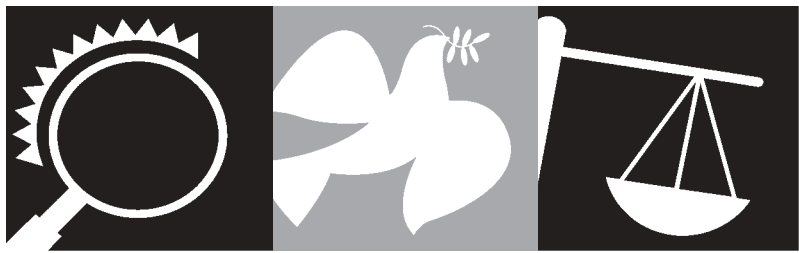


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About the Drug Policy Alliance

Drug Policy Alliance is the leading organization working to broaden the public debate on drug policy and to promote realistic alternatives to the war on drugs based on science, compassion, health and human rights. The Drug Policy Alliance is a non-profit membership organization that relies entirely on private charitable donations from individuals and foundations.

The guiding principle of the Alliance is harm reduction, an alternative approach to drug policy and treatment that focuses on minimizing the adverse effects of both drug use and drug prohibition. The Alliance and its affiliated organizations are deeply involved in educating Americans and others about alternatives to current drug policies on issues ranging from marijuana and adolescent drug use to illicit drug addiction, the spread of infectious diseases, policing drug markets and alternatives to incarceration. Particular attention is paid to analyzing the experiences of foreign countries in reducing drug-related harms.

Our Mission

To advance those policies and attitudes that best reduce the harms of both drug misuse and drug prohibition, and to promote the sovereignty of individuals over their minds and bodies.

Our Goals

We do not believe that there is an ultimate solution to our drug problems, but we do believe that there are steps that can and should be taken soon to reduce the harms associated with both drug use and our failed policies. These include:

- ◆ *Making marijuana legally available for medical purposes;*
- ◆ *Curtailing drug testing not related to detecting impairment;*
- ◆ *Ending asset forfeiture abuses;*
- ◆ *Restoring constitutional protections against unreasonable searches and seizures;*
- ◆ *Redirecting most government drug control resources from criminal justice and interdiction to public health and education;*
- ◆ *Supporting public health measures, notably syringe exchange and other harm reduction programs, to reduce HIV/AIDS, hepatitis and other infectious diseases;*
- ◆ *Supporting effective, science-based drug education and ending support for ineffective programs;*
- ◆ *Making methadone maintenance and other effective drug treatment more accessible and available;*
- ◆ *Removing obstacles to proper use of opioid and other medications for treatment of pain and terminal disease;*
- ◆ *Repealing mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent drug offenses and ending incarceration for simple drug possession;*
- ◆ *Ending criminal penalties for marijuana, except those involving distribution of drugs to children;*
- ◆ *Ending discrimination against people with past drug abuse problems or offenses; and*
- ◆ *Ending racially discriminatory drug policies and enforcement measures.*

This statement of objectives and issues should not be regarded as comprehensive, but rather as suggested components of a drug policy based not upon fear, prejudice and punitive prohibitions but rather science, compassion, health and human rights.



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General Conference Information

Registration/Information

Our registration staff is happy to answer any questions you may have during the conference. Registration desk hours:

Wednesday, November 5, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Thursday, November 6, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Friday, November 7, 8:00 am – 6:00 pm

Saturday, November 8, 8:15 am – 5:30 pm

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Messages

A Message Board can be found in the registration area for you to leave and pick up messages. Official conference announcements will also be posted on this board.

Exhibitors/Bookstore

Please visit our exhibitors and bookstore:

Thursday, November 6, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, November 7, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Saturday, November 8, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

The bookstore will feature titles from many of our speakers as well as a wide variety of topics that may be of interest to conference attendees. The bookstore accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express for your convenience. Book signings will be scheduled throughout the conference; check the message board at registration for times and location.

Continuing Education Units

This program has been approved by the National Board for Certified Counselors and the National Association of Social Workers. Application for accreditation of this program by the New York State Continuing Legal Education Board is currently pending. There is no additional fee to the attendee as the Drug Policy Alliance is covering the costs associated with applying for CEUs. As it is ultimately the responsibility of each licensee to keep abreast of the current rules and regulations of his/her respective licensing board, please contact your state licensing board with any questions regarding licensure renewal, continuing education requirements and requirements for acceptable continuing education courses, programs and sponsors.

If you are planning to take advantage of the CEUs offered, please stop by the registration desk and pick up an information sheet on the procedure and requirements for your field.

Follow these tips to ensure a safe stay:

- ◆ Don't announce to the world you're from out of town – remember to take your name badge off once you leave the hotel.
- ◆ In case of fire, note the location of your room in relation to stairways. Don't use the elevator.
- ◆ Keep valuables in the hotel safe.
- ◆ Whenever you enter your hotel room, secure the deadbolt and chain locks. Use the peephole to verify the identity of whoever is knocking at your door.

Conference Protocol

Tips for a Positive Conference Experience

- ◆ *Read the program book in its entirety. There is a great deal of helpful information to make sure you have the best conference experience possible.*
- ◆ *Select two or three choices for the breakout sessions. This will help you quickly proceed to your next choice in case a session is full.*
- ◆ *Wear your nametag at all times. This is proof that you have paid registration and are eligible to attend the session.*
- ◆ *Note that all meeting facilities, including the restrooms, are smoke free.*
- ◆ *Arrive on time - sessions will begin promptly.*
- ◆ *Respect room host's requests. Once sessions are full doors will be closed. We must comply with room capacities by order of the Fire Marshall.*
- ◆ *Turn off cell phones and pagers, or put them on the "vibrate" mode before entering sessions.*
- ◆ *Be respectful of other participants. Take side conversations outside.*

Conference Agenda



Wednesday, November 5, 2003

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Registration**, Second Level, Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. **Opening Reception**, Derby Ballroom, Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel



Thursday, November 6, 2003

8:00 a.m. **Registration, Second Level, Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel**
Continental Breakfast, Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel

9:00 – 10:15 a.m. **Opening Session**

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 – 11:45 a.m. **Plenary Session**

The War on Drugs is a War on So Much More

Speakers: *Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program, Open Society Institute; Anthony D. Romero, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union; Deborah Peterson Small, Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance*

11:45 – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch (ON YOUR OWN)**

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **Roundtable on Regional Reform**

Reform begins first at the local level. Are you interested in starting a drug policy reform effort or organization in your area? Or maybe you've begun one and could use some suggestions on how to expand, raise funds, establish a speaker's bureau or increase your influence in your state or community. Let's not re-invent the wheel! Come to this informal roundtable discussion to share ideas, learn from each other's efforts and find out what resources are available to help you get started. Bring a brown bag lunch and join the conversation.

Speakers: *Pam Lichty, Co-Founder and President, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii; Kevin B. Zeese, President, Common Sense for Drug Policy*

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

A Lifetime of Punishment: The Consequences of a Felony Drug Conviction

Participants discuss the highly punitive and sometimes life-long consequences of drug-related criminal convictions, the impact of these unjust policies on formerly incarcerated individuals and their families and the actions being taken to reform and repeal these policies. Discussion will focus on bars to participation in civic life, including loss of access to housing, employment and government benefits, and deportation.

Moderator: *Nancy Fishman, Senior Law and Policy Analyst, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice;*

Speakers: *Corrine A. Carey, JD, Researcher, Human Rights Watch; Debbie Mukamal, Staff Attorney, Legal Action Center; Manny Vargas, Director, Immigration Defense Project, New York State Defenders Association; Imani Walker, Sacred Authority Director, The Rebecca Project*

Got Teenagers? How to Talk with Teens About Drugs

A panel of parents discuss their approaches to teen drug use, including how they deal with their own teens and effective strategies for keeping channels of communication open.

Moderator: *Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD, Director, Safety First Program and the Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco Office*

Speakers: *Chuck and Lige Blitz; Suzanne Brown, Founder and President, Angelica Foundation; Reverend Edwin C. Sanders, II, Member, Drug Policy Alliance Board of Directors*

Pain, Opiates and Opiophobia

The most severe "drug abuse" problem in the country may well involve the failure to manage and treat pain adequately with available legal medications. Physicians and patient advocates discuss the political, legal and cultural obstacles, as well as efforts to promote proper pain management.

Speakers: **Russell K. Portenoy, MD**, Chair, Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care, Beth Israel Medical Center; **Siobahn Reynolds**, Founding Executive Director, Pain Relief Network; **Will Rowe**, Executive Director, American Pain Foundation; **Sidney H. Schnoll, MD, PhD**, Executive Medical Director, Health Policy, Purdue Pharma, L.P. and Chair, Division of Addiction Medicine, Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University

New York City: Harm Reduction Advances

Harm reduction has made surprising progress in New York City during the past two years.

Moderator: **Allan Clear**, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition

Speakers: **Richard Curtis, PhD**, Chair, Department of Anthropology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; **Daliah Heller**, Executive Director, Citiwide Harm Reduction; **Divine Pryor, PhD**, Executive Director, Association for Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Inc. (ADAPT); **Lloyd Sederer, MD**, Executive Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Working for Reform WITHIN the Criminal Justice System

A legislator and criminal justice experts debate the extent to which administrative and legislative reforms can succeed in producing systemic changes in the composition of state prison populations.

Speakers: **James Austin, PhD**, Research Professor and Director, *The Institute on Crime, Justice and Corrections*, Department of Sociology, The George Washington University; **Todd R. Clear, PhD**, Professor, Department of Law and Police Science, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; **Assemblyman William R. Dyson**, Connecticut

Training: Legal Issues for Advocacy Groups

Eliot Green, lawyer for the Drug Policy Alliance, outlines the legal issues involved in the work done by nonprofit advocacy workgroups, and the measures that must be taken to ensure each organization meets necessary legal guidelines. Special attention will be paid to the legal implications of raising and spending money for Section 501(c) 4 organizations.

Speaker: **Eliot P. Green, Esq.**, Attorney at Law and Partner, Loeb & Loeb LLP

Training: Lobbying 101

This workshop will enhance the skills of activists lobbying and advocating for change at local, state and national levels. The session also concentrates on training participants to design and manage effective advocacy campaigns aimed at changing attitudes about drug policies within their own communities.

Speakers: **Katharine Huffman, JD**, Director of State-Based Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance; **Alberto Mendoza**, Associate Director of Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance

2:30 – 2:45 p.m. Break

2:45 – 4:00 p.m. Major Session

The State of the State of New Jersey

Panelists review recent developments in drug policy, criminal justice and harm reduction in the state of New Jersey from legal, social and legislative standpoints, and discuss what the future holds for drug policy reform in the state.

Moderator: **Roseanne Scotti**, Director, New Jersey Drug Policy Project of the Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: **William H. Buckman**, Attorney, William H. Buckman Law Firm and Vice President, ACLU of New Jersey; **Deborah Jacobs**, Executive Director, ACLU of New Jersey; **May Va Lor**, New Jersey Project Director, Families Against Mandatory Minimums; **Vincent Schiraldi, MSW**, Founder and President, Justice Policy Institute

Major Session

Congress, Club Drugs and the Business of Dancing

Over the last few years, the government has taken broad measures to crack down on “club” drug use in the dance community, particularly the use of ecstasy. The Reducing Americans Vulnerability to Ecstasy (RAVE) Act and other punitive local restrictions on clubs and raves undermine civil liberties, property rights and public health. Panelists critique current government policy and debate strategies for more appropriately dealing with use and abuse of club drugs.

Moderator: **Davey D**, Hip Hop Historian, Journalist, DJ and Community Activist

Speakers: **D:FUSE**, Artist and DJ; **Julie Holland, MD**, Attending Psychiatrist, Bellevue Psychiatric Emergency Room and editor of *Ecstasy: The Complete Guide*; **Chris Mann, DO**, Founder and Medical Director, MedEvent; **Bill Piper**, Associate Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance; **John Wood**, Political Director, San Francisco Late Night Coalition

4:00 – 4:15 p.m. Break

4:15 – 5:45 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Community Treatment vs. Incarceration

Panelists discuss the growing range of alternatives to incarceration for people arrested for drug offenses.

Moderator: *Luciano Colonna*, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Project

Speakers: *Nancy Fishman*, Senior Law and Policy Analyst, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice; **Honorable John C. Rowley**, Tompkins County Judge, State of New York; **Carol Shapiro**, Founder and Executive Director, La Bodega de la Familia; **Elizabeth Simpson**, Executive Director, The Crossroads

Resistance Rooted in Faith: Religion, Justice and the Drug War

Where does drug policy intersect with religious communities? Panelists address how the war on drugs has impacted their congregations and communities.

Moderator: *Reverend Edwin C. Sanders II*, Coordinator, Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy

Speakers: **Brett L. Mers**, Captain, United States Air Force; **Jacob Sullum**, Senior Editor, Reason; **Charles Thomas**, President and Executive Director, Unitarian Universalists for Drug Policy Reform; **Reverend Janet Wolf**, Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach, Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy

Drug Wars in the Americas: Views from the South

What does the drug war look like in Latin America? What are its consequences? What are the alternatives?

Moderator: *Matthew Briggs*, Research and Publications Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: **Jeremy Bigwood**, Independent Investigator, Journalist and Photographer; **Maria Mercedes Moreno**, Coordinator, Mama Coca; **Fabio Mesquita, MD, PhD**, STD/AIDS Program, Ministry of Health of the City of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Law Enforcement Against the Drug War

State and federal judges join local, state and federal police and representatives from three countries to explain their objections to the war on drugs.

Moderator: *Jack A. Cole*, former Lieutenant, New Jersey State Police

Speakers: **Peter Christ**, former Captain, Town of Tonowanda Police Department; **Edward Ellison**, former Operational Head, Drug Task Force, Scotland Yard; **Walter McKay**, retired Constable, Vancouver Police Department, British Columbia; **Commander Brian Paddick**, London, England; **Honorable Eleanor Schockett**, retired Judge, 11th Circuit Court, Miami; **Honorable Robert W. Sweet**, United States District Court, Southern District of New York

“Prevention” Education: New Directions

Current federally approved drug prevention programs attempt to indoctrinate rather than educate, and fail to address the needs of a large population of young people who are already using alcohol and other drugs. The panel will discuss necessary reforms in prevention education and outline effective strategies for promoting radical change.

Moderator: *Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD*, Director, Safety First Program and Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco Office

Speakers: **Rosie McMahan**, Co-Director, CASPAR, Inc.; **Chuck Ries**, Founder, UpFront and Director, Student Assistance Program, Oakland High School; **Michael Roona**, Executive Director, Social Capital Development Corporation; **Rodney Skager, PhD**, Professor Emeritus, Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, University of California Los Angeles

Organizing Against the RAVE Act

This activist-oriented workshop will teach opponents of the Reducing Americans Vulnerability to Ecstasy (RAVE) Act about what the RAVE Act can do to club owners, promoters and club goers, and how to organize against it. Session leaders also review pending legislation related to the RAVE Act.

Moderator: *Bill Piper*, Associate Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: **D:FUSE**, Artist and DJ; **Legba Carrefour**, Co-Director, ROAR!: The National Dance and Music Rights Alliance; **DJ Jeannie Hopper**, Founder and Groove Ambassador, Liquid Sound Lounge; **John Wood**, Political Director, San Francisco Late Night Coalition

Training: Financial Management for Emerging Nonprofit Organizations

This session will review basic accounting and tax issues facing nonprofit organizations and outline some money-saving tactics available to nonprofits. In addition, representatives from nonprofit organizations can bring in their latest 990 tax return for a one-on-one “check-up” with a CPA.

Speaker: *Thomas F. Blaney, CPA, CFE*, Partner, Conroy, Smith & Co.



**8:45 – 10:00 a.m. Major Session
Marijuana**

Leading experts discuss the scientific literature, medical experience and other sources of insight into marijuana.

Moderator: Keith Stroup, Founder and Executive Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)

Speakers: Valerie Corral, Founder and Director, Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana (WAMM); **Mitch Earleywine, PhD**, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, University of Southern California; **John Morgan, MD**, Professor of Pharmacology, Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

A Lifetime of Punishment: Felony Disenfranchisement

The impact of felony disenfranchisement laws in the United States is staggering: an estimated 3.9 million U.S. citizens have lost their voting rights, including over 1.4 million people who have already completed their sentences—but reform efforts are building rapidly.

Moderator: Robin Templeton, Director, National Campaign to Restore Voting Rights

Speakers: Ethea Farahkhan, NAACP of Houston; **Reverend Edward A. Hailes, Jr.**, Senior Attorney, Advancement Project; **Joseph "Jazz" Hayden**, Project Director, NYC Campaign for the Restoration of the Vote; **Marc Mauer, MSW**, Assistant Director, The Sentencing Project

Drug Testing in the Schools

School drug testing is expanding, in part due to aggressive promotion by the federal government. What is the evidence? What are the consequences? What are the alternatives?

Moderator: Fatema Gunja, Executive Director, Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts

Speakers: Judy Appel, JD, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance; **Edward Barocas, JD**, Legal Director, ACLU of New Jersey; **Barbara Frankowski, MD, MPH**, Chair of American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on School Health

Global Drug Prohibition: Evolution and Dissolution

Panelists explain the evolution of global drug prohibition, its institutionalization in national law and international drug control treaties, as well as current efforts to challenge and reform the regime.

Moderator: Arnold Trebach, President, International Antiprohibitionist League

Speakers: Paul Gootenberg, Director, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook; **Harry G. Levine**, Professor, Department of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York; **Ethan Nadelmann**, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance; **Marco Perduca**, President, General Council, Transnational Radical Party (TRP)

Medical Marijuana Activism

Medical marijuana activism is multi-dimensional: grassroots and grass-tops organizing, ballot initiatives, state legislation, public relations and more.

Moderator: Kevin Zeese, President, Common Sense for Drug Policy

Speakers: Dale Gieringer, State Coordinator, California NORML; **Rob Kampia**, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project; **Philippe Lucas**, Director, Vancouver Island Compassion Society/Canadians for Safe Access; **Steph Sherer**, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access; **Bill Zimmerman**, Executive Director, Campaign for New Drug Policies

Meth/Amphetamine

Who is using? How and why? What is the government doing? What can be done?

Moderator: Pam Lichty, Co-Founder and President, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii

Speakers: Peter D.A. Cohen, PhD, Director, Centre for Drug Research (CEDRO), Universiteit van Amsterdam; **Chris Mann, DO**, Founder and Medical Director, MedEvent; **John Morgan, MD**, Professor of Pharmacology, Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education

Methadone and Buprenorphine: Maintaining Options

This roundtable analyzes and debates the political, cultural, legal and medical issues involved in treating addiction to illicit heroin and other opiates with these two medications.

Moderator: Ernest Drucker, PhD, Director of the Division of Public Health and Policy Research and Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Social Medicine and Professor of Psychiatry, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine

Speakers: **Holly Catania, JD**, Project Director, International Center for Advancement of Addiction Treatment; **Alice Diorio**, President, Vermont Harm Reduction Coalition; **Mark W. Parrino, MPA**, President, American Association of the Treatment of Opioid Dependence; **Robert P. Schwartz, MD**, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, the Medical Director of Friends Research Institute and the Drug Addiction Treatment Program Officer at the Open Society Institute Baltimore

Drugs and Reproductive Freedom

Pregnant and breastfeeding women suspected of using certain drugs are increasingly subject to involuntary drug testing, loss of social services and even prosecution and imprisonment for “fetal abuse” or murder. Women of color are particularly targeted by these policies. Drug treatment slots for pregnant women and parenting women are chronically under-available. Panelists critique current policies and discuss efforts for reform.

Moderator: **Osagie K. Obasogie, JD**, Legal Consultant, Office of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: **Susan Boyd**, Faculty of Human and Social Development, University of Victoria; **Steven B. Karch, MD**, Assistant Medical Examiner, City and County of San Francisco; **Sheigla Murphy, PhD**, Director of Center for Substance Abuse Studies, Institute for Scientific Analysis; **Lynn M. Paltrow, JD**, Founder and Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW); **Assata Zerai, PhD**, Associate Professor of Sociology and Afro-American Studies, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Training: Making the Case for Legalization

The executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) and the director of ReconsiDer’s speakers bureau explain how best to make the case for legalization.

Speakers: **Jack A. Cole**, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP); **Mike Smithson**, Director, Speakers Bureau, ReconsiDer: Forum on Drug Policy

11:45 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch (PROVIDED)

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Drugs, Prohibition and Violence

Panelists discuss the criminogenic dimensions of drugs and prohibition with a particular focus on the causes and functions of violence.

Speakers: **Luis Barrios**, Department of Puerto Rican Studies, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; **Richard Curtis, PhD**, Chair, Department of Anthropology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; **Edward M. Shepard**, Chair, Economics Department, La Moyné College

Immigrants and the Drug War

Documented and undocumented immigrants residing in the United States suffer some of the worst consequences of the drug war, including racial profiling, detention and deportation. Learn about efforts to reform these policies.

Moderators: **Michele Garcia**, News Reporter; **Alberto Mendoza**, Associate Director for Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: **Dennis de Leon**, Executive Director, Latino Commission on AIDS; **Evelyn Kim**, Development Director, Asian American Drug Abuse Program; **Aarti Shahani**, Organizer, Families for Freedom

Prescribing Heroin

Heroin assisted treatment is currently available in Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Germany and Spain, and soon to start in Canada. The evidence for effectiveness is extremely promising.

Moderator: **David Vlahov, PhD**, Director, Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, New York Academy of Medicine

Speakers: **Peter Blanken**, Central Committee on the Treatment of Heroin Addicts (CCBH), University Medical Centre Utrecht, The Netherlands; **Gerry Stimson**, Director, Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behavior, Imperial College School of Medicine; **Nicole Stutzmann**, Coordinator, Heroin Assisted Treatment Program, Berne, Switzerland;

State-Based Lobbying Roundtable

The Drug Policy Alliance recently released a report detailing the more than 150 drug policy reforms in the United States since 1996. Meet the activists involved in these efforts and learn about the tactics that have proven more or less successful.

Moderator: **Ethan Nadelmann**, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: **Glenn Backes**, Director of Health Policy, Drug Policy Alliance; **Michael Blain**, Soros Justice Fellow, Prisoner’s Justice Network, Justice Policy Institute; **Christie Donner**, Coordinator, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition; **William Clark Harrell, JD**, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas; **Neal Levine**, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project; **Vincent N. Marrone**, Principal, Public Strategies, LLC; **Robert Rooks**, Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation; **Laura Sager**, Executive Director, Families Against Mandatory Minimums; **Antionette Tellez-Humble**, Director, New Mexico Drug Policy Project of the Drug Policy Alliance

Syringe Access: Pharmacies, Doctors, Exchanges and the Law

Panelists examine current legal and political issues involving access to sterile syringes through needle exchange programs, pharmacies and other outlets, with an emphasis on current efforts to increase access.

Moderator: Roseanne Scotti, Director, New Jersey Drug Policy Project of the Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: Scott Burris, JD, LLD, Professor, Beasley School of Law at Temple University and Associate Director, Center for Law and the Public's Health at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health; **Jonathan Cohen**, Researcher, HIV/AIDS and Human Rights Program, Human Rights Watch; **Reed Gusciora, JD**, Assemblyman (D), New Jersey State Legislature; **Fred Johnson**, Executive Director, Atlanta Harm Reduction Center; **Karen Reitan**, State Affairs Director, AIDS Foundation of Chicago; **Paula Santiago**, National Community Organizer, Harm Reduction Coalition

Training: Fundraising

This practical how-to workshop will teach grassroots organizers effective and innovative money-raising strategies.

Speakers: Denise Clegg, Director of Development, Drug Policy Alliance; **Michelle Coffey**, Senior Program Officer, The Fund for Drug Policy Reform, Tides Foundation; **Chad Thevanot**, Grants Manager, Marijuana Policy Project

Training: This is Your Campaign on Drugs . . . Any Questions?

Richard Earle, author of *The Art of Cause Marketing*, will present a critical review of anti-drug advertising over the years, emphasizing how to avoid mistakes and how to do it right.

Speaker: Richard Earle, Author, *The Art of Cause Marketing*

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Major Session

Those Wild and Crazy Canadians

Drug policies in Canada increasingly resemble those in Western Europe, not the United States. Learn more about what's happening north of the border regarding medical marijuana, marijuana decriminalization, safer injection sites and heroin-assisted treatment.

Moderator: Bob Penner, President and CEO, Strategic Communications, Inc.

Speakers: Larry Campbell, Mayor, Vancouver, British Columbia; **Pierre Claude Nolin**, Senate of Canada, Montreal, Quebec; **Philip Owen**, former Mayor, Vancouver, British Columbia

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Racial Profiling

Lawyers, police officers and victims of racial profiling identify the main reasons that racial and ethnic minorities are stopped, searched, arrested, prosecuted and incarcerated at far greater rates than Caucasians, discuss how racial profiling has impacted communities in various states and outline innovative litigation and legislation responses.

Moderator: Eric Sterling, President, Criminal Justice Policy Foundation

Speakers: Katherine Beckett, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Law, Societies and Justice Program, University of Washington; **William H. Buckman**, Attorney, William H. Buckman Law Firm and Vice President, ACLU of New Jersey; **Lisa Daugaard**, Attorney at Law, The Defender Association; **Ronald Hampton**, Executive Director, National Black Police Association, Inc.; **Curtis Rodriguez, JD**, Attorney at Law; **Reginald T. Shuford**, Staff Attorney, National Legal Department, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)

Empty Pockets with Silver Linings? State Budget Crises and Policy Reform

Panelists analyze the contribution of the drug war to current state budget crises and the ways in which those crises are now becoming a stimulus for sentencing and other drug policy reform.

Moderator: Katharine Huffman, JD, Director of State Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: Vincent Schiraldi, MSW, Founder and President, Justice Policy Institute; **Don Stemen**, Senior Program Analyst, State Sentencing and Corrections Program, Vera Institute of Justice; **Kevin B. Zeese**, President, Common Sense for Drug Policy

Psychedelics

Panelists explore the various uses of hallucinogens (including LSD, psilocybin, ayahuasca and peyote), current medical and psychological research and the actual harms and benefits of these drugs.

Moderator: Jodie Evans, Founder and President, Gateways & Passages and Founder, CODEPINK: Women for Peace

Speakers: Richard E. Doblin, Founder and President, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Inc. (MAPS); **Alex Grey**, Artist; **John Horgan**, Author, *Rational Mysticism: Dispatches from the Border Between Science and Spirituality*; **Daniel Pinchbeck**, Reporter and Author, *Breaking Open the Head*

Preventing Overdose: Scope, Science, Practice and Policy

How and why do people overdose? What can be done to reduce overdoses and overdose fatalities? What are we learning about the use and regulation of naloxone?

Moderator: Glenn Backes, Director of Health Policy, Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: Brian Edlin, MD, Cornell University; **Phillip Fiuty**, Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, New Mexico Department of Health; **Steve Jenison, MD**, Physician-Administrator, Infectious Disease Bureau, New Mexico Department of Health; **Mark Kinzly**, Research Associate, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, Yale University School of Medicine

Sentencing Reform: Where We Stand

Mandatory minimum drug sentencing laws have tied judges' hands, empowered prosecutors, and resulted in gross injustices in the U.S. criminal justice system. Panelists discuss their efforts to reform these laws, including both recent successes and disappointments as well as plans for the coming year.

Moderator: Roger Goodman, Executive Director, Voluntary Committee of Lawyers, King County Bar Association

Speakers: Angelyn Frazer, State Organizing Director, Families Against Mandatory Minimums; **Judith Greene**, Criminal Justice Policy Analyst, Justice Policy Institute; **William Clark Harrell, JD**, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas; **Marc Mauer, MSW**, Assistant Director, The Sentencing Project

The DARE Generation Speaks Out

The DARE Generation grew up in the '80s and '90s, during the height of the War on Drugs. Drug war advocates justified Draconian drug policies as a means of "protecting our children." Now the youth of that generation are grown; they are leading organizations and filling the ranks of dedicated activists working to ending the War on Drugs. This panel will introduce you to members of this responsible and dedicated generation who have made it their mission to bring about more sensible drug policies.

Moderator: Shawn Heller, Drug Policy Sage and Former National Director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)

Speakers: Marc Brandl, Executive Director, DanceSafe; **Fatema Gunja**, Executive Director, Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts; **Kris Krane**, Associate Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML); **Darrell Rogers**, National Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. LGBT and Friends Cocktail Party

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Dinner and Ceremony: Awards for Achievement in Drug Policy Reform. Tickets: \$55



Saturday, November 8, 2003

9:00 – 10:15 am Plenary Session

Building a Movement in Communities of Color: Developments, Challenges and Opportunities

Activists, organizers and community leaders discuss their efforts to mobilize communities of color around drug policy reform. Historically these communities have felt the disparate impacts of the war on drugs, including exclusion from educational opportunities, loss of voting rights and high rates of disease and death. Panelists discuss recent successes and challenges.

Moderator: Antionette Tellez-Humble, Director, New Mexico Drug Policy Project of the Drug Policy Alliance

Speakers: Eddie Ellis, President, Community Justice Center and Co-Founder, NuLeadership Policy Group; **Ruth Wilson Gilmore, PhD**, Professor, Geography and African American Studies, University of California at Berkeley; **Antonio Gonzalez**, President, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) and William C. Velasquez Institute (WCVI); **Chino Hardin**, Lead Youth Organizer, Prison Moratorium Project and Justice 4 Youth Coalition; **Nkechi Taifa, Esq.**, Senior Policy Analyst for Criminal and Civil Justice Reform, Open Society Institute

10:15 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 12:00 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Anti-Drug Task Forces: Focus on Texas

Federal and state collaborations in anti-drug task forces have resulted in the most egregious incidents of arrest and incarceration of African Americans in Texas. Panelists discuss how a combination of local organizing, media strategy, state legislative work, litigation and federal policy reform led to the redress of some of these injustices.

Moderator: Nkechi Taifa, Esq., Senior Policy Analyst for Criminal and Civil Justice Reform, Open Society Institute

Speakers: Graham Boyd, JD, Founder and Director, ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project; **Vanita Gupta**, Assistant Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense Fund; **William Clark Harrell, JD**, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas; **Barbara Markham**, Narcotics Officer, Oak Point, Texas

Asset Forfeiture

The seizure of private property by police and prosecutors, often without due process, is the one aspect of the drug war that most engages political conservatives. These abuses are increasingly being curtailed through litigation, ballot initiatives, legislation and other measures.

Speakers: **Scott Bullock**, Staff Attorney, Institute of Justice; **Christie Donner**, Coordinator, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition; **Scott Ehlers**, Research Analyst, Police Assessment Resource Center, Vera Institute of Justice

A Lifetime of Punishment: The Higher Education Act (HEA)

In 1998 the Higher Education Act (HEA) was amended to include a new provision that denies or delays access to federal student loans to anyone convicted of a drug-related offense. Learn about the growing momentum to reform the HEA and restore access to federal loans.

Moderator: **Darrell Rogers**, National Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP)

Speakers: **Jenny Collier**, Legislative Counsel, Legal Action Center; **Marisa Garcia**, Cal State University Fullerton; **Jon Rosen**, DRCNet; **Kemba Smith**, Kemba Smith Foundation

Communitas: Ritual, Drugs and Social Change

Communal counter-culture movements based on music, dancing, art, psychoactive substances and a strong sense of community have existed throughout history. Panelists analyze the ways in which modern movements resemble historical ones, the role drugs play, the importance of community and the political targeting of counter-culture movements.

Moderator: **Richard E. Doblin**, Founder and President, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Inc. (MAPS)

Speakers: **Sandra Karpetas**, Project Coordinator, Iboga Therapy House; **Melissa Martin**, National Coordinator, DanceSafe; **Mickey Weems**, Researcher, Ohio State University

Harm Reduction Psychotherapy

Psychotherapists and other experts discuss the role of harm reduction in helping clients reduce the negative consequences of drug use in their lives.

Moderator: **Alan Marlatt, PhD**, Professor, Department of Psychology and Director, Addictive Behaviors Research Center, University of Washington

Speakers: **Stanton Peele, PhD, JD**, Fellow, Drug Policy Alliance and Addiction Consultant; **Andrew Tatarsky, PhD**, Clinical Psychologist and Co-Director, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates; **Debra Rothschild, PhD**, Clinical Psychologist

Latinos and the War on Drugs

Public opinion in many Latino communities is increasingly critical of the war on drugs. Latino politicians have begun to play important roles in drug policy reform.

Moderator: **Antonio Gonzalez**, President, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP) and William C. Velasquez Institute (WCVI)

Speakers: **Luis Barrios**, Assistant Professor, Department of Puerto Rican Studies, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; **Dennis de Leon**, Executive Director, Latino Commission on AIDS; **Jim Gonzalez**, Legislative Advocate and Managing Partner, Jim Gonzalez & Associates, LLC; **Alberto Mendoza**, Associate Director of Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance; **Paula Santiago**, National Community Organizer, Harm Reduction Coalition; **Antionette Tellez-Humble**, Director, New Mexico Drug Policy Project of the Drug Policy Alliance

Training: The Activist's Toolbox for Developing and Implementing Political Strategy

When do you organize a rally instead of a press conference? When do you go to the press? When do you give up on lobbying a representative and sit down in her office? This is an interactive workshop that walks activists through a structured discussion about developing political strategy, including mapping the current political climate, setting clear goals and picking appropriate activist tools. The workshop also outlines the different tools available to activists.

Speaker: **Steph Sherer**, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access

12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch (PROVIDED)

1:15 – 2:45 p.m. Concurrent Breakout Sessions

A Lifetime of Punishment: Families Torn Apart by the Drug War

Federal and state governments have erected numerous barriers for families struggling to stay together in the wake of a drug conviction. Recent get-tough policies accelerate the termination of parental rights for men and women in prison or convicted of a drug offense. A child can be ripped out of his or her home if a parent has a single positive drug test, with no consideration given to the ability of that parent to care for the child. Parents, lawyers and activists discuss challenges facing families and organizing efforts to keep families together.

Moderator: **Patricia E. Allard**, Associate Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice, New York University School of Law

Speakers: *Mary Barr*, Executive Director, Conexions, Inc.; **Dorsey Nunn**, Program Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children; **Lynn M. Paltrow, JD**, Founder and Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW); **Harold & Diane Patterson**, New Jersey; **William “Gus” Smith**, father of Kembra Smith

Ibogaine Roundtable

Ibogaine is a substance derived from the root bark of the West African plant *Tabernanthe iboga*. A growing number of people have found it remarkably helpful in freeing themselves from drug addiction. Panelists discuss their personal experience, the scientific evidence and the political challenges.

Moderator: **Howard Lotsof**, President and Director, Dora Weiner Foundation

Speakers: **Kenneth Alper, MD**, Assistant Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Neurology, New York University School of Medicine; **Dana Beal**, Co-Founder, Cures Not Wars and Co-Sponsor, First International Ibogaine Conference at New York University; **Sandra Karpetas**, Project Coordinator, Iboga Therapy House; **Patrick Kroupa**, Healing Visions, Ltd.; **Daniel Pinchbeck**, Reporter and Author, *Breaking Open the Head*

International Developments

This roundtable examines drug policy developments around the world, with a particular focus on the region extending from central Europe to central Asia.

Moderators: **Pat O’Hare**, Executive Director, International Harm Reduction Association; **Gerry Stimson**, Director, Centre for Research on Drugs and Health Behavior, Imperial College School of Medicine

Speakers: **David Ananiashvili**, Member, European AIDS Treatment Group (EATG) and Head, Georgian Plus Group, the first self-help group in Caucasus, Georgia; **Anastasia Kamlyk**, Project Manager, Positive Movement (NGO) and Project Manager, UNDP project BYE, the Republic of Belarus; **Axel Klein**, Head of International Unit, DrugScope and Fellow, St. Anthony’s College, Oxford; **Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch**, Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program; **Boaz Wachtel**, Social and Medical Activist, Founder and Chairman, the Green Leaf Party, Israel

Medical Marijuana: Law and Regulation

Panelists discuss major medical marijuana litigation, including *Conant v. McCaffrey* and *U.S. v. Oakland Cannabis Buyer’s Club*, as well as current developments in state and local regulation of medical marijuana.

Moderator: **Steph Sherer**, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access

Speakers: **Judy Appel**, Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance; **Graham Boyd, JD**, Founder and Director, ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project; **Joseph Elford**, Attorney at Law; **Alan Young**, Professor of Law, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University

The Politics of Knowledge Construction

Government agencies and funding institutions shaped by powerful political forces often exercise a distorting and destructive influence on scientific and other critical research agendas.

Moderator: **Peter D.A. Cohen, PhD**, Director, Centre for Drug Research, Universiteit van Amsterdam

Speakers: **Caroline Jean Acker, PhD**, Associate Professor, Department of History, Carnegie Mellon University; **Richard E. Doblin**, Founder and President, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Inc. (MAPS); **G. Alan Marlatt, PhD**, Professor, Department of Psychology and Director, Addictive Behaviors Research Center, University of Washington; **Craig Reinerman, PhD**, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz

Rumblings of Reform in the United States Congress

It’s often said that Washington is the last place that drug policy reform will happen. This may be true, but this past year has been more promising than anyone had expected.

Speakers: **Bill Piper**, Associate Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance; **Steve Fox**, Director of Government Relations, Marijuana Policy Project

Youth Activism

Panelists discuss the impact of the drug war on youth, the significance of youth-led activism and what can be done to encourage and empower young people in drug policy reform.

Moderator: **Adrienne Brown**, Program Manager, Harm Reduction Training Institute, Harm Reduction Coalition

Speakers: **Dan Goldman**, Board Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy; **Chino Hardin**, Youth Organizer, Prison Moratorium Project; **Melissa Martin**, National Coordinator, DanceSafe; **Arun Prabhakaran**, Co-Chair, Politics of Recovery Committee and Assistant Education Director, Kensington Welfare Rights Union; **Kembra Smith**, Kembra Smith Foundation

Training: Media

Panelists demonstrate how to use the media as a public education tool, make a story “newsworthy,” pitch stories to reporters, write a press release and more.

Speakers: **Tony Newman**, Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance; **Shayna Samuels**, Deputy Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance; **Daniel Wolfe**, Community Scholar, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Break

3:00 – 4:15 p.m. Plenary Session
Moving On: Next Steps in Drug Policy Reform

4:15 – 4:30 p.m. Break

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Closing Session

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2003 Drug Policy Alliance Speaker Bios

Caroline Jean Acker, PhD – Associate Professor of History, Carnegie Mellon University and co-founder of Prevention Point Pittsburgh, a needle exchange program in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. She is the author of *Creating the American Junkie: Addiction Research in the Classic Era of Narcotic Control* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002).

Patricia Allard – Associate Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice. Allard helps drive the Center’s work on community-oriented defense and census prisoner count reform. She joined the Brennan Center after serving as senior policy analyst at the Sentencing Project in Washington, D.C, where she worked on issues including the lifetime welfare ban for those with drug felonies, felon disenfranchisement and the plight of women of color and low-income women in the system. Allard is the author of “Life Sentences: Denying Welfare Benefits to Women Convicted of Drug Offenses” (The Sentencing Project).

Kenneth Alper, MD – Assistant Professor, Departments of Psychiatry and Neurology, New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Alper’s interest in ibogaine has developed from contact with patients before and after their treatment to the clinical experience of witnessing ibogaine treatment firsthand. These activities have enabled access to the informal ibogaine treatment scenes of the US and Europe, and extensive networking with the existing academic community involved in ibogaine research. Dr. Alper is currently submitting a protocol of ibogaine for heroin detoxification in cooperation with the NYU Institutional Review Board, the US FDA and European regulatory agencies.

Judith K. Appel – Deputy Director of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance. Appel is amicus counsel in several cases regarding the prosecution of pregnant women who use drugs, the denial of public benefits due to a drug conviction and surrounding issues of drug testing. She is a frequent speaker and author on issues relating to access to drug treatment and public benefits, marijuana-

na policy and the societal impact of the war on drugs. Prior to joining the Alliance, Appel worked at the law firm of Chapman, Popik, and White, at Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, and at the Coalition on Homelessness, San Francisco. Appel also spent four years conducting research in Central America and sits on the boards of several organizations.

James Austin, PhD – Research Professor and Director, Institute for Crime, Justice and Corrections, Department of Sociology, The George Washington University. Prior to his current position, Austin was Executive Vice President for the National Council on Crime and Delinquency in San Francisco and Washington, D.C. Austin is also currently a monitor for the Georgia Juvenile Justice Corrections System, and a director for both the National Technical Assistance Program for External and Internal Prison Classification Systems. He has been director and evaluator for myriad correctional programs, and an expert witness.

Glenn Backes – Director of Health Policy, Drug Policy Alliance and Director, California Capital Office. Backes has worked in HIV prevention since 1987, and is considered a leading specialist on disease control among injection drug users. Backes supervises Drug Policy Alliance initiatives to address the health risks related to drug use and drug prohibition. Current priorities include the prevention of fatal drug overdose, the prevention of HIV related to syringe sharing and advocacy for drug treatment on demand.

Edward Barocas, JD – Legal Director, ACLU of New Jersey. Prior to working for the ACLU-NJ, Barocas served as Special Counsel for the Special Hearings Unit of the Office of Public Defender in Newark and was Assistant Deputy Public Advocate for the Division of Mental Health Advocacy in Wall, NJ. There he advocated for the rights of the mentally ill on individual and hospital-wide bases. He negotiated reform of adolescent behavioral programs and proposed policy for community placements.

Mary Barr – Executive Director, Conexions, Inc. Barr’s insights on substance abuse and related health and justice system issues have been featured on national television, radio and in print media. Combining her personal experience with statistical analysis, Barr has been a featured speaker on Capitol Hill and at international conferences and universities. She was instrumental in the historic development of the first transitional program in the Former Soviet Union. In 2003, Barr traveled to Colombia, South America to research counter-narcotics issues by invitation of Colombian and U.S. organizations.

Dana Beal – Co-Founder, Cures Not Wars and Organizer, the Million Marijuana March. Beal is a longtime New York marijuana activist and ibogaine advocate. He has worked extensively to promote ibogaine treatment, including introducing ibogaine to the United Kingdom in 1998 and co-sponsoring the First International Ibogaine Conference at New York University in 1999. In addition, Beal started the New York City Medical Marijuana Buyers Club with Joanne Moore in 1995.

Jeremy Bigwood – Independent investigator, journalist and photographer who has covered Latin America since 1976. His work has received funding from the John T. and Catherine P. MacArthur Foundation and the Open Society Institute, among others. Bigwood has done extensive research on chemical herbicides, including mycoherbicides in the context of coca eradication programs.

Michael Blain – Prisoner’s Justice Network. Blain is building a national movement to give voice to the rights of ex-prisoners and their communities. At the height of a successful sales career, Blain was wrongfully incarcerated and served seven years in the Virginia Correctional System. There he became committed to creating a national debate on the issue of prison reform by helping prisoners, ex-prisoners, their families and communities, find their voice and be heard in the prison policy reform movement. Blain has been featured on a variety of television and radio talk shows and is considered an expert on prison issues.

Thomas F. Blaney, CPA, CFE – Partner, Conroy, Smith & Co. Blaney has specialized for over 20 years in the financial, operational and tax aspects of private foundations. He is a frequent speaker at nonprofit conferences, and has written numerous articles on a variety of nonprofit topics. He currently serves or has served on the boards or committees of The Support Center for Nonprofit Management, The Brain Trauma Foundation and the Hospitality Financial and Technology Professionals Association.

Peter Blanken – Central Committee Treatment Heroin Addicts, The Netherlands. Blanken’s research interests include multi-method (qualitative, ethnographic and quantitative) field research of drug use patterns and consequences in the natural context of drug users’ lives. Currently he is focused upon the Dutch heroin prescription trial, in which the effectiveness of heroin prescription on health, social functioning and drug consumption patterns is being studied.

Chuck Blitz – Founder of Suicidals for Social Responsibility, a member of Mesa Lane Community, Santa Barbara, CA, and father of three teenage boys.

Elijah (Lige) Allan-Blitz – Recently retired from high school to focus on his third CD and his record company.

Graham Boyd, JD – Founder and Director, ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project. The Project conducts the only national litigation program addressing civil rights and civil liberties violations arising from the war on drugs. Its mission is to expose the cost of the drug war through litigation and public education activities, and to promote pragmatic drug policy reform through state and national coalitions. Boyd graduated *summa cum laude* from Yale University in 1987 and received his J.D. from Yale Law School in 1992.

Susan Boyd – Associate Professor in Studies in Policy and Practice, University of Victoria, British Columbia. Boyd’s research and teaching interests include women’s issues, drug law and policy, and the intersection of drug law, the regulation of women and reproduction. She is a community activist who has worked with several women’s groups devoted to harm reduction practices. She is currently working with SOLID, a peer-based drug user union in Victoria, BC. Her books include, *Mothers and Illicit Drugs* (University of Toronto Press, 1999) and *From Witches to Crack Moms: Women, Drug Law, and Policy* (forthcoming, Carolina Academic Press, 2003).

Marc Brandl – Executive Director, DanceSafe. Brandl got started in drug reform activism while attending American University in the mid-90s. He ran a successful NORML chapter and later helped found Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Out of college Brandl worked for the Marijuana Policy Project and later DRCNet. Until 2003, he was the National Campus Coordinator for the Libertarian Party where he helped build student clubs on over 200 college campuses.

Matthew Briggs – Research and Publications Director, Drug Policy Alliance. Briggs focuses largely on the harmful effects of the drug war in Latin America. He also edits *The Ally*, the Alliance’s newsletter, manages research projects and works closely with the Communications Department on strategy and written materials.

Adrienne Brown – Program Manager, Harm Reduction Training Institute, Harm Reduction Coalition. Brown is a freelance writer, activist and singer and co-director of conscious movements collective where she is working on the Africa right to health campaign.

Suzanne Brown – Mother of three, businesswoman and the Founder and President of the Angelica Foundation, a private Foundation that supports efforts to promote human rights, social justice and environmental sustainability in the US, Mexico and Central America. Brown also serves on the Drug Policy Reform Committee of the Threshold Foundation. She has focused both her current grant-making activities as well as her curiosity as a mother on the subject of drugs and drug policy reform.

William H. Buckman – Attorney at Law, William H. Buckman Law Firm and Vice President, ACLU of New Jersey. Buckman has served as a board member of the New Jersey Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. He is on the board of directors of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers where he co-chairs the Law Enforcement Misconduct Committee and Long Range Planning Committee. Buckman has been a key defense attorney in the New Jersey Turnpike racial profiling cases, and is author of several articles. A graduate of Stockton State College and Rutgers Law School, Buckman now works in private practice at his own firm.

Scott Burris, JD, LLD – Professor, Beasley School of Law, Temple University, and Associate Director, Center for Law and the Public's Health, Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. Burris' research focuses on how law influences public health and health behavior. As an attorney and Board member of the American Civil Liberties Union of Pennsylvania, he has represented people with HIV facing discrimination from employers, service providers and the government.

Larry W. Campbell – Mayor, Vancouver, British Columbia. Mayor Campbell has the distinct honor of being the first politician ever elected on a harm reduction platform. Since he took office in 2002, Campbell has continued to champion the innovative "four pillars" approach to drug policy that rejects the idea that drug use is a criminal justice issue and instead confronts drugs with a strategy based on treatment, prevention, enforcement and harm reduction. A former member of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police Drug Squad, Mayor Campbell opened the first safe injection site in North America in September of this year.

Corinne A. Carey, JD – Researcher, Human Rights Watch. Carey is an activist and lawyer who has worked with injection drug users and people struggling with addiction since 1992. Prior to working with Human Rights Watch, Carey founded and directed the Harm Reduction Law Project where she litigated housing, family and criminal court cases for syringe exchange participants, and conducted trainings on legal issues faced by former and active drug users. Carey received her law degree from the University at Buffalo after working at Philadelphia's first underground needle exchange program, Prevention Point Philadelphia.

Legba Carrefour – Co-Director, ROAR!: the National Dance and Music Rights Alliance. ROAR is a DC-based, national not-for-profit organization dedicated to preserving and advancing the freedom to assemble, dance, listen to and perform music in a public setting.

Holly Catania, JD – Project Director, International Center for Advancement of Addiction Treatment. Catania is an advocate for increasing awareness and understanding of opiate addiction and treatment. Her activities include public education with communities, users, advocates and medical professionals; preparation of research briefs; and coordination of and participation in conferences and meetings. Catania has applied her legal training to represent indigent defendants for the Legal Aid Society and played an active role with the Commission to Combat Police Corruption.

Allan Clear – Executive Director of the Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC). Since 1995, Clear has served as the Executive Director of the Harm Reduction Coalition the nation's leading organization working to advance a harm reduction approach to drug use. Before joining HRC, Clear was co-founder and Executive Director of the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, an innovative community-based organization serving drug users developed out of the Lower East Side Needle Exchange Program, one of five original New York State-authorized needle exchange programs.

Todd R. Clear, PhD – Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Department of Law and Police Science. Clear is published extensively in the fields of incarceration, probation, parole and sentencing issues. He has authored numerous books, journal articles and reports on issues of criminal justice and penology.

Denise Clegg – Director of Development, Drug Policy Alliance. Clegg worked as a freelance writer and taught at the Albuquerque Technical-Vocational Institute and the University of New Mexico until 1997, when she joined the New Mexico ACLU as its Director of Development. In 1999, she served as the acting Executive Director of the ACLU-NM before moving to New York to join the NYCLU as Director of Development in 2000. In December of 2001, Clegg was hired to create and manage a new development department at the Alliance (then Lindesmith-DPF).

Jonathan Cohen – Researcher, HIV/AIDS and Human Rights program, Human Rights Watch. Cohen's work focuses on documenting human rights abuses linked to the global HIV/AIDS pandemic, such as violence and discrimination against AIDS-affected children, and abuses against groups at high risk of HIV infection such as injection drug users. A Canadian-trained lawyer, Cohen served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of Canada prior to joining Human Rights Watch.

Peter D.A. Cohen, PhD – Social psychologist, sociologist and assistant professor, Director of the Centre for Drug Research (CEDRO) School of Social and Behavioral Science at the University of Amsterdam. In 1983 Cohen designed the first research program on drug use epidemiology, drug use patterns and drug treatment evaluation for the city of Amsterdam. His research includes socio-scientific issues such as drug use, drug policy, and methodological aspects of drug research. He is the author of numerous articles and essays on drug use and policy.

Jack A. Cole – Founding member and executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). LEAP is an international drug policy reform organization consisting of current and former members of law enforcement who are working to lower the incidents of death, disease, and addiction in the United States by ending drug prohibition. Cole also speaks for ReconsiDer, a drug policy forum in Syracuse, New York on the failed US drug policy, offering alternative reform policies driven by the concept of "harm reduction."

Jenny Collier – Legislative Counsel for the Legal Action Center, which specializes in legal and policy issues involving alcohol and drug abuse, AIDS and criminal justice.

Luciano Colonna – Executive Director, Harm Reduction Project, Salt Lake City, UT, a nonprofit organization that works for the enhancement of services for marginalized individuals. Colonna's experience includes program design and evaluation, and individual and group counseling to substance users, commercial sex workers and Native Americans. Colonna presents frequently on substance abuse treatment, providing harm reduction in the correctional setting, overdose prevention and education and group level interventions.

Jon S. Corzine – U.S. Senator, New Jersey. Corzine was elected to his first term in the United States Senate in November 2000. The former co-chairman and co-chief executive officer of the investment company Goldman Sachs, Senator Corzine's private sector experience and financial expertise has put him in the forefront of a number of major economic and regulatory issues confronting Congress. He is a leading Democratic Party spokesman on protecting the Social Security System and favors extending Medicare to include a prescription drug program for all seniors.

Richard Curtis, PhD – Chairman, Department of Anthropology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice; Project Director, Heroin in the 21st Century, National Institute on Drug Abuse. Curtis has an extensive background in ethnography investigation and research, and has been a therapist and social worker. He is a member of the board of directors for The After Hours Project in Brooklyn, The Citywide Harm Reduction Program in the Bronx, and the Family Services Network in Brooklyn.

D:Fuse – DJ and Producer. Texan D:Fuse is now one of the USA's most in-demand club DJs, remixers and producers. D:Fuse's energetic performances regularly feature live vocals and percussion, and he has been heavily featured in all the major dance music magazines. D:Fuse has weekly shows on XM Satellite Radio and Q-101 Chicago, as well as his own in-flight program on Delta Airlines.

Davey D – Hip Hop historian, journalist, DJ and community activist. Davey D has been down with Hip Hop since 1977 in the Bronx where he started out as an emcee for two crews. Later he moved to California where his mobile deejay work and community activism eventually lead to deejaying at radio stations including KALX, KPFA and later KMEL. He is co-founder of the Bay Area Hip Hop Coalition and the Bay Area Black Journalist Association. He's the webmaster for what is considered one of the oldest and largest Hip Hop sites on the web, Davey D's Hip Hop Corner— which can be found at www.daveyd.com.

Lisa Daugaard – Public Defender, Seattle-King County, WA. Daugaard supervises the Racial Disparity Project for the Defender Association, the largest grouping of public defenders in Seattle. The project works to reduce racial bias in the criminal justice system by providing technical assistance to community organizations and clients and engaging in public education, policy advocacy and litigation. Prior to becoming a public defender in 1996, she directed the Urban Justice Center Organizing Project and was Legal Director of the Coalition for the Homeless, both in New York City, and was a fellow at the ACLU National Legal Department.

Dennis de Leon – President, Latino Commission on AIDS. The Latino Commission on AIDS is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to improving and expanding health promotion, research, treatment and other services to the Latino community. De Leon, an attorney, is the former New York City Commissioner for Human Rights.

Richard E. Doblin, PhD – Founder and President of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). Doblin has a master's degree and PhD from Harvard University, where he completed his doctoral dissertation on the regulation of medical uses of psychedelics and marijuana. He now works to develop legal contexts for the beneficial uses of psychedelics and marijuana, primarily as prescription medicines but also for personal growth for otherwise "healthy" people. His most recent achievement is the approval by the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of his MDMA and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder protocol, the first ever federally approved protocol designed to investigate the therapeutic potential of MDMA.

Ernest Drucker, PhD – Director of the Division of Public Health and Policy Research and Professor in the Department of Epidemiology and Social Medicine and Professor of Psychiatry, Montefiore Medical Center/Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

William R. Dyson – State Representative, 94th Assembly District, House of Representatives. Dyson has been serving the people of the state of Connecticut since 1976, and is currently House Chair of the Appropriations Committee. He also serves on the Education Committee and Legislative Management Committee, and is the Treasurer for the Black and Puerto Rican Caucus. He presently works for the New Haven Public Schools System.

Mitch Earleywine, PhD – Associate Professor of Psychology, Director of Clinical Training, University of Southern California. Earleywine has received grants from NIAA and the Alcohol Beverage Medical Research Foundation. He has over 50 publications on the addictions, including the book *Understanding Marijuana*.

Brian Edlin, MD – Cornell University.

Joseph Elford – Attorney at Law. Elford served as one of medical marijuana grower Ed Rosenthal's attorneys during his recent highly publicized trial in San Francisco.

Eddie Ellison – LEAP Director for Great Britain. Ellison, a former Detective Sergeant on Scotland Yard's Drug Squad, suggests that there is never any difficulty being idealistic and being a police officer. Twenty-three of his 30 years of police service were spent in the Criminal Investigation Department, culminating in Detective Chief Superintendent of the Crime Policy Unit of Specialist Operations, Department of the Metropolitan Police. Under his supervision, research results provided the justification for the National Criminal Intelligence Service and later the National Crime Squad.

Richard Elovich – Former director of HIV prevention, Gay Men's Health Crisis, New York City, and a doctoral candidate in sociology and public health at Columbia University. Elovich chaired the Substance Abuse Services Work Group of the NYC Mayor's HIV Planning Council and designed a number of new interventions and treatment strategies. He also authored a curriculum on harm-reduction counseling for NY State. He is a nationally recognized trainer and program evaluation consultant and his writing on gay men's sexual health and drug policy has been widely published.

Jodie Evans – Community, social and political organizer for the last 30 years. Evans has used her skills for the protection of the earth, to give voice to communities and people who go unheard and unseen in the area of human and civil rights, to protect the rights of women, to raise the minimum wage for farm workers, and for many other social and political issues. In April 2002 she wrote a mission statement for *Bad Babes and their Buddies*, and took it to a gathering she assisted in organizing that became *Unreasonable Women of the Earth*. Her life has been consumed with *Codepink: Women for Peace* since September of 2002.

Steve Fox – Director of government relations for the Marijuana Policy Project in Washington, D.C. As director of government relations, Fox is responsible for MPP's lobbying on the federal level. Over the past two years, he has been intimately involved in many of the most important developments in Congress related to marijuana policy. Specifically, he drafted and strongly pushed for the introduction of the medical marijuana affirmative defense bill, the Truth in Trials Act. And this past summer, Fox worked closely with Rep. Maurice Hinchey's office to ensure that a roll call vote was taken on the Hinchey Amendment — a vote that forced every member of the U.S. House of Representatives to go on record in support of or in opposition to the federal government's war on medical marijuana.

Nancy Fishman – Senior Law & Policy Analyst, New Jersey Institute for Social Justice. Fishman has been working on urban poverty and community development issues since 1988. She was an advocate for homeless families in New Haven, Connecticut, working in both the public and private sectors. In graduate school, she conducted research on public housing and racial integration in the Chicago metropolitan area. As staff attorney and Skadden Fellow at The Legal Aid Society of New York, Fishman organized and represented tenant groups in Harlem and Washington Heights and initiated a community economic development legal assistance project to provide representation for nonprofit groups and microentrepreneurs.

Phillip Fiuty – Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, New Mexico Department of Health, Infectious Disease Bureau, Public Health Department. Fiuty oversees the Harm Reduction Program for the State of New Mexico, including syringe exchange, Narcan, needle disposal and working with other programs as they relate to HIV/Disease Prevention, substance use and the IDU population.

Barbara Frankowski, MD – American Academy of Pediatrics

Angelyn Frazer – State Organizing Director, Families Against Mandatory Minimums. Frazer has more than 15 years of experience working on political, human and social rights issues and concerns. Currently, Frazer is the state organizing director for Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM), a national nonprofit that challenges inflexible and excessive penalties required by mandatory minimums. In this capacity she directs coalition-building efforts in state campaigns, speaks at conferences, and conducts outreach to grassroots and grassroots organizations.

Michele Garcia – News Reporter, Las Cruces, NM

Dan Goldman – Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy Board of Directors.

Antonio Gonzalez – President of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project (SVREP), the largest and oldest non-partisan Latino voter participation organization in the U.S.

Jim Gonzalez – Legislative Advocate, Campaign for New Drug Policies, Center for Policy Reform, Sacramento, CA. Gonzalez provides government affairs and political strategy services in the issue areas of health care, education, local government, telecommunications and drug policy reform. His firm, Jim Gonzalez & Associates, LLC, operates in Sacramento, San Francisco, Washington DC, and Orange County, CA.

Paul Gootenberg – Director, Latin American and Caribbean Studies, State University of New York at Stony Brook and Professor, Department of History. He received a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1985 and has written extensively on Andean economic, social, and intellectual history. In the past ten years, Dr. Gootenberg has published a number of articles on the history of cocaine in Latin America. He edited the book *Cocaine: Global Histories* (1999).

Eliot P. Green – Partner in the Corporate Department and leads the Tax-Exempt Organizations Practice Group in the New York office of Loeb & Loeb LLP. Green represents private foundations and a wide range of public charters in the areas of social/human services, healthcare, education, visual/performing arts, and sports/entertainment. He also advises governing boards on matters such as board fiduciary duties, governance, regulatory compliance/accountability and charitable/solicitation fundraising issues. Green is president of the Council of Family and Child Caring Agencies (COFCCA). He is chair of the Audit Committee of the YAI/National Institute for People with Disabilities.

Judith Greene – Criminal Justice Policy Analyst, Justice Policy Institute. Over the past decade Greene has received a Soros Senior Justice Fellowship from the Open Society Institute, served as a research associate for the RAND Corporation, as a senior research fellow at the University of Minnesota Law School, and as director of the State-Centered Program for the Edna McConnell Clark Foundation. From 1985 to 1993 she was Director of Court Programs at the Vera Institute of Justice.

Fatema Gunja – Director, Drug Policy Forum of Massachusetts. Before starting this position, Gunja was the public education coordinator at the ACLU Drug Policy Litigation Project. Gunja has been very active on student drug testing issues, coordinating public education around the 2002 Earls case in the US Supreme Court and co-authoring the ACLU and Drug Policy Alliance's new booklet on student drug testing, "Making Sense of Student Drug Testing: Why Educators are Saying No."

Reed Gusciora – Democratic Assemblyman, NJ State Legislature, and attorney. Gusciora has been active in sponsoring and supporting social issues in the state since his election in 1996. His legislative service includes being Assistant Minority Leader from 1998 to 2001.

Reverend Edward Hailes, Jr. – Senior Attorney, Advanced Placement Project, a racial justice action group. An experienced civil rights lawyer and ordained Baptist Minister, Hailes formerly served as the General Counsel for the United States Commission on Civil Rights, directing the Federal agency's historic investigation into allegations of voting irregularities in Florida during the 2000 presidential election. Reverend Hailes earned his B.A. and JD degrees from Howard University.

Ronald E. Hampton – Former D.C. Metropolitan Police Officer. Retired after more than twenty-three years as a community police officer, Hampton is currently the Executive Director of the National Black Police Association, Inc. and a Law Enforcement Fellow at the University of the District of Columbia's Institute for Public Safety and Justice.

Chino Hardin – Lead youth organizer at the Prison Moratorium Project and the Justice 4 Youth Coalition based in Brooklyn, New York. Born and raised in East Flatbush Brooklyn, Chino has spoken across the country about juvenile justice issues particularly related to personal experience with the New York City juvenile justice system.

William Clark Harrell, JD – Attorney and Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas. Harrell also represents the NAACP and LULAC of Texas at the legislature on criminal justice matters. He is on the steering committee of the Criminal Justice Reform Coalition of Texas.

Joseph Hayden – Project Director, NYC Campaign for the Restoration of the Vote. Joseph "Jazz" Hayden is a native New Yorker born and raised in Harlem. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts from SUNY New Paltz and a master's degree in Professional Studies from the New York Theological Seminary. He has been a long-time activist around the felon disenfranchisement issue and is currently the lead plaintiff and initiator of a class-action law suit challenging felon disenfranchisement statutes in New York.

Shawn Heller – Former National Director and Co-Founder of Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP), the largest student organization of its kind with chapters on over 200 college and high school campuses. Before forming SSDP, Heller worked in the White House Office of Political Affairs. During Heller's experience with government, he asked tough questions about the war on drugs; he got very few answers. Heller researched the issue on his own, and the answers he found were more troubling than he imagined. He began an internship at the Drug Reform Coordination Network in 1998. Shortly after the beginning of this internship Heller founded the second chapter of SSDP at the George Washington University.

Julie Holland, MD – Holland spent her adult life investigating drugs. During her college years, she authored an extensive research paper on MDMA (ecstasy). She is an attending physician and board-certified psychiatrist at Bellevue Hospital, where she works in the psychiatric emergency room. A liaison to the hospital's medical emergency room and toxicology department, she is considered an expert on street drugs and intoxication states, and lectures widely on this topic. Holland has a private psychiatry practice and is also a Special Consultant to Heffter Research Institute for drug studies.

DJ Jeannie Hopper – Radio Producer, Journalist, and host covering public affairs and the arts for 16 years for WBAI 99.5 FM, Pacifica broadcasting. Hopper has produced documentaries on the popular movements in El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama and the Gaza Strip, Palestine. She currently produces and hosts Liquid Sound Lounge (LSL). She also works with the Drug Policy Alliance on an awareness campaign to organize the underground music community into action around the Anti-Club Legislation.

Katharine A. Huffman, JD – Director of State Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance. Formerly the Director of the Alliance's New Mexico Drug Policy Project, Huffman works to develop and implement drug policy reform at the state level. She coordinates the Alliance's work in a variety of states, serving as an informational resource to advocates, policy makers, government agencies, community organizations, the media, and the general public. Prior to her work with the Alliance, Huffman worked on issues of access to medical services, mental health care, and substance abuse treatment for inmates in the southeast's jails and prisons.

Deborah Jacobs – Executive Director, ACLU of New Jersey. Jacobs oversees a broad range of programs designed to protect and promote civil liberties principles through legal, legislative and public education activities. Jacobs is regularly involved in advocacy activities related to freedom of speech, freedom of religion, privacy rights, access to government information, student rights, gay and lesbian rights, the death penalty, police practices, discrimination, reproductive freedom and drug policy reform.

Steve Jenison, MD – Medical Director of HIV/AIDS/STD programs for the New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe, NM. Jenison has been involved in the statewide implementation of harm reduction and syringe exchange programs in New Mexico. More recently, he has worked on the implementation of programs to reduce heroin overdose deaths through education and naloxone distribution.

Fred Johnson – Executive Director, Atlanta Harm Reduction Center. Johnson directs and monitors all program, budgetary, media, funding and administrative activities for this privately funded, nonprofit agency. He aims to design new programs in the areas of overdose prevention, management, education and response, and to create strategies that improve the agency's ability to provide effective services. From 2000 to 2003 Johnson was Deputy Director of Prevention Works in Washington, DC.

Rob Kampia – Co-founder and Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). MPP is the largest membership-based organization that is dedicated solely to ending the war on marijuana users in the United States. While MPP has focused most of its energies on removing criminal penalties for medical marijuana use, MPP also believes that healthy people should not be arrested for using marijuana. Kampia has testified before numerous state legislatures, as well as before the U.S. Sentencing Commission and a handful of other federal agencies.

Steven B. Karch, MD – Assistant Medical Examiner, City and County of San Francisco. Karch is a cardiac pathologist with specific expertise in the cardiac toxicity of catecholamines, including ephedrine. He now investigates deaths related to heart disease, particularly those involving drug toxicity. He has published extensively on the investigation of drug-related deaths, and authored the widely used textbook, *The Pathology of Drug Abuse*.

Sandra Karpetas – Project Coordinator, Iboga Therapy House in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. Karpetas has worked as a peer counselor, facilitator and coordinator of harm reduction-based peer support networks focused on drug user advocacy and education. She has co-founded several projects including the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users and the Higher Knowledge Network, a youth-oriented drug information project aimed at opening dialogue through popular education, workshops, conferences and events. She has also worked with Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) in the creation of “safe spaces” for those undergoing psychedelic crises at large festivals and events.

Evelyne Kim – Development Director, Asian American Drug Abuse Program. Founded in 1972 in Los Angeles, the Asian American Drug Abuse Program runs a variety of projects designed to create a comprehensive program to counteract substance abuse problems in the Asian Pacific American community.

Mark Kinzly – Research Associate, Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS, Yale University School of Medicine.

Patrick Kroupa – Writer and Cyberspace Pioneer. Self-described as being on the receiving end of the war on drugs, a recovered Kroupa shares his opinions on detoxification of opiate addiction and ibogaine as a useful solution to drug dependence.

Harry G. Levine, Ph.D – Professor of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York. Levine has authored many publications on alcohol and drug topics. His most recent book is *Crack in America: Demon Drugs and Social Justice*, with Craig Reinerman.

Neal Levine – Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project.

Pamela Lichty – President and Co-Founder of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, a nonprofit organization established to encourage discussion and promote public education about current and alternative drug policies and related issues. She helped establish the Harm Reduction Hawaii Project (HRH), a grassroots organization whose mission is to train social service professionals and educate community members about the philosophy and set of strategies embodied in harm reduction. She is an Assistant Clinical Professor at the University of Hawaii School of Public Health and is the representative to the National Board of the ACLU where she serves on the Youth Affairs Committee.

May Va Lor – New Jersey Project Director, Families Against Mandatory Minimums (FAMM). Lor works with attorneys, criminal justice reform advocates, family members of prisoners, prisoners, and community activists to reform the state’s mandatory minimum sentencing laws. Presently, FAMM is organizing

around legislation to establish a sentencing commission to do a comprehensive review of the criminal code, and is also gearing up to challenge the school zone law because of its impact on communities of color in urban areas that are blanketed by drug-free zones. Prior to joining FAMM, she was the co-director of the Not With Our Money! Project that strove to resist new prison construction and expansion financing.

Howard S. Lotsof – President and Director, Dora Weiner Foundation and Member of the Board of Directors, National Alliance of Methadone Advocates. Lotsof served as president of NDA International, Inc., a company organized to develop ibogaine as an FDA approved medication for the treatment of chemical dependence. The company has been awarded six patents for the drug’s use in treating multiple forms of substance disorders. He is actively involved in patient advocacy and rights issues.

Philippe Lucas – Director, Vancouver Island Compassion Society/Canadians for Safe Access.

Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch – Director, International Harm Reduction Development program, Open Society Institute. She is also a doctoral student at the Columbia School of Public Health.

Chris Mann, DO – Sports Medicine/Rehabilitation Specialist. Mann created and functions as the Medical Director for MedEvent, a nationwide organization made up of volunteer physicians, paramedics, nurses and EMTs that provide support for special events. MedEvent personnel have covered 45 events in the last 31 months and dealt with greater than 300 overdose situations of drug and alcohol use.

Barbara Markham – Narcotics Officer, Oak Point, Texas.

G. Alan Marlatt, PhD – Professor of Psychology and Director of the Addictive Behaviors Research Center, University of Washington, Seattle. Marlatt was appointed as a member of the National Advisory Council on Drug Abuse for the National Institute on Drug Abuse. His work has won several awards, including a MERIT Award from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, the Jellinek Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to knowledge in the field of alcohol studies, and a Senior Scientist Award.

Vincent Marrone – Founder, Public Strategies, LLC. The company provides services that include strategic planning, government relations, lobbying, media relations and advocacy-skills building. Marrone is the former Director of Government Relations at the After-School Corporation, a public foundation that sought to expand the quantity and quality of after-school programs in New York State. He was also the Director of Public Policy for the Lindesmith Center. Marrone has worked in public policy, politics, community organizing and advocacy since 1986.

Melissa Martin – National Coordinator, DanceSafe, an organization providing harm reduction drug information to the electronic dance music community. She was co-founder and the director of San Diego DanceSafe for over two years before joining the National Office in New York City in 2002. She has been a trainer for the Harm Reduction Training Institute for a year and a half and has volunteered with Clean Syringe Exchange Programs since 1992.

Marc Mauer, MSW – Assistant Director, The Sentencing Project. Mauer has directed programs on criminal justice reform for 25 years. Since 1987 he has served as assistant director of The Sentencing Project, a national organization which develops alternative sentencing programs and conducts research on criminal justice issues. He is the author of some of the most widely cited and respected reports in the field of criminal justice. His years of dedicated work to raise awareness of alternatives to incarceration and the collateral costs of prison have elevated knowledge and thinking in the field of drug control policy.

Rosie McMahan – Co-Director, CASPAR, Inc. Founded in 1970, CASPAR, Inc. (Cambridge and Somerville Program for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Rehabilitation), is a community-based, nonprofit agency that provides prevention, intervention and treatment services to those affected by alcoholism and drug abuse. CASPAR Youth Services is a program of CASPAR, Inc.

Alberto Mendoza – Associate Director of Community Outreach, Drug Policy Alliance. Mendoza's work has taken him back to his legislative roots. He primarily serves as a legislative link between Sacramento politics and community-based organizations in Southern California and trains community members to become advocates in the areas of drug policy reform. He is a member of eighteen Southern California community-based coalitions, including the LAPD Hispanic Forum.

Brett L. Mers – Captain, United States Air Force. Mers has been employed by the Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons. He is a corrections officer who has provided physical security for Low to Max Custody Federal Inmates. Mers also served as member of the Special Operations Response Team and is trained in hand-to-hand combat, special weapons and sniper ops.

Fabio Mesquita, MD, PhD – Director, STD/AIDS Program at the Ministry of Health, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Mesquita is also head of the HIV/AIDS Research Skills Training Course at the University of Sao Paulo School (USP) of Public Health, a collaborative project involving USP, AIDS Prevention Study Nucleus (NEPAIDS), Institute of AIDS Studies and Research at Santos (IEPAS) and the Fogarty Foundation. He is also Principal Investigator for the Santos site of the World Health Organization MultiCity Study on HIV and other Health Consequences of Injecting Drug Users - Phase II.

John P. Morgan, MD – Physician and Professor of Pharmacology at the Sophie Davis School of Biomedical Education and also City College, City University of New York. Dr. Morgan received his medical degree from the University of Cincinnati, was trained in internal medicine at Upstate Medical Center, and was trained in clinical pharmacology at John Hopkins. He has written extensively on the topic of alcohol, drugs, and public policy. Current projects include studies of marijuana toxicity, the use of marijuana as medicine, the social pharmacology of crack/cocaine, and the impact of drug prohibition on drug policy and purity.

Debbie Mukamal – Staff Attorney, Legal Action Center and Co-Director, National H.I.R.E. Network. Mukamal has conducted training and provided technical assistance on a range of issues affecting individuals with criminal histories and has engaged in policy advocacy. She is the author of several publications, including *From Hard Time to Full Time: Strategies to Help Move Ex-offenders from Welfare to Work*, and has spoken on ex-offender employment issues across the country.

Sheigla Murphy, PhD – Murphy is a medical sociologist who has been researching various aspects of illicit drug use and drug treatment for more than twenty years. She is Director of Center for Substance Abuse Studies at the Institute for Scientific Analysis where she is conducting three research projects funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse: An Ethnography of Victimization, Pregnancy, and Drug Use; AIDS Prevention: Needle Exchange and Ancillary Services; and A Study of New Heroin Users. Murphy has published extensively in the areas of methadone maintenance, needle sharing, cocaine selling, natural recovery, and women's drug use.

Ethan Nadelmann, JD, PhD – Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance. Nadelmann is the founder of the Alliance, the leading organization in the United States promoting alternatives to the war on drugs. In 1994, Nadelmann founded the Lindesmith Center, a drug policy institute. In 2000, the growing Center merged with another organization to form the Drug Policy Alliance, which advocates for drug policies grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights. Nadelmann is widely regarded as the outstanding proponent of drug policy reform both in the United States and abroad. He has taught politics and public affairs at Princeton, and his speaking and writings on drug policy have attracted international attention.

Tony Newman – Director of Communications for the Drug Policy Alliance. Newman has over eight years of nonprofit public relations experience.

Senator Pierre Claude Nolin – Senator Pierre Claude Nolin has been one of Canada's most outspoken and well-respected advocates for drug policy reform in the last decade. Senator Nolin chairs the Canadian Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs, which in 2002 issued a comprehensive report calling for the legalization and regulation of cannabis in Canada. A long-time advocate for public health approaches to drug use, Senator Nolin has spoken frequently about the harms caused by prohibition and the need for drug policy grounded firmly in scientific evidence.

Dorsey E. Nunn – Program Director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA. Nunn has 15 years of experience as a paralegal and has worked for more than 20 years on prison-related issues. He has spoken extensively on issues relating to prisoners, their children and their family members at numerous conferences, workshops and demonstrations.

Osagie K. Obasogie, JD – Legal Consultant, Office of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance. Obasogie focuses on issues of pregnancy and parenting as well as the intersections between race, gender and the war on drugs.

Philip Owen – Phillip Owen served as the Mayor of Vancouver, British Columbia, from 1993 to 2002. Vancouver's longest serving consecutive-term mayor, Owen was instrumental in establishing the Vancouver's innovative "four pillar" approach to drug use that integrates prevention, treatment, enforcement, and harm reduction. With support from 90 percent of Vancouver citizens, Owen brought together three levels of government to implement his comprehensive "four pillar" strategy. Owen's work was instrumental in the opening of the first safe injection site in North America in September of this year.

Commander Brian Paddick – Metropolitan Police Authority, London, England. Paddick bravely introduced the pragmatic pilot test of the 'softly, softly' approach to marijuana as borough commander in Lambeth, south London in 2001. Due to Paddick's efforts, arrest for possession of marijuana will soon be up to the discretion of individual officers and the police hope that the changes will mean a reduction in police hours spent arresting and processing cannabis offenders, allowing for an intensified focus on more serious crimes. Paddick's work provided the foundation on which the UK has started to reform its drug laws.

Lynn M. Paltrow, JD – Founder and Executive Director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW). NAPW works on behalf of pregnant and parenting women and their children to ensure that drug use and health problems women face during pregnancy are treated as health and public welfare issues and not criminal justice matters. Paltrow is a lecturer, writer and leading national litigator and strategist in cases involving the intersection of the war on reproductive rights and the war on drugs. She is also a founding member of Be Present Inc., a national organization devoted to empowering women and girls.

Mark W. Parrino, MPA – President, American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence in New York. Parrino has been a national advocate for sound public policy and best practices in clinical care for addiction treatment involving medications such as methadone, buprenorphine, and others considered vital to recovery. He has been a tireless advocate in educating policy-makers on the value and cost-effectiveness of methadone maintenance and other pharmacotherapies for treating addiction.

Harold and Diane Patterson – New Jersey.

Stanton Peele, PhD, JD – Psychologist and lawyer recognized as a leading expert in the addiction field. Peele has been publishing texts since 1975, writing a series of well-received books that forcefully presents alternative approaches to addiction. He also writes popular magazine and newspaper articles, many of which have been reprinted in collections for college students. He lectures nationally and internationally, and maintains an active website in which he answers questions about addiction from readers around the world.

Marco Perduca – President, General Council, Transnational Radical Party (TRP). Perduca represents the Transnational Radical Party to the United Nations, a post he has held since 1996, and is secretary of the International Antiprohibitionist League.

Daniel Pinchbeck – Feature writer for *The New York Times Magazine*, *Esquire*, *Wired*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *The Village Voice*, *Salon*, and many other publications. A 1999 - 2000 Fellow of the National Arts Journalism Program at Columbia University, Pinchbeck has also been a columnist for *The Art Newspaper of London*, and an editor at *Connoisseur Magazine*. Of late, his interest in magical plants and visionary medicines used in rituals and ceremonies has driven him to travel to Nepal and India where he visited Tibetan Buddhist monasteries and the sacred Hindu festival Kumbh Mela, West Africa, Mexico, and the Ecuadorian Amazon.

Bill Piper – Associate Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance. Piper was also Director of Research for the Initiative & Referendum Institute, a national nonprofit working to preserve and expand the right of voters to change public policy through the ballot box. He has worked for U.S. Term Limits, the largest grassroots organization striving to enact term limits on elected officials.

Russell K. Portenoy, MD – Chairman, Department of Pain Medicine and Palliative Care, Beth Israel Medical Center; Professor, Department of Neurology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Co-Chair, National Pain Education Council. Portenoy is author and editor of numerous pain and symptom management texts. He has been involved in issues of palliative care research, pain management (especially in oncology cases) and drug therapy for nearly 20 years.

Arun Prabhakaran – Co-chair of the Politics of Recovery Committee and Assistant Education Director of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union (KWURU). In 2001, Prabhakaran developed the Drug War Reality Tour as a tool for popular education and leadership development. This fall, a documentary about the tour will be released by Sundance Award-winning filmmakers, Guerilla News Network. He works at the Youth Health Empowerment Project where he is the Director of Client Services and started Philadelphia's first Harm Reduction youth drop-in center.

Divine Pryor, PhD – Executive Director of the Association for Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment, Inc. (ADAPT). Pryor received his doctorate in Public Health from SUNY New Paltz. Over the past few years, he has been extremely active in working on harm-reduction prevention strategies and techniques that reflect the need to secure balance, fairness and equity for the poor and disenfranchised.

Craig Reinerman, PhD – Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Cruz. Reinerman's research areas include law, crime, and social justice; drugs in society; and political sociology. He is the author of many articles on drug policy movements and reform. His most recent book is *Crack in America: Demon Drugs and Social Justice*, with Harry Levine.

Karen Reitan – State Affairs Director, AIDS Foundation of Chicago. The AIDS Foundation of Chicago is the Midwest's largest source of private philanthropic support for AIDS services. Reitan received her graduate degree in social work from the University of Chicago.

Siobhan Reynolds – Filmmaker and Founding Executive Director, Pain Relief Network. As a recent article described her “Reynolds was so infuriated by the difficulty her husband had in obtaining pain medication and at the risk doctors took in providing it that she formed the Pain Relief Network to help prosecuted doctors and influence drug policy.” PRN and the National Pain Patient Coalition are organizing a March on Washington April 19, 2004.

Chuck Ries – Founder, UpFront. Ries has been exploring the relationship between individuals, drugs, and society for more than 30 years. Combining higher education with hands-on experience, Ries has created effective recovery/harm-reduction programs in schools, drop-in centers, housing programs and shelters. For the past six years he has also directed the Student Assistance Program at Oakland High School.

Curtis V. Rodriguez, JD – Practicing attorney in San José, CA. Rodriguez’s practice consists primarily of criminal defense and appellate work. After being stopped by the California Highway Patrol in 1998, he brought a lawsuit in federal court for racial profiling. After several years of litigation, the lawsuit concluded in an accord which changed the way the CHP trains its officers and the way they are to conduct themselves in the field.

Darrell Rogers – National Director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Rogers heads the largest student organization of its kind with chapters on over 200 college and high school campuses. Rogers has worked with Amnesty International USA, for the Government Relations Middle East Department, and for Clean Water Action of New Jersey as a grassroots organizer on local and state initiatives.

Anthony D. Romero – Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union. An attorney with a history of public interest activism, Romero also served as the Director of Human Rights and International Cooperation, as well as Program Officer for Civil Rights and Racial Justice, at the Ford Foundation. He is a highly experienced, energetic and creative executive with a decade of leadership in large, complex and global not-for-profit organizations.

Robert Rooks – Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation. The foundation focuses on public policy/advocacy programs that educate members of the public and government officials on issues of HIV, Harm Reduction and Drug policy reform in Connecticut. Methods of education include publications, disseminating study results, legislative testimony, press interviews, and public speaking. Rooks also collaborates with regional, statewide, and national advocacy organizations. The foundation worked to pass an Overdose Prevention Bill into law for the State of Connecticut in Spring of 2003. He has also worked for The Institute for Community Research in Hartford.

Michael Roona – Executive Director, Social Capital Development Corporation and Member, Board of Directors, ReconsiDer: Forum on Drug Policy. Roona specializes in educating parents, teachers, and politicians about the effectiveness — or ineffectiveness — of popular drug education programs such as D.A.R.E. He also speaks to citizens about how to work within the current system to create more effective drug education programs. Roona is a renowned expert in federally funded drug

education programs who has conducted a meta-analysis of the evaluations of these programs — as well as policy-focused research into drugs, health, crime, and education. Roona is an active social reformer who often serves as a liaison between community groups and government officials.

Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD – Director, San Francisco Office, Drug Policy Alliance. Rosenbaum is a medical sociologist who has been the principal investigator on ten grants funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse, completing studies of women heroin addicts, methadone maintenance treatment and policy, MDMA (Ecstasy), cocaine, and drug use during pregnancy. She has authored books, booklets and numerous scholarly articles about drug use, addiction, women, treatment and drug policy.

Debra Rothschild, PhD – Clinical Psychologist. Rothschild received her certificate in psychoanalysis from the New York University Postdoctoral Program in Psychoanalysis and Psychotherapy. Rothschild is in private practice in Manhattan where she is also an adjunct clinical associate at City University of New York. She writes about and teaches courses on harm reduction psychotherapy, psychoanalysis and substance abuse.

Honorable John C. Rowley – Tompkins County Judge, State of New York. Judge Rowley is a graduate of Cornell University and the State University of New York at Buffalo Law School. In 1996 he was appointed part-time Ithaca City Court Judge and in 2000 was elected to his current position: Tompkins County Judge, Family Court Judge and Surrogate. Judge Rowley was involved in developing three drug courts: the Ithaca City Drug Court (1998), the Tompkins County Felony Drug Court (2000), and the Tompkins County Family Treatment Court (2001). He presently presides over the Family Treatment Court. He is a board member of the New York State Drug Court Professionals Association and the Drug Court Uniform Treatment Application Advisory Board.

Laura Sager – Executive Director, Families Against Mandatory Minimums.

Shayna Samuels – Deputy Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance. Samuels helps to manage, create and implement a variety of media campaigns for the nonprofit organization promoting public health alternatives to the war on drugs. Her responsibilities include identifying newsworthy opportunities, identifying and training spokespeople and pitching reporters. She also co-writes and edits the organization’s newsletters, brochures, fact sheets and other public education materials.

Rev. Edwin Sanders, II – Senior Servant and Founder, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church. Reverend Sanders’ church in Nashville, TN has outreach ministries in the areas of substance abuse, advocacy for children, sexual violence, and harm reduction, in addition to providing services to persons infected with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS through Metropolitan’s First Response Center, which Sanders founded in 1992. He is a pastoral counselor and a member of the Nashville branch of the NAACP, the Alcohol and Drug Council of Middle Tennessee, and the Ryan White Community AIDS Partnership. In 2002 Sanders was appointed by President Bush to serve on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

Paula Santiago – National Community Organizer, Harm Reduction Coalition of New York. Santiago began as a community organizer in 1980 with ASPIRA. She has worked as a case manager in a shelter for homeless women with children and as a service provider for 10 years with street youth. Throughout her career Santiago has presented in English and Spanish on various topics including HIV/AIDS, counseling techniques with homeless youth, street outreach strategies, community organizing, and harm reduction, throughout the country as well as in Germany, Brazil and Puerto Rico. She is presently organizing the 5th National Harm Reduction Conference.

Vincent Schiraldi, MSW – Founder and President, Justice Policy Institute. Schiraldi has a 20-year history of research, public education, and direct services in the criminal/juvenile justice field. His research findings and commentaries have been covered in print and on electronic media throughout the country, including *Nightline*, *The Today Show*, *The New York Times*, *National Public Radio*, and evening newscasts for ABC, NBC and CBS. Schiraldi is a regular commentator on WAMU, Washington, DC's public radio station.

Sidney H. Schnoll, MD, PhD – Executive Medical Director, Health Policy, Purdue Pharma, L.P. and Chair, Division of Addiction Medicine, Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. Schnoll came to MCV/VCU in 1987 from Northeastern University Medical School where he was Chief of the Chemical Dependency Program. He is currently a board member of the Richmond Metro Coalition Against Drugs. Schnoll is widely published in the field of substance abuse and is currently actively involved with basic and clinical research in addictions with special emphasis on the problems of perinatal addiction and chronic pain.

Eleanor Schockett, JD – Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). After earning her J.D. from Tulane Law School, Schockett went on to serve as a judge in the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County from 1991 to 2003. After starting her judgeship in the Criminal Court, she later served in the Family and General Jurisdictions. In all three divisions, she witnessed the havoc wrought by the failed war on drugs, and was particularly alarmed by the erosion of Americans' personal liberties. She resigned from her judgeship in 2003 in order to spend more time speaking out against the war on drugs on behalf of LEAP.

Robert P. Schwartz, MD – Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Maryland School of Medicine. Schwartz is also Medical Director of Friends Research Institute, and the Drug Addiction Treatment Program Officer at the Open Society Institute, Baltimore. Over the past decade, he has dedicated his career to the treatment of drug and alcohol dependence. Schwartz has been conducting clinical research in addictions with Friends Research Institute and is collaborating with Johns Hopkins University in the National Institute on Drug Abuse Clinical Trials Network.

Roseanne Scotti – Director, New Jersey Drug Policy Project of Drug Policy Alliance. Before joining Drug Policy Alliance, Scotti was a research coordinator at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Studies of Addiction in the HIV Prevention Research Division. As a research coordinator, she studied the incidence of HIV among intravenous drug users with the goal of designing

effective prevention interventions. She founded the Prevention Point Philadelphia Harm Reduction Legal Clinic, which provides free legal services for drug users and sex workers in Philadelphia.

Lloyd Sederer, MD – Executive Deputy Commissioner for Mental Hygiene in the New York City Department of Health. Sederer's wide-ranging career has spanned clinical work, advocacy, scholarship and leadership, including serving as director of clinical services at the American Psychiatric Association in Washington, DC, and as Medical Director and Executive Vice President of McLean Hospital in Boston, a nonprofit psychiatric hospital of the Harvard Medical School. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, A Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine and a past recipient of the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Aarti Shahani – Fellow at the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild.

Carol Shapiro – Founder and Executive Director, La Bodega de la Familia. The organization is a 24-hour support center for family members of drug abusers under criminal supervision. Shapiro has spent her career working in government corrections systems, "trying to keep people out of jail and prison."

Steph Sherer – Sherer is a medical marijuana patient with over six years of experience servicing and managing nonprofit businesses and community organizations. She has worked for community development, education, social justice, human rights, peace, social change, and youth programs. She is a powerful advocate, a skilled spokesperson, and an energetic initiator of campaigns.

Reginald T. Shuford – Staff Attorney, ACLU, National Legal Department. Shuford does complex constitutional and impact litigation in the area of civil rights and civil liberties. In particular, he concentrates in the areas of race and poverty. Presently, Shuford is primarily involved in litigation challenging racial profiling, including "driving while black or brown" and airport and pedestrian profiling.

Elizabeth Simpson – Executive Director, The Crossroads.

Rodney Skager, PhD – Professor Emeritus at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies. Skager is a consultant to the SafetyFirst Program of the Drug Policy Alliance and senior research scientist for WestEd. He writes and speaks on drug prevention education and youth support services in relation to drug abuse and student assistance programs.

Deborah Peterson Small – Director of Public Policy, Drug Policy Alliance. Small speaks regularly to elected officials, religious and community leaders, and parents about issues relating to our government's failed drug policy. Before assuming her current position at the Drug Policy Alliance, she was Legislative Director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, where she became an ardent advocate for drug policy reform after becoming increasingly aware of the number of young black men and women incarcerated for drug offenses.

William “Gus” Smith – Father of Kemba Smith.

Kemba Smith – Single mother, advocate and public speaker. She has received numerous awards and recognitions for her courage and determination to educate the public about the devastating social, economic and political consequences of current drug policies. Smith is a recipient of a Soros Justice Postgraduate Fellowship for advocates; she will use the two-year grant to further her mission: to inspire youth to become educated about certain injustices within the criminal justice system and to be unified, effective leaders in the struggle for change — with the intent of generating community mobilization and action.

Mike Smithson – Speakers Bureau Coordinator for LEAP - Law Enforcement Against Prohibition and ReconsiDer: Forum on Drug Policy. Since 1998, he has organized over 899 engagements by reform speakers to a wide array of audiences. Smithson is a navy veteran and air traffic controller who has, during the past 20+ years, witnessed many drug war efforts by government agencies. During the 80s he saw the air traffic system compromised continuously by DEA and Customs aircraft attempting to intercept suspected drug smugglers.

Don Stemen – Researcher, State Sentencing and Corrections Program, Vera Institute of Justice. Stemen currently directs research on “Of Fragmentation and Ferment,” a project evaluating state-level sentencing and corrections reforms and their effects on prison populations over the past thirty years. Prior to his arrival at Vera, he worked on research evaluating the implementation of community policing programs and the effectiveness of school-based drug education programs in Illinois. Stemen has an M.A. in criminal justice from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is a PhD. candidate at New York University’s Institute for Law and Society.

Eric Sterling – President, Criminal Justice Policy Foundation.

Gerry Stimson, MD – Professor, Head, Department of Social Science and Medicine, Director, Center for Research on Drugs and Health Behaviour, Imperial College School of Medicine, London. Stimson is a public health sociologist who is committed to working to reduce harms from drug and alcohol use by improving public health through social and health policy, and working with colleagues in resource-poor developing and transitional countries. He has over 30 years experience of research on drug and alcohol problems, and more recently on sexual health. He has played a major role in the international development, evaluation and promotion of harm reduction as a response to drug use.

Keith Stroup – Executive Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML). Stroup is the Washington, DC public-interest attorney who founded NORML in 1970. He served as the National Director of NORML from its founding through 1979, when marijuana was decriminalized in eleven states. He rejoined the board in 1994, and currently serves as the executive director. Stroup has worked as an advocate for artists, for family farmers and for criminal defense lawyers, in addition to his work for marijuana smokers. In 1992, he received the Richard J. Dennis Drugpeace Award for Outstanding

Achievement in the Field of Drug Policy Reform from the Drug Policy Foundation.

Nicole Stutzmann – Stutzmann began her career in 1996 as assistant to the Minister of Health. Since 1999 she has lead the heroin assisted treatment projects in Switzerland. Currently, twenty-two centers provide severely addicted patients with medically prescribed pharmacological heroin under supervision. Stutzmann also works on the development of Swiss drug policies with a special focus on substitution treatment. She received a masters in sociology and economics in 1993 at the University of Berne, Switzerland.

Jacob Sullum – Syndicated columnist and Senior Editor, *Reason* Magazine. He is the author of *Saying Yes: In Defense of Drug Use* and *For Your Own Good: The Anti-Smoking Crusade and the Tyranny of Public Health*. His work has appeared in many publications including *Cigar Aficionado*, *National Review*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today* and *The New York Times*.

Nkechi Taifa, Esq. – Professor of Law, Howard University. Prior to joining the staff at Howard University School of Law, Taifa served as legislative counsel for the ACLU, policy counsel for the Women’s Legal Defense Fund, staff attorney for the National Prison Project, Network Organizer for Washington Office on Africa, and teacher. She also spent many years as a private practitioner maintaining a general criminal and civil law practice focusing on the representation of indigent adult and juvenile clients in the District of Columbia, as well as employment discrimination law.

Andrew Tatarsky, PhD – Director, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates. Tatarsky has a private practice in New York City specializing in harm reduction psychotherapy with drug and alcohol users. He is a founding member and past President of the Addiction Division of the New York State Psychological Association and Chairperson of Mental Health Professionals in Harm Reduction. Tatarsky received his doctorate in clinical psychology from City University of New York.

Antionette Tellez-Humble – Director, New Mexico Drug Policy Project of the Drug Policy Alliance. Tellez-Humble works closely with local advocacy groups and communities throughout the state to institutionalize support and build on existing momentum for drug policy reform. Prior to joining the Drug Policy Alliance, Tellez-Humble worked with the New Mexico Chapter of the ACLU. Her work experience also includes seven years with PB & J Family Services, a nonprofit community-based program that provides intervention and prevention services to at-risk families in urban and rural New Mexico.

Charles Thomas – Executive Director, Unitarian Universalists for Drug Policy Reform (UUDPR). The group gives public witness to the Unitarian Universalists Association’s drug policy Statement of Conscience which argues that drug prohibition should be replaced by reasonable regulations and harm-reduction health measures. UUDPR’s intradenominational advocacy resulted in recommendations including the legalization of marijuana and the decriminalization and medicalization of all other drugs. Thomas has more than a dozen years of professional experience in the drug policy reform movement.

Manny Vargas – Director, Immigration Defense Project, New York State Defenders Association. Vargas has received the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NYSACDL) President’s Award and The Attorney General’s Award for Distinguished Public Service in the Legal Profession.

David Vlahov, PhD – Director, Center for Urban Epidemiologic Studies, The New York Academy of Medicine and Professor, Clinical Epidemiology, the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University. Vlahov has 20 years of research in substance use and infectious diseases and has received a MERIT award from the NIH for his work. He has published over 400 manuscripts and is now editor of the *Journal of Urban Health*.

Imani Walker – Director of Sacred Authority, Rebecca Project for Human Rights. Walker is a mother in recovery. After receiving 18 months of comprehensive drug treatment at the Center for Mental Health in Washington, DC, she has remained clean from drug addiction for five years. The Rebecca Project for Human Rights (RPHR) is a legal and advocacy organization for low-income families who are struggling with intersecting issues of substance abuse, treatment, and the criminal justice system. The Sacred Authority program is the cornerstone of the RPHR’s legal and advocacy goals and is a leadership network of parents who have completed treatment for addiction and are stabilized in their recovery.

Mickey Weems – PhD Candidate in Somatic Studies at the Ohio State University. A student of religions since the age of 13, Weems has currently been investigating circuit spirituality and the experience of transcendence and solidarity on the dance floor. He and his husband, Kevin Mason, are founders and coordinator of Qualia: A Conference on Gay Folkways, which will be held in Columbus, OH in April 2004.

Ruth Wilson Gilmore, PhD – Assistant Professor of Geography and African American Studies at the University of California, Berkeley, and 2002-2003 Soros Senior Justice Fellow. Gilmore has written numerous scholarly and popular articles on the prison-industrial complex and the growing opposition to it. She is a founding collective member of Critical Resistance, the California Prison Moratorium project, and other grassroots organizations.

Rev. Janet Wolf – Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach for a national interfaith coalition called Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy. The aim of this organization is to advocate for the change of drug laws so that they focus on harm reduction, effective substance abuse treatment and restorative justice instead of incarceration. Wolf is an ordained United Methodist minister in the Tennessee Annual Conference. She is a nationally acclaimed preacher, workshop and retreat leader, Christian media personality and author.

Daniel Wolfe – Community scholar at Columbia University’s Mailman School of Public Health, and an author and media specialist with extensive experience on drug issues. Wolfe has

worked closely with Open Society Institute’s International Harm Reduction Development Programme and the Central and Eastern European Harm Reduction Network, and is the former Director of Communications at Gay Men’s Health Crisis in New York City. He is the author of numerous books, including *Men Like Us*, an *Our-Bodies, Ourselves* inspired guide to gay men’s health, and articles in publications including *The Guardian*, *the Village Voice*, *the New York Times Book Review*, and *The Advocate*.

John Wood – Political Director of the San Francisco Late Night Coalition, a Political Action Committee created in 1999 to preserve and promote San Francisco nightlife. In this position, he has successfully developed and advocated for progressive entertainment policy in San Francisco, including repeal of the City’s Dancehall Keeper permit, the 911 Safe Haven and Free Cool Water ordinances and also a two year project creating the San Francisco Entertainment Commission. He was a member of the San Francisco Rave/Club Drug Task Force, an advisory group that produced a report “Recommendations to Promote Rave and Club Health in San Francisco.”

Alan Young – Professor of Law at Osgoode Hall, University of Toronto. Young has 18 years of experience teaching and practicing criminal law, and has been involved in some of Canada’s most high-profile cases. He has challenged the constitutionality of gambling laws, obscenity laws, and drug laws, and is primarily responsible for compelling the government to create a medical marijuana regime. Young writes a bi-weekly column for the *Toronto Star* and was CTV’s legal commentator for the Paul Bernardo trial in 1995. He is the founder of the Innocence Project at Osgoode Hall, an organization that works to investigate wrongful convictions. He has also published numerous scholarly articles.

Kevin B. Zeese – President of Common Sense for Drug Policy. Zeese is one of the nation’s foremost authorities on drug policy issues. Zeese has worked on a wide array of drug-related issues. He is a co-founder of the Drug Policy Foundation (now renamed the Drug Policy Alliance), where he served as Vice President and Counsel, and is a former Executive Director and Chief Counsel of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. Zeese has written for newspapers and journals on a range of drug issues, including an op-ed in the *Wall Street Journal* on the Colombian drug war. He has also appeared on every major television network as a commentator.

Assata Zerai, PhD – Professor of the Afro-American Studies and Research Program at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Zerai was formerly a Senior Research associate of the Center for Policy research at Syracuse University. Her scholarship focuses on the ways that race, class and gender, as interlocking spheres of domination and resistance, are reflected in maternal and child health as well as women’s health activism. Zerai’s current research addresses how anti-drug laws and policy limit choices for women who have a cocaine-involved past and adaptive strategies of such women and their families, including grandparenting.

Awards for Achievement in Drug Policy Reform



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

This award honors those in the media who question official drug war propaganda.

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This award recognizes medical and treatment experts who perform rigorous scientific research and who have the courage to report their findings even though they may be at odds with current dogma.

**Richard E. Doblin,
Multidisciplinary Association
for Psychedelic Studies
(MAPS)**



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

This award recognizes scholars, like Alfred Lindesmith, whose personal courage and quality of published research constitute a source of rational inspiration for all who labor in drug policy scholarship.

**Marc Mauer,
The Sentencing Project**



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

This award honors citizens who make democracy work in the difficult area of drug law and policy reform.

**Allan Clear,
Harm Reduction Coalition**



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

This award is given to those involved in law enforcement who have demonstrated a balanced regard for the needs of enforcement and human compassion.

**Commander Brian Paddick,
Metropolitan Police, London**



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

This award is given to those involved in law who have worked within official institutions when extremist pressures dominate policy.

**Congressman John Conyers,
Jr., Michigan**



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This award is given to the person who most epitomizes loyal opposition to drug war extremism.

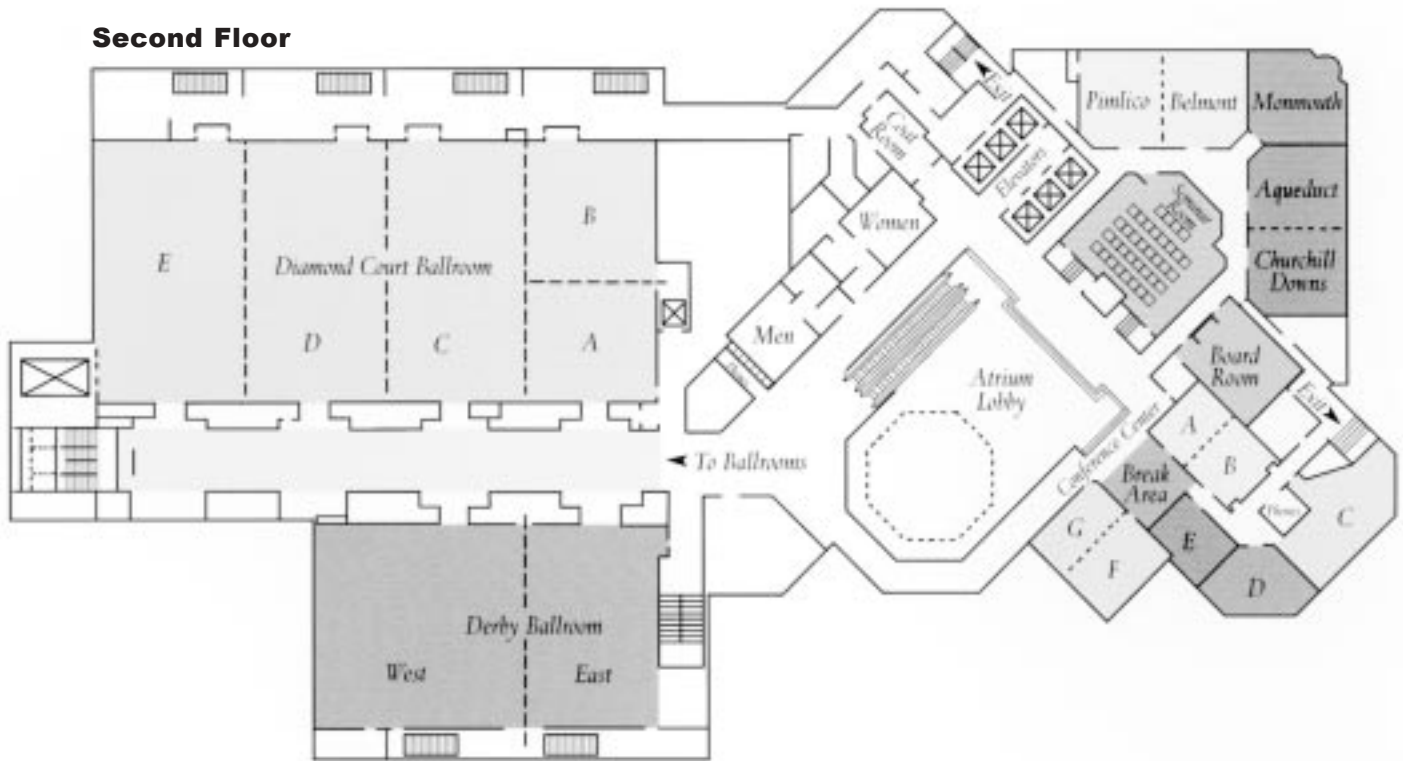
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