracy provisions -- has bred a culture of "snitching" that is in many cases rewarding the guiltiest and punishing the less guilty.

12:00 – 12:15

War Zone

A documentary featuring a SWAT team in Champaign, Illinois, which regularly busts into homes in the town's black neighborhood, looking for drugs and terrorizing the innocent families of drug suspects. Director: Layla Demay-Law-Gisiko, Cameraman: Ludovic Place, Editor: Edward Goldstein, Copyright: Capa TV (2000).

12:15 – 12:30

Let's Talk

Funded by the Smart Family Foundation, this video features teenagers voicing their opinions on current drug education messages and programs. The teens candidly discuss the "scare tactics" of DARE and "Just Say No" as misleading, conflicting and not credible. Above all, they want drug education to respect them as thinking individuals, who need honest information to make responsible decisions.

12:30 – 1:00

Deming, New Mexico: A Community Unites for Our Children

High numbers of at-risk children and teenagers leave many communities fearful and at a loss for how to help themselves and their youth. An in-depth look at how one community came together to keep their own young people at home and to improve the services and options available to them. Produced by Signature Films, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Director/Writer: Elizabeth Gaylynn Baker, Director of Photography: Grant Taylor. For more information call (505) 989-1193.

1:00 – 2:00

Dope Operas

A component of Santa Cruz County Needle Exchange's overdose prevention and education efforts, *Dope Operas* reenacts overdose stories shared by the program's participants, and offers intervention strategies.

2:00 - 2:50

Shadow Conventions 2000: America's Failed War on Drugs

Highlights of last summer's historic Shadow Conventions, featuring Governor Gary Johnson (R-NM), Congresswoman Maxine Waters (D-CA), Susan Sarandon, Jesse Jackson and thousands of American citizens who gathered during the Democratic and Republican National Conventions in Philadelphia and Los Angeles to call for an end to the war on drugs. Producer: Shayna Samuels, Editor: Meg Hanley. To order your own copy please visit the conference bookstore or www.drugpolicy.org.

3:00 – 4:30

Grass

Using footage from American propaganda movies from the 30's through the 60's, this hilarious film by Ron Mann explores the conflicting ways that marijuana has been viewed by the public and the U.S. government.

4:30 – 5:35

Reefer Madness

Often dismissed as an hysterical reaction to the growing drug menace, *Reefer Madness* was in fact an influential independent film that cunningly profited from America's narcotics paranoia. Made by Director Louis Gasnier and Producer George Hirliman (G&H Productions).

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3:30 - 3:45

Unintended Consequences

An in-depth look into the destructive consequences of New York State's notoriously harsh mandatory minimums, the Rockefeller Drug Laws. This documentary by Nina Rosenblum follows the stories of "Mothers of The New York Disappeared" as they travel to the state capital to demand reform. Daedalus Productions, Inc., 2001. For information please contact: nydisappeared@aol.com.

3:45 - 4:30

15 Years to Life (3:45 – 4:00) & Follow up discussion with Tony Papa (4:00 – 4:30) – This is the story of Anthony Papa, who was convicted of a first-time, non-violent drug possession charge in 1985 under New York's Rockefeller

Drug Laws. Papa received a sentence of 15 years to life. While in prison he earned degrees in behavioral science, theology and paralegal studies, and became an accomplished painter. He was recently given clemency and now is a vocal opponent of the war on drugs. Q & A with Tony Papa will follow. For more information please contact www.prisonzone.com.

4:30 – 5:30

Corrections

This is the story of “justice” for profit, where the war on crime has found new investors. *Corrections* maps the relations of the prison industrial complex, where investors in for-profit, private prisons are only one of the many interests lobbying for tougher laws, more prisons, and a steady stream of non-violent inmates. Directed by Ashley Hunt; Produced by Jonas Hudson & Ashley Hunt; Distributed by Third World Newsreel (www.twn.org); info_corrections@yahoo.com; www.independentfilms.com/corrections.

**5:30 - 6:20
Drugs**

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(see description above)

The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation's Annual Award Ceremony and Dinner

Saturday, June 2, 2001

Hyatt Regency Albuquerque

6:30—7:20 Cocktail Hour (No host bar)

7:20—8:00 Banquet dinner

8:00—9:30 Awards program

9:30--midnight Post ceremony party

Winners of The Lindesmith Center—Drug Policy Foundation Annual Awards

The Richard J. Dennis Drugpeace Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Drug Policy Reform

Gary Johnson

The Norman E. Zinberg Award for Achievement in the Field of Medicine

Thomas Zeltner, Ambros Uchtenhagen, Margret Rihs-Middel, Robert Hämmig, André Seidenberg

The H.B. Spear Award for Achievement in the Field of Control and Enforcement

Patrick Murphy

The Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for Achievement in the Field of Scholarship

David Vlahov

The Justice Gerald Le Dain Award for Achievement in the Field of Law

Lynn Paltrow

The Robert C. Randall Award for Achievement in the Field of Citizen Action

Nora Callahan, Randy Credico, Mikki Norris, Chris Conrad, and Virginia Resner

The Edward M. Brecher Award for Achievement in the Field of Journalism

Dan Forbes, Dan Gardner