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General Conference Information

Registration/Information

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

Wednesday, November 9, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Thursday, November 10, 8:00 – 5:30 pm

Friday, November 11, 8:00 – 5:30 pm

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 – 5:00 pm

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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.

Bookstore/Exhibitors

The bookstore (Shanghai Room) and Exhibitors (Centennial Ballroom Foyer) will be open:

Thursday, November 10, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, November 11, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, November 12, 8:00 am – 2:00 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. Book signings will be scheduled throughout the conference; check the message board at registration for times.

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Continuing Education Units

This program has been approved by the National Association of Social Workers (Provider #886410620) for 17 continuing education hours. Nurses, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers and Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors licensed by the State of California are also eligible to receive CEUs. There is no additional fee to the attendee as the Drug Policy Alliance and The Harm Reduction Therapy Center are covering all 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.

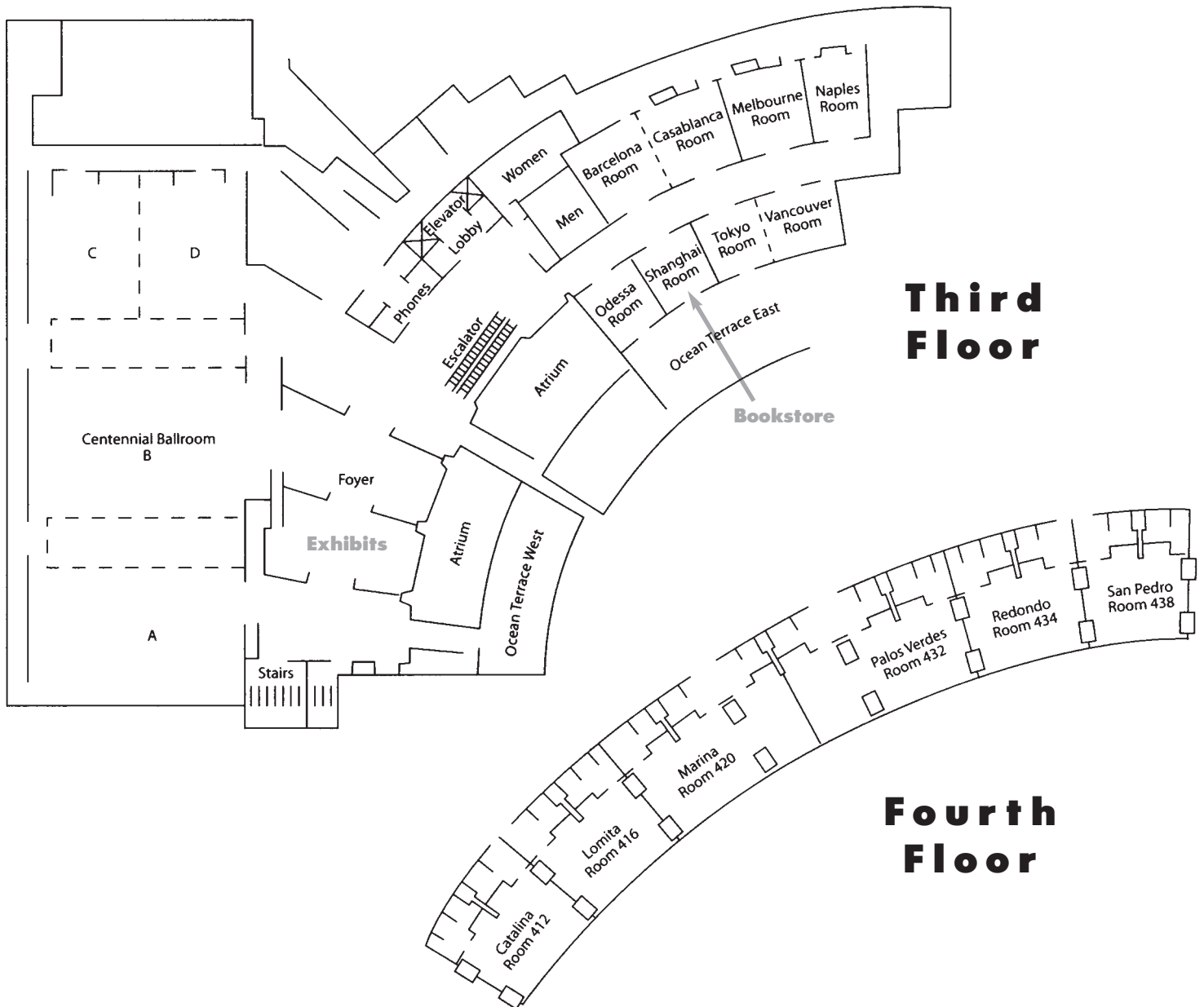
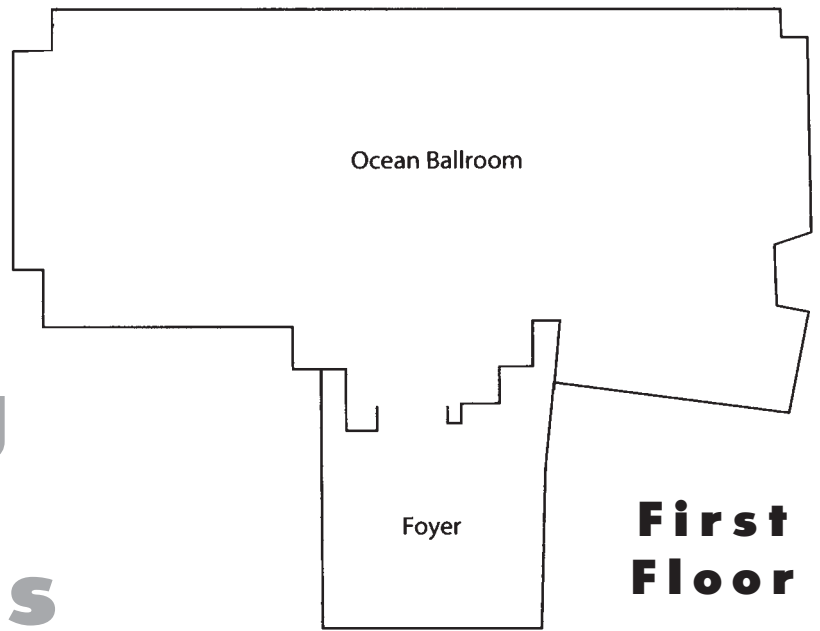
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Name tags

Please wear your name tag at all times. This is proof that you have paid registration and are eligible to attend the sessions.

Note that meeting facilities, including the restrooms, are smoke free. You are welcome to use any of the outside terraces.

Meeting Room Locations



Conference At A Glance

Wednesday, November 9

- 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM Tokyo/Vancouver REFORMA: Latin America/Caribbean Drug Policy Reform Network Open Meeting
- 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Centennial Foyer Early Bird Registration
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Salon A Terrace OPENING RECEPTION

Thursday, November 10

- 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Naples Yoga
- 7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Tokyo Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Centennial Prefunction Registration
- 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM Centennial Ballroom WELCOME AND PLENARY
- 10:45 AM - 12:15 PM
- BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- Salon A SESSION #1: Marijuana! Weed! Pot! Cannabis!
- Marina SESSION #2: Storming the Castle: How to Plan an Effective Citizen Lobby Day
- Salon B SESSION #3: Ayahuasca: Research and Religion
- Melbourne SESSION #4: Building the Speaking Tour Using Multiple Organizations
- Tokyo/Vancouver SESSION #5: Preventing Overdose Fatalities: Naloxone and Beyond
- Ocean Ballroom SESSION #6: Drug War Attacks on Democracy: Getting Back the Right to Vote
- Barcelona/Casablanca SESSION #7: Dutch Roundtable
- Salon D SESSION #8: Latinos: Family, Religion, Culture
- Salon C SESSION #9: The Student Movement to End the Drug War: Past, Present, and Future
- 12:15 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch (On own)
- 12:15 PM - 1:45 PM The Grill Restaurant Florida in Action Meeting
- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- Salon A SESSION #10: Modern Witch Hunts: The Persecution of Harm Reduction
- Salon B SESSION #11: Drug Policy Reform and the Progressive Agenda
- Marina SESSION #12: Hepatitis C: Legislation and Advocacy
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- Melbourne SESSION #18: Making the News: How to Get the Media to Cover your Issue
- 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM
- BREAKOUT SESSIONS**
- Ocean Ballroom SESSION #19: Psychedelic Psychotherapy: MDMA, Iboga, and Psilocybin
- Salon C SESSION #20: Hemp Will Save the World
- Salon A SESSION #21: Proposition 215: Nine Years Later
- Salon B SESSION #22: African Americans and the War on Drugs: Building a 21st Century Movement
- Melbourne SESSION #23: Reform in the UK 2005: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?
- Salon D SESSION #24: Steroids and Other Performance Enhancers
- Barcelona/Casablanca SESSION #25: Un-Happy Birthday: 100 Years of Prohibition
- Tokyo/Vancouver SESSION #26: Fundraising 101
- 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Marina Save Prop 36!
- 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Tokyo Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
- 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Ocean Ballroom ARO Banquet (*By invitation only*)
- 7:30 PM - 10:00 PM Tokyo/Vancouver Narco News Consulta Meeting
- 7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Barcelona/Casablanca FILM FESTIVAL

Conference At A Glance

Friday, November 11

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Naples	Yoga
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Toyko	Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM		BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	Salon D	SESSION #27: Arresting Marijuana: Cannabis Law Enforcement Around the U.S.
	Barcelona/Casablanca	SESSION #28: Pushing the Harm Reduction Envelope
	Marina	SESSION #29: Rogue Anti-Drug Task Forces: How to Stop Them
	Ocean Ballroom	SESSION #30: The War on Youth: Drug Policy Reform and Juvenile Justice
	Salon A	SESSION #31: Shifting the Debate: Latin America
	Melbourne	SESSION #32: O Cannabis: Cutting-Edge Research in Canada
	Salon B	SESSION #33: Law Enforcement for Reform
	Tokyo/Vancouver	SESSION #34: Katrina: When the Drug War Intersects with a Catastrophe
	Salon C	SESSION #35: People in Recovery: Power and Possibility in the Movement for Reform
10:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Centennial Ballroom	PLENARY
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Lunch (On own)
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	The Grill Restaurant	League of Women Voters - Meet and Greet
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM	Melbourne	Protecting Patients' Rights: A Legal Model for Medical Marijuana and Beyond
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM		BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	Salon A	SESSION #36: Forming Coalitions and Transforming Institutions: The Benefits and Challenges of Organizing Key Constituencies
	Marina	SESSION #37: Fundraising Roundtable
	Salon C	SESSION #38: Syringe Access: National Snapshot
	Salon B	SESSION #39: The Case Against Coerced Treatment With Flash Incarceration
	Salon D	SESSION #40: Drug Cultures
	Ocean Ballroom	SESSION #41: Courageous Parents Speak Out
	Tokyo/Vancouver	SESSION #42: Testing Times: The Ongoing Fight Against Random Student Drug Testing
	Barcelona/Casablanca	SESSION #43: The Role of the User in Changing Policy
	Melbourne	SESSION #44: The Many Faces of Harm Reduction Psychotherapy
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM		BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	Tokyo/Vancouver	SESSION #45: How to Talk to Your Parents About Drugs
	Salon B	SESSION #46: Syringe Deregulation: What Does It Mean for California?
	Salon D	SESSION #47: The ABC's of Initiative I-75 and Measure Z: Cities Taking the Lead
	Ocean Ballroom	SESSION #48: Marijuana's Role in the Entertainment Business
	Barcelona/Casablanca	SESSION #49: Collateral Consequences of the Monstrous Drug War
	Melbourne	SESSION #50: School Zone Mandatory Minimums: Grade F
	Marina	SESSION #51: Our Right to Drugs
	Salon C	SESSION #52: California's Three Strikes: Prospects for Reform
	Salon A	SESSION #53: 2008 UNGASSS Review
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM	Naples	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Toyko	Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Salon A	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Networking Meeting
6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	Salon D	LEAP Board & Speakers Meet and Greet
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Salon A	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Congress (SSDP members only)
7:30 PM - 9:30 PM	Barcelona/Casablanca	FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 12

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM	Naples	Yoga
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Tokyo	Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
8:15 AM - 9:15 AM	Ocean Terrace West	Interfaith Ceremony for Hope and Inspiration in Our Struggle for Compassion and Justice
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM		BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	Barcelona/Casablanca	SESSION #54: Prison Reform and Drug Policy Reform: Intersections and Synergies
	Salon D	SESSION #55: Effectively Making the Case for Legalization
	Ocean Ballroom	SESSION #56: Lobbying Your Legislature on Medical Marijuana
	Salon A	SESSION #57: Methamphetamine: Solutions
	Salon C	SESSION #58: Civil Disobedience: Arrest and Reform.
	Salon B	SESSION #59: The Politics of Science
	Melbourne	SESSION #60: Grassroots Organizing for Drug Policy Reform
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM		BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	Salon D	SESSION #61: Methadone and Buprenorphine
	Salon C	SESSION #62: Beyond Zero Tolerance: A Reality-Based Approach to Drug Education and Student Assistance
	Ocean Ballroom	SESSION #63: Mexico and Narco-Democracy: So Far From God, So Close to the United States
	Salon A	SESSION #64: The Future of Medical Marijuana
	Salon B	SESSION #65: Race, Racism, and the Drug War
	Barcelona/Casablanca	SESSION #66: Marijuana, Driving, and Drug Testing on the Roads
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM		Lunch (Provided)
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM		BREAKOUT SESSIONS
	Salon C	SESSION #67: Federal Roundtable
	Tokyo/Vancouver	SESSION #68: Health Care for Drug Users: Case Studies
	Barcelona	SESSION #69: Drug Sellers: It's Not What You Think
	Salon D	SESSION #70: Latinos, América Latina y La Guerra Contra Las Drogas (IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL)
	Casablanca	SESSION #71: Ending the War on Drugs: The Importance of Anti-Racist Organizing
	Salon A	SESSION #72: How in God's Name Do We Reform Our Drug Laws? Mobilizing Religious Opposition to the Drug War
	Salon B	SESSION #73: The World
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Salon A/B	CLOSING PLENARY
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Marina	Religious Drug Policy Summit: Let's Move this Mountain
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Salon A	Students for Sensible Drug Policy Awards
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Salon A Terrace	Awards Banquet Cocktail Hour (<i>ticket required</i>)
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM	Salon A	AWARDS BANQUET (<i>ticket required</i>) <i>Generously sponsored by the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation</i>

AGENDA

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SESSION #1: Marijuana! Weed! Pot! Cannabis!

MAJOR SESSION

What's the latest news in pot policy, marijuana research, consumer advocacy, and decriminalization and legalization initiatives? Leading experts on cannabis and cannabis law reform answer these questions and debunk the latest myths being propagated by the federal government.

Moderator: Ethan Nadelmann, JD, PhD, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Mitch Earleywine, PhD, Associate Professor of Clinical Psychology, State University of New York at Albany, Albany, NY

Rob Kampia, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC

Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Allen St. Pierre, Executive Director, Member of the Board of Directors, NORML/NORML Foundation, Washington, DC

SESSION #2: Storming the Castle: How to Plan an Effective Citizen Lobby Day

Citizen lobbying is a powerful tool to gain support and attention for your issue—lawmakers cannot ignore hundreds of citizens coming to their office to lobby for an issue. Participants in this workshop will learn the essentials of how to plan an effective citizen lobby day; how citizens can successfully lobby government representatives; and how to use the lobby day to advance the cause of drug policy reform. This is an interactive workshop. Participants will walk away with more detailed knowledge of the do's and don't's of citizen lobbying.

Joyce Ann Brown, President/CEO, Mothers (Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems, Inc. (MASS), Dallas, TX

L. Ken Collins, II, MPH, Deputy Director, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Caren Woodson, Campaign Director, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA

SESSION #3: Ayahuasca: Research and Religion

The role of ayahuasca in Brazil resembles that of peyote in North America. On November 1, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral argument in the case pitting the federal government against the Centro Espirita Beneficente Uniao do Vegetal (UDV). The case involves the rights of UDV members to import and use ayahuasca for sacramental purposes. Panelists will discuss ayahuasca from the religious, scientific, and legal perspectives.

Moderator: Jodie Evans, Co-founder, CODEPINK: Women for Peace, Venice, CA

Marlene Dobkin de Rios, *Medical Anthropologist, Psychotherapist, Author, LSD, Spirituality, and the Creative Process, Orange County, CA*

Charles Grob, MD, *Chief of Adolescent and Teen Psychiatry, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA*

Dennis McKenna, *Senior Lecturer, Center for Spirituality & Healing, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN*

SESSION #4: Building the Speaking Tour Using Multiple Organizations

This workshop will explain how multiple groups can work together to host a speaking tour. Such tours can garner media interviews, public presentations and seminars with civic groups. In February of this year Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) held a speaking tour in Ohio that involved 30 interviews and speaking engagements over just 11 days. Tour organizers will explain every aspect of the tour, from mapping a route to contacting organizations.

Robert R. Ryan, *Ohio Patient Network, Blue Ash, OH*

Mike Smithson, *Speakers Bureau Coordinator, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Syracuse, NY*

Lynne Wilson, *Director, HempRock Productions, Cincinnati, OH*

SESSION #5: Preventing Overdose Fatalities: Naloxone and Beyond

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: Emalie Hurliaux, MPH, *Project Manager, Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA*

Steve Jenison, MD, *Medical Director, STD & Reproductive Health Clinic, New Mexico Department of Health, Albuquerque, NM*

Kristen Ochoa, *Medical Student, Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA*

Sharon Stancliff, MD, *Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY*

SESSION #6: Drug War Attacks on Democracy: Getting Back the Right to Vote

The right to vote is central to the proper functioning of any democracy. Yet, laws which disfranchise people because they have been convicted of a crime threaten to undermine this cornerstone of democracy. In the United States an estimated 3.9 million citizens are barred from voting because of felony disfranchisement laws, including over one million for drug law violations. What are the political and social implications of felony disfranchisement laws, and what work is being done to restore the right to vote? This panel of advocates and formerly incarcerated people will speak to the challenges they face in undoing these laws and the best ways to advocate for and effect change.

Moderator: asha bandele, *Deputy Director of Public Policy, Coordinator Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

Joseph "Jazz" Hayden, *Director, NYC Unlock The Block Campaign, New York, NY*

Mark Ridley-Thomas, *Assemblymember, California State Assembly, Los Angeles, CA*

Reena Szczepanski, *Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM*

SESSION #7: Dutch Roundtable

The Dutch have played a leading role in advancing drug policy reform since the 1970s. Will this continue to be true in the years that come? Experts on Dutch drug policy will discuss the coffee shop system, heroin prescription, new advances in harm reduction, and pressures to roll back these reforms.

Moderator: Craig Reinerman, PhD, *Professor of Sociology, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA*

Peter Blanken, *Central Committee on the Treatment of Heroin Addicts (CCBH), University Medical Center Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

August de Loor, *Director, Consultation Bureau Drugs, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Joep Oomen, *Co-ordinator, European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD), Antwerpen, Belgium*

Fredrick Polak, MD, *Board Member, Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

SESSION #8: Latinos: Family, Religion, Culture

MAJOR SESSION

Latino policymakers, community and religious leaders have a tough time making drug policy reform one of their priorities. Latinos will explore the barriers to addressing this issue and offer perspectives on a variety of drug policy reform topics.

Moderator: Alberto Mendoza, *Director, Drug Policy Alliance Los Angeles, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA*

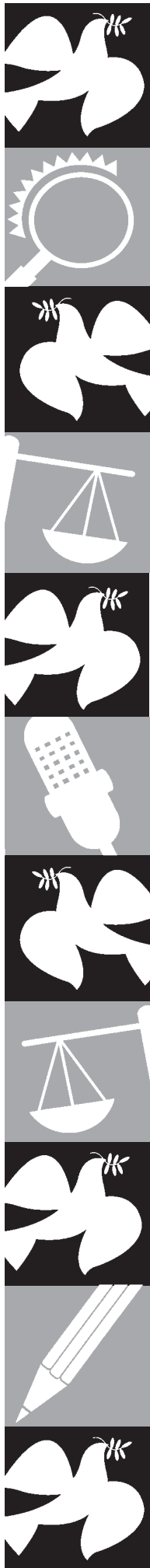
Mario Ceballos, *President and Founder, Ceballos & Associates, Commissioner, LA County Commission on Human Relations, Los Angeles, CA*

Luis Lozano, *Executive Director, Beacon House Association of San Pedro, San Pedro, CA*

Rafael Mutis, *Coordinator, Seven Neighborhood Action Partnership, New York, NY*

Shoshanna Scholar, *Executive Director, Clean Needles Now and Harm Reduction Central, Los Angeles, CA*





SESSION #9: The Student Movement to End the Drug War: Past, Present, and Future

Over the past seven years, Students for Sensible Drug Policy has evolved into the premier student organization fighting misguided drug policies that adversely affect youth and their access to education. Hear from activists on the front lines of this burgeoning movement and about SSDP's past and future campaigns.

Moderator: Dan Goldman, *Director of Outreach and Alumni, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC*

Tom Angell, *Campaigns Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC*

Katherine Cummings, *Brown University Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Providence, RI*

Chris Evans, *Acting Chairman, Students for Sensible Drug Policy Board of Directors, Takoma Park, MD*

Jenny Loeb, *President, New Paltz NORML/Students for Sensible Drug Policy, New Paltz, NY*

Rebecca Saltzman, *Field Coordinator, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA*

12:15 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch (On own)

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #10: Modern Witch Hunts: The Persecution of Harm Reduction

Congress continues to ignore the findings of medical research and mounts ongoing attacks on anything called harm reduction. This session will discuss the latest on these attacks and how the harm reduction movement responds.

Moderator: Craig Reinerman, *PhD, Professor of Sociology, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA*

Allan Clear, *Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY*

Luciano Colonna, *Executive Director, Harm Reduction Project, Salt Lake City, UT*

Robert Cordero, *Director of Federal Advocacy, Housing Works, Inc., Washington, DC*

Daniel Wolfe, *Deputy Director, International Harm Reduction Programme, Open Society Institute, New York, NY*

SESSION #11: Drug Policy Reform and the Progressive Agenda

MAJOR SESSION

Most of our battles for drug policy reform involve issues and values that lie at the heart of the progressive agenda. It's not just about who goes to prison and who loses or gains the right to vote. We speak to family values, building inter-generational trust and communication, and the need to keep families both safe and together. How can we ensure drug policy reform is a top issue on the progressive agenda?

Moderator: Chuck Blitz, *Political Activist, Santa Barbara, CA*

Jodie Evans, *Co-founder, CODEPINK: Women for Peace, Venice, CA*

Antonio Gonzalez, *Director, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project, Los Angeles, CA*

Drummond Pike, *President, Tides, Inc., San Francisco, CA*

Rev. Ed Sanders, *Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Coordinator, Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy, Nashville, TN*

John Vasconcellos, *California State Senator (Retired), San Jose, CA*

SESSION #12: Hepatitis C: Legislation and Advocacy

Syringe sharing is the leading cause of hepatitis C in the U.S. today, and most medical experts agree that access to clean syringes is the best prevention strategy. Panelists explore a range of strategies, from litigation to policymaking and coalition-building, that will help stop the spread of hepatitis C.

Moderator: Reena Szczepanski, *Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM*

Philip Fiuty, *Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe, NM*

Diane Sylvestre, *MD, Executive Director, OASIS (Organization to Achieve Solutions in Substance Abuse), Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine, University of California at San Francisco, Oakland, CA*

Eve Rubell, *MPH, Director of Training, Homeless Health Care Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA*

Donna Gracon, *Director, Greater Los Angeles Chapter, American Liver Foundation, Los Angeles, CA*

SESSION #13: Building a Movement with Integrity and Strength: Formerly Incarcerated People Take the Lead

The drug war plays a defining role in the growth of the prison industrial complex in the U.S. There are more people imprisoned in the United States on drug-related charges than are imprisoned in Western Europe, which has over 100 million more people than the United States. There are hundreds of thousands of drug war prisoners, and millions more who are under the supervision of the criminal justice system. What is the role of formerly incarcerated people in the movement for drug policy and criminal justice reform? This panel of powerful organizers—all of whom were once incarcerated—will explore this and other questions.

Moderator: Dorsey E. Nunn, *Program Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, All of Us or None, San Francisco, CA*

Joyce Ann Brown, *President/CEO, Mothers (Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems, Inc. (MASS), Dallas, TX*

Rev. Kenneth Glasgow, *Pastor and Founder, The Ordinary People Society, Dothan, AL*
Norris Henderson, *Executive Director, Voice of the Ex-Offender, New Orleans, LA*
Romeo Sanchez, *Deputy Director, New York City AIDS Housing Network, Brooklyn, NY*

SESSION #14: Europe: The Big Picture

What's the general state of drug policy reform in Europe? What's happening in Spain, Switzerland, and Germany? What's the impact of the recent expansion of the European Union? Is Europe doomed to follow in the footsteps of the United States, or is it developing an alternative model that will challenge U.S. leadership on global drug policy?

Moderator: Ethan Nadelmann, *JD, PhD, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York City, NY*

August de Loor, *Director, Consultation Bureau Drugs, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Balázs Dénes, *Executive Director, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Hungary*

Farid Ghehiouèche, *Chairman, European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD), Paris, France*

Martin Jelsma, *Transnational Institute (TNI), Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Danny Kushlick, *Director, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, Bristol, United Kingdom*

Joep Oomen, *Co-ordinator, European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD), Antwerpen, Belgium*

Fredrick Polak, *MD, Board Member, Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

SESSION #15: Methamphetamine: Understanding the Problem

Remember the crack baby myth? The media has spent the past year going crazy calling methamphetamine "the new crack." How much of that can we believe? Is the problem of methamphetamine really a new one? Is it more addictive than crack cocaine? The panelists will explore the myths and facts and discuss the latest research and promising interventions on this controversial topic.

Maria Chavez, *Regional Director, West Coast Office, Harm Reduction Coalition, San Francisco, CA*

Carl Hart, *PhD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University, Research Scientist, Division of Substance Abuse, New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York, NY*

Paul Koretz, *Assemblymember, California State Assembly, Los Angeles, CA*

SESSION #16: Pain Management: What a Pain

Increased state and federal investigations of pain management physicians has major implications for patients and medical professionals. How can patients and doctors work together to make sure everyone is getting the medicine they need?

Moderator: Dan Abrahamson, *JD, Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA*

Walter Ling, *MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Director, Integrated Substance Abuse Programs, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA*

Sidney Schnoll, *MD, PhD, Executive Medical Director, Health Policy, Purdue Pharma, Stamford, CT*

Cynthia Toussaint, *Founder and Spokesperson, For Grace, Los Angeles, CA*

SESSION #17: Improving and Advancing Proposition 36

MAJOR SESSION

More than 100,000 people have been diverted from jail or prison to drug treatment by California's landmark alternative-to-incarceration initiative, Proposition 36. Approved by 61% of California voters in 2000, it allows first- and second-time nonviolent drug offenders the opportunity to receive substance abuse treatment instead of jail time. It's the most significant piece of sentencing reform—in terms of the number of people diverted from prison and dollars saved—since the repeal of alcohol Prohibition. What does the future hold for this seminal initiative?

Moderator: Glenn Backes, *MSW, MPH, Director, California Capital Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Sacramento, CA*

Cheryl Branch, *Coordinator, African American Alcohol and Other Drug Services Advisory Council of Los Angeles County, Los Angeles, CA*

Gary Jaeger, *MD, Chief of Addiction Medicine, Kaiser Foundation Hospital, South Bay, California*

Mark Leno, *Assemblymember, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA*

Bill Zimmerman, *Executive Director, Campaign for New Drug Policies, Santa Monica, CA*

SESSION #18: Making the News: How to Get the Media to Cover your Issue

This workshop will review the nuts and bolts of getting your issue in the news. We will discuss what makes something newsworthy, how to write a press release, pitch a reporter and conduct an interview. Internet media—from blogs to online action alerts—will also be discussed.

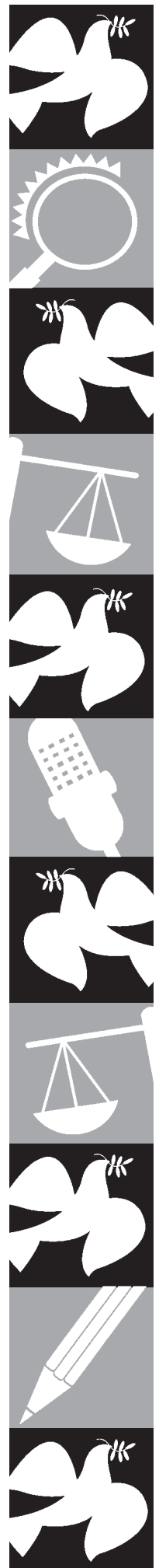
Moderator: Tony Newman, *Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York City, NY*

Steve Heath, *Media Activism Facilitator, Media Awareness Project Inc., Clearwater, FL*

Tommy McDonald, *Deputy Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York City, NY*

Melissa Milam, *Communications Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

Bruce Mirken, *Director of Communications, Marijuana Policy Project, San Francisco, CA*



SESSION #19: Psychedelic Psychotherapy: MDMA, Iboga, and Psilocybin

Psychedelic psychotherapy refers to psychotherapeutic practices involving the use of psychedelic drugs. The use of the term psychedelic (“mind-manifesting”) emphasizes the ability of psychedelic drugs to facilitate exploration of the psyche, which is fundamental to most methods of psychedelic psychotherapy. The use of psychedelic agents in Western psychotherapy began in the 1950s, after the widespread distribution of LSD to researchers by its manufacturer. In this session experts in current psychedelic psychotherapy studies will discuss their latest research findings.

Moderator: Rick Doblin, PhD, President, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Belmont, MA
 Charles Grob, MD, Chief of Adolescent and Teen Psychiatry, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA

Valerie Mojeiko, Program Director and Clinical Research Associate, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Sarasota, FL

SESSION #20: Hemp Will Save the World

What’s the latest news in hemp policy? How long will food containing hemp remain legal? How can we ensure that use of this hearty crop is maximized in the U.S.?

Moderator: Chris Conrad, Director, Business Alliance for Commerce in Hemp, Founding Member, Hemp Industries Association, El Cerrito, CA

Paul Chang, NORML Jamaica, Laughlands, St. Ann, Jamaica

Brian Hill, Institute for Cultural Ecology, San Francisco, CA

Mark Leno, Assemblymember, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA

Don E Wirtshafter, JD, Attorney at Law, Guysville, Ohio

SESSION #21: Proposition 215: Nine Years Later

In 1996 California voters approved Proposition 215, legalizing marijuana for medical purposes in the state. Nine years later, implementation is in full swing, with more than 20 cities permitting the sale of medical marijuana through dispensaries and an estimated 100,000 Californians using marijuana as medicine. With moratoriums in some places and increased regulation in others, what’s next?

Moderator: Camilla Field, Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

Dan Abrahamson, JD, Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

Kris Hermes, Legal Campaign Director, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA

Allen Hopper, JD, Senior Staff Attorney, ACLU Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA

Joe Elford, JD, Staff Attorney, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA

SESSION #22: African Americans and the War on Drugs: Building a 21st Century Movement

MAJOR SESSION

Although African Americans comprise only an eighth of the population and an eighth of all drug users, they make up 38% of those arrested, and 59% of those convicted of drug offenses. Given these statistics, it’s easy to understand why critics have called the war on drugs the “New Jim Crow.” This panel will sort out why and how the drug war plays out in black communities, what is being done to advance drug policy reform in a manner that does not ignore a racial analysis, and how African Americans increasingly play a leadership role in drug policy reform.

Moderator: asha bandele, Deputy Director, Office of Public Policy, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Tara Andrews, JD, Director, Justice Maryland, Baltimore, MD

Joyce Ann Brown, President/CEO, Mothers (Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems, Inc. (MASS), Dallas, TX

Lorenzo Jones, Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT

Dorsey E. Nunn, Program Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, All of us Or None, San Francisco, CA

Cliff Thornton, Co-Founder, Efficacy, Hartford, CN

SESSION #23: Reform in the UK 2005: One Step Forward, Two Steps Back?

The last 18 months have brought many changes in UK drug laws, including the sensible reclassification of cannabis and the less sensible classification of mushrooms. The introduction of legislation that infringes on civil liberties is worrying. Is Tony Blair following in the footsteps of the United States when it comes to drug policy? Or will Britain play an increasingly important role as a promoter and implementer of harm reduction policies?

Moderator: Christine Downton, Former Vice Chairman and Founding Partner, Pareto Partners, New York, NY

Danny Kushlick, Director, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, Bristol, United Kingdom

Sebastian Saville, Director, Release, England

Alex Stevens, Senior Researcher, European Institute of Social Services, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury, England

Katy Swaine, Head of Legal Services, Release, England

SESSION #24: Steroids and Other Performance Enhancers

MAJOR SESSION

Is there something to the current media frenzy around steroids? What are the myths and facts about these drugs? How should they be regulated? Is there a place for steroids in our society? Perhaps more than any other class of drugs, the use of performance enhancing drugs raises difficult ethical questions. Our panel of experts will explore the ethics surrounding the use of steroids and other performance enhancers in sports, society, and medicine.

Moderator: Nikos Leverenz, *Associate Director, California Capital Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Sacramento, CA*

Nick Evans, MD, *Surgeon, UCLA-Orthopaedic Hospital, Los Angeles, CA*

John Hoberman, PhD, *Professor of Germanic Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX*

Steven Kotler, *Journalist, Los Angeles, California*

SESSION #25: Un-Happy Birthday: 100 Years of Prohibition

Panelists will commemorate the centennial of the passage of the first Congressional anti-narcotics legislation, the Philippines opium act of 1905. A historical perspective on the passing of America's 19th century legal drug regime, the institution of the 20th century drug police state, and the relevance of this to us in the 21st century will be examined.

Moderator: Dale Gieringer, PhD, *State Coordinator, California NORML, Co-Founder of the California Drug Policy Reform Coalition and of Californians for Compassionate Use, Berkeley, CA*

Mike Gray, *Author, Drug Crazy: How We Got into This Mess and How We Can Get Out, Los Angeles, CA*

Harry Levine, PhD, *Professor of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York, New York, NY*

Jerry Mandel, PhD, *Professor Emeritus of Sociology, Sonoma State University, Berkeley, CA*

SESSION #26: Fundraising 101

Let's face it: you need money to change the world, and you probably get a lot of advice about how to raise it. Should you hold a gala dinner? Should you sell t-shirts? Should you sink everything into a good website? How do you know what to do? By sticking to the fundamentals, you will get the most bang for your buck from your fundraising program. This presentation lays out tried-and-true fundraising fundamentals that will help you decide where to concentrate your precious resources.

Moderator: Clovis Thorn, *Director of Development, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

Nick Allen, *CEO, Donordigital, San Francisco, CA*

Joe Manes, *Senior Strategist, AB Data, Ltd., Washington, DC*

Roland Palencia, *Senior Program Officer, The California Endowment, Los Angeles, CA*

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM ARO Banquet (By invitation only)

7:30 PM - 9:30 PM Film Festival

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7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Yoga

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

8:30 AM - 10:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #27: Arresting Marijuana: Cannabis Law Enforcement Around the U.S.

Police arrested 771,608 persons for marijuana violations in 2004, the highest total ever recorded by the FBI. 89% were charged with possession only. Why is this happening? What are the consequences for those arrested, and the taxpayers who must foot the bill? What would be the consequences of arresting far fewer, or of legalizing cannabis? Panelists will present recent studies addressing these questions.

Moderator: Allen St. Pierre, *Executive Director, Member of the Board of Directors, NORML/NORML Foundation, Washington, DC*

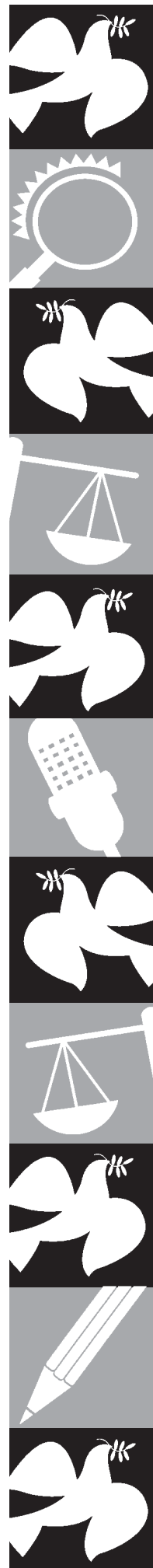
James Austin, PhD, *President, JFA Institute, Washington, DC*

Bruce Johnson, PhD, *Director, Institute for Special Populations Research, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc., New York, NY*

Ryan Scott King, *Research Associate, The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC*

Harry Levine, PhD, *Professor of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York, New York, NY*

Jasmine Tyler, *Research Director, Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC*





SESSION #28: Pushing the Harm Reduction Envelope

Heroin maintenance programs are now underway in Switzerland, Germany, Spain, Britain, The Netherlands, and Canada. Safer injections sites (i.e. supervised injection centers) are also available in these countries and others. Doctors and researchers are investigating the possibility of prescribing cocaine, amphetamine, and other agonist drugs to people addicted to illicit stimulants. We only wish there were more to say about these subjects within the U.S.

Moderator: Jason Farrell, *Executive Director, Positive Health Project, Inc., New York, NY*

Peter Blanken, *Central Committee on the Treatment of Heroin Addicts (CCBH), University Medical Center Utrecht, Utrecht, The Netherlands*

John Grabowski, *PhD, Professor, Substance Abuse Research Center, Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX*

David Marsh, *MD CCSAM, Physician Leader Addiction Medicine, Vancouver Coastal Health and Providence Health Care, Vancouver, BC*

Mark Tyndall, *MD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia*

SESSION #29: Rogue Anti-Drug Task Forces: How to Stop Them

From Tulia, Texas, to Flint, Michigan, federally funded anti-drug task forces are at the center of some of our country's most horrific law enforcement scandals. They represent the drug war at its most extreme. Come learn what's being done at both the state and federal level to stop them - and what you can do to help.

Moderator: William Harrell, *JD, Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, Austin, TX*

Graham Boyd, *JD, Founder and Director, ACLU Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA*

Isela Gutiérrez, *Consultant, ACLU of Texas - Police Accountability Project, Seattle, WA*

Scott Henson, *Director, Police Accountability Project, American Civil Liberties Union of Texas, Austin, TX*

Bill Piper, *Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC*

SESSION #30: The War on Youth: Drug Policy Reform and Juvenile Justice

Between 1990 and 2000, the arrest rate for all youth crimes fell but the arrest rate for drug law violations rose by 105%, and the number of juvenile drug cases resulting in incarceration increased by 62% over the 10 year period. While racial disparity exists throughout the entire juvenile justice system, that disparity is highest for youth imprisoned for drug offenses. But while some say that more than a third of youth who are arrested have problems with illicit drugs, very few age specific treatment options that might address youth needs actually exist in their communities. What do the recent campaigns against youth prisons, and efforts for juvenile justice reform, tell us about the impact of the war on drugs on youth?

Moderator: Marsha Rosenbaum, *PhD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco, San Francisco, CA*

Frank Alvarez, *Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition, CA*

Cassandra Gonzalez, *Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition, CA*

Kyung Ji Kate Rhee, *Prison Moratorium Project, New York, NY*

Jason Zeidenberg, *Executive Director, Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC*

SESSION #31: Shifting the Debate: Latin America

MAJOR SESSION

It seems like the debate over drug policy in Latin America has been stuck between a rock and a hard place for a very long time. But growing frustrations with the failure of current policies as well as the growth of a harm reduction and drug policy reform movement around Latin America offers prospects for a new dialogue.

Moderator: Ethan Nadelmann, *JD, PhD, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York City, NY*

Mariclaire Acosta, *Advisory Council on Foreign Relations, Center for Justice and International Law*

Jeremy Bigwood, *Photographer and Journalist, Washington, DC*

Luis Gómez, *Acting Publisher, The Narco News Bulletin, La Paz, Bolivia*

Silvia Inchaurrega, *President Argentinean Harm Reduction Association (ARDA), Executive Board, REFORMA, Latin American Drug Policy Reform Network, Rosario, Argentina*

Martin Jelsma, *Transnational Institute (TNI), Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Ricardo Sala, *Director, Drug Culture as Harm Reduction, Mexico City, Mexico*

Sanho Tree, *Fellow and Director, Drug Policy Project, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC*

SESSION #32: O Cannabis: Cutting-Edge Research in Canada

This panel will look at the groundbreaking cannabis studies and policy reform being initiated by researchers and community-based activists in Canada, with a focus on how this good work will become increasingly relevant to the U.S. medical cannabis and drug policy reform community.

Moderator: Philippe Lucas, *Director, Vancouver Island Compassion Society/Canadians for Safe Access, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada*

Lynne Belle-Isle, *Project Consultant, Canadian AIDS Society, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*

Rielle Capler, *Policy Analyst and Research Coordinator, The BC Compassion Club Society, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada*

Andrew Hathaway, *Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada*

SESSION #33: Law Enforcement for Reform

MAJOR SESSION

These allies—including a judge, a former police officer, and more—have all come to the same conclusion: drug prohibition is a manifest failure. Each participant will address how the war on drugs has negatively impacted their profession and how they came to oppose it. They will give their impressions of the human and monetary costs involved in continuing the war and describe their efforts to confront the misguided stalwarts who stand in the way of pragmatic reform.

Moderator: Peter Christ, *Police Captain (Ret.), Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Cazenovia, NY*

Jerry Cameron, *Police Chief (Ret.), Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Saint Augustine, FL*

Jack Cole, *Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA*

John Gayder, *Police Constable - Canada, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada*

Garry Jones, *Senior Lieutenant (Ret.), Federal Correctional Institution, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Atlanta, GA*

Eleanor Schockett, *Florida Circuit Court Judge (Ret.), Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Miami, FD*

Norm Stamper, *PhD, Seattle Chief of Police (Ret.), Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Eastsound, WA*

Howard Wooldridge, *Police Detective (Ret.), Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Dallas, TX*

SESSION #34: Katrina: When the Drug War Intersects with a Catastrophe

Nearly three million people have been displaced from their homes because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Many have lost everything. Yet federal laws prohibit these victims from receiving welfare, food stamps, public housing, student loans and other benefits if they have a drug law conviction. We need to stop the war on drugs from becoming a war on hurricane victims.

Moderator: asha bandele, *Deputy Director, Office of Public Policy, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

Joyce Ann Brown, *President/CEO, Mothers (Fathers) for the Advancement of Social Systems, Inc. (MASS), Dallas, TX*

Norris Henderson, *Executive Director, Voice of the Ex-Offender, New Orleans, LA*

Rev. Lorenzo Ford, *Minister, Denton, TX*

Rev. Kobi Little, *Co-Director, New Bottom Line Campaign, Associate Minister, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Selma, AL*

SESSION #35: People in Recovery: Power and Possibility in the Movement for Reform

People in recovery play an increasingly instrumental role in drug policy reform. We will hear from panelists how advocacy on behalf of people in recovery intersects with advocacy to end the war on drugs.

Johnny Alem, *President, The Johnson Institute, Washington, DC*

John de Miranda, *Executive Director, National Association on Alcohol, Drugs and Disability, Inc., San Mateo, CA*

Don Kurth, *MD, President, California Society of Addiction Medicine, CA*

Luis M. Lozano, *Executive Director, Beacon House Association of San Pedro, San Pedro, CA*

Pam Lynch, *Deputy Director, Positive Health Project, New York, NY*

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM PLENARY

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch (On Own)

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #36: Forming Coalitions and Transforming Institutions: The Benefits and Challenges of Organizing Key Constituencies

MAJOR SESSION

The drug war will not end until a critical mass of major social institutions is with us. What can you do to transform and mobilize existing organizations, from the local to the national level? Each speaker has a proven track record of influencing and organizing key constituencies.

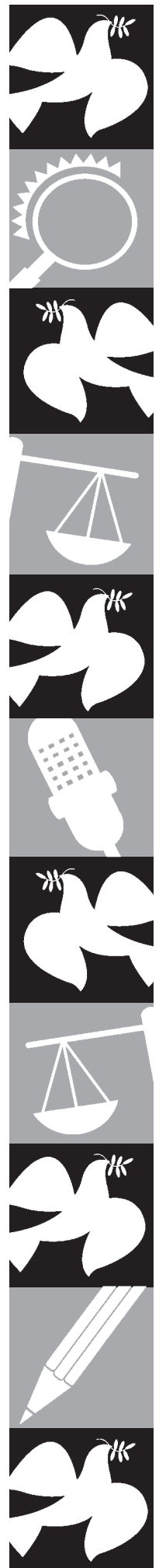
Moderator: Charles Thomas, *Executive Director, Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative, Washington, DC*

Johnny Alem, *President, The Johnson Institute, Washington, DC*

Judge Arthur Burnett, Sr., *National Executive Director, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Washington, DC*

Roger Goodman, *JD, Executive Director, Voluntary Committee of Lawyers, Director, King County Bar Association Drug Policy Project, Seattle, WA*

Scarlett Swerdlow, *Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC*





SESSION #37: Fundraising Roundtable

No presentations, no agenda. Fundraising experts in the room will answer your questions on major donor fundraising, databases, thank yous, direct mail, and internet giving.

Moderator: Robin Beck, *Membership Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

Nick Allen, *CEO, Donordigital, San Francisco, CA*

David Glowka, *Grant Writer, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC*

Rob Kampia, *Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC*

Joe Manes, *Senior Strategist, AB Data, Ltd., Washington, DC*

SESSION #38: Syringe Access: National Snapshot

Increasing the availability of sterile syringes through pharmacies, needle exchange programs and other outlets is essential to reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases. Substantial progress has been made in the past few years at state and local levels, notwithstanding intense opposition by the Bush Administration and Congress.

Moderator: Roseanne Scotti, *JD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Jersey, Trenton, NJ*

Ricky Bluthenthal, *PhD, Social Scientist, RAND Corporation, Los Angeles, CA*

Allan Clear, *Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY*

Reena Szczepanski, *Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM*

SESSION #39: The Case Against Coerced Treatment With Flash Incarceration

MAJOR SESSION

Some say participants in California's landmark alternative-to-incarceration program, Prop 36, should face punitive jail sanctions for even minor infractions. Others say such measures hurt, not help, program participants. Panelists will explore the ins and outs of coerced treatment, from programs such as Prop 36 to drug courts in the U.S. and abroad.

Moderator: Margaret Dooley, *Proposition 36 Outreach Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA*

Dave Fratello, *Co-Author, Proposition 36, Campaign for New Drug Policies, Santa Monica, CA*

Don Kurth, *MD, President, California Society of Addiction Medicine, CA*

Alex Stevens, *Senior Researcher, European Institute of Social Services, School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research, Keynes College, University of Kent, Canterbury, England*

SESSION #40: Drug Cultures

Legal Drugs. Illegal drugs. In between drugs. As Timothy Leary, Andrew Weil, and Norman Zinberg each explained in their own ways, drugs cannot be understood without understanding their "set and setting." Drug use is shaped by culture, and cultures are shaped by their drugs. Burning Man, Prozac, and America in the great stoned age will all be covered in this unusual session on modern drug cultures.

Moderator: Leah Rorvig, *Director of Publications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

Jason Keehn, *Event Organizer and Writer, Los Angeles, CA*

Maia Szalavitz, *Author and Journalist, New York, NY*

Martin Torgoff, *Author, Can't Find My Way Home: America in the Great Stoned Age, 1945-2000, Riverdale, NY*

SESSION #41: Courageous Parents Speak Out

How do harm reduction-oriented parents cope with their child's struggle with drugs, or a drug-related death? This panel of courageous parents will share how they transformed despair into productive work. This informal panel includes audience participation and sharing.

Moderator: Marsha Rosenbaum, *PhD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco, San Francisco, CA*

Gretchen Burns Bergman, *Co-Founder and Executive Director, A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing), Spring Valley, CA*

Luisa Costa, *A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing), El Cajon, CA*

Susan Hubenthal, *Founder, Children of Substance Foundation, Olympia, WA*

Deborah Starr, *PhD, Therapist, Santa Monica, CA*

SESSION #42: Testing Times: The Ongoing Fight Against Random Student Drug Testing

The only thing that President Bush said about drugs—apart from steroids—in his State of the Union address in 2004 was to call for more student drug testing. The federal drug czar has made this a major priority. Some school districts are complying. Many others are resisting.

Moderator: Jennifer Kern, *Research Assistant, Office of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA*

Tom Angell, *Campaigns Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC*

Nikos Leverenz, *Associate Director, California Capital Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Sacramento, CA*

Pamela Lichty, *President, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI*

Howard Taras, *MD, School Health USA, San Diego, CA*

SESSION #43: The Role of the User in Changing Policy

We are all, in some respects, drug users. But not all of us identify as such—especially in our public lives and advocacy. The struggle for drug policy reform, like all other struggles for individual freedom and social justice, cannot succeed without people who identify as drug users speaking out for change.

Moderator: Paula Santiago, *National Community Organizer/ Conference Coordinator, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY*

Marc Brandl, *Executive Director, DanceSafe, Oakland, CA*

Andria Efthimiou, *Founder/Director, The John Mordaunt Trust, London, England*

Louis Jones, *Organizer, New York Users Union, New York, NY*

Milena Naydenova, *Director, Hope-Sofia, Sofia, Bulgaria*

Mikki Norris, *Director, Cannabis Consumers Campaign/Human Rights & the Drug War, El Cerrito, CA*

SESSION #44: The Many Faces of Harm Reduction Psychotherapy

What does it mean to do harm reduction psychotherapy with different populations? Experienced psychotherapists will discuss this innovative approach to effective therapeutic work with clients who may still be using drugs.

Patt Denning, *PhD, Director of Clinical Services and Training, The Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA*

Jeannie Little, *LCSW, Executive Director, The Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA*

4:00 PM - 5:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #45: How to Talk to Your Parents About Drugs

What would young people recommend when it comes to having “the drug talk” with their parents? This panel of students turns the conventional drug conversation on its head, providing advice to adults about how to most effectively approach the issue of alcohol and other drug use. This session provides participants with (sometimes unconventional) strategies coming from young people themselves in an effort to transform “just say no” into “just say know.” A lively discussion will conclude this highly interactive panel.

Moderator: Marsha Rosenbaum, *PhD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco, San Francisco, CA*

Frederick Beebe, *Student, Pitzer College, Claremont, CA*

Alex Koroknay-Palicz, *Executive Director, National Youth Rights Association, Takoma Park, MD*

Colin de Miranda, *Student, Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose, California*

Matt Palevsky, *Vice President, Brown Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Providence, RI*

Leah Rorvig, *Director of Publications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

SESSION #46: Syringe Deregulation: What Does It Mean for California?

Senate Bill 1159 permits certified pharmacies to sell syringes over-the-counter to individuals 18 years of age or older in counties and cities which authorize syringe sale. Eight counties and two cities have already authorized pharmacy sale; community organizers, health officials and syringe exchange programs are working together, sometimes in uneasy alliance, to advocate for the policy change necessary to expand syringe access elsewhere. The current challenge is to understand the new law, identify its gray areas, and strategize to ensure the law is implemented effectively.

Moderator: Alberto Mendoza, *Director, Los Angeles Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA*

Allan Clear, *Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY*

Alessandra Ross, *MPH, Injection Drug Use Program Specialist, Department of Health Services/Office of AIDS, Sacramento, CA*

Shoshanna Scholar, *Executive Director, Clean Needles Now and Harm Reduction Central, Los Angeles, CA*

Steven Simons, *JD, AIDS Coordinator, City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA*

SESSION #47: The ABC's of Initiative I-75 and Measure Z: Cities Taking the Lead

Landmark initiatives in Seattle (Initiative 75) and Oakland (Measure Z) instructed city governments to treat private adult marijuana offenses as the lowest law enforcement priority. Measure Z also put the city on record as supporting the full legalization of marijuana when state law allows. Campaign leaders from Seattle, Oakland, Denver, and Columbia, MO, will discuss polling, messaging, and endorsements, as well as prospects for launching similar initiatives in other cities.

Moderator: Dale Gieringer, *PhD, State Coordinator, California NORML, Co-Founder of the California Drug Policy Reform Coalition and of Californians for Compassionate Use, Berkeley, CA*

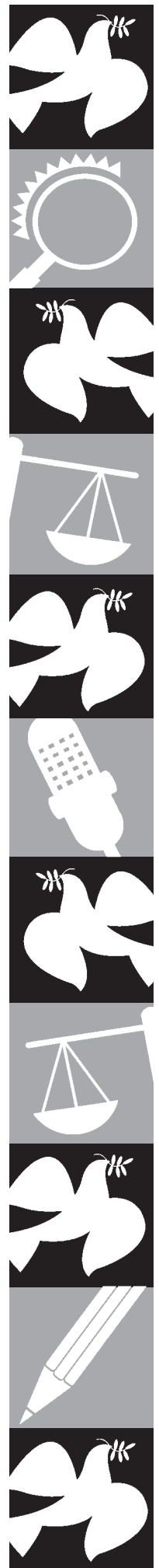
Dominic Holden, *Boards of Directors, NORML, Seattle, WA*

Andrew Ko, *Director, Drug Policy Reform Project, ACLU of Washington, Seattle, WA*

Mikki Norris, *Oakland Civil Liberties Alliance, Board, Cannabis Consumers Campaign, Director, El Cerrito, CA*

Mason Tvert, *Executive Director, Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER), Denver, CO*

Dan Viets, *Member, NORML, National Board of Directors, Columbia Alliance for Patients and Education, Columbia, MO*





SESSION #48: Marijuana's Role in the Entertainment Business

A film director, two executive producers, a comedian and a singer discuss how marijuana is incorporated into story lines, comedy acts and song lyrics. Is marijuana an impediment to selling a movie or TV show? Do censors get in the way? And how is marijuana used as a creative tool?

Moderator: Steve Bloom, *Editor, High Times, New York, NY*

Andy Fickman, *Director, Reefer Madness*

Rich Hardesty, *Singer/Songwriter*

Dan Studney, *Executive Producer, Script Writer, Reefer Madness*

SESSION #49: Collateral Consequences of the Monstrous Drug War

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: Reena Szczepanski, *Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM*

Karen Bass, *Assemblymember, California State Assembly, Los Angeles, CA*

Chris Fabricant, *JD, Attorney, Appellate Advocates, New York, NY*

Ryan Scott King, *Research Associate, The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC*

Carol Shapiro, *Founder and President, Family Justice, New York, NY*

SESSION #50: School Zone Mandatory Minimums: Grade F

Drug-free school zone statutes are among a number of different types of mandatory sentencing laws enacted during the late 1980s that have contributed to both prison population growth, and racial and ethnic disparity in the use of incarceration. While intended to protect young people, one recent analysis found that less than one percent of school zone cases involved a sale of drugs to a minor. These laws typically blanket the urban core of cities where poor people of color live, and their primary impact is to raise the penalties faced by low level drug dealers selling to maintain a habit. This panel of policy analysts and activists will address the impact of school zone laws in Alabama, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Washington, highlighting current campaigns to repeal them.

Moderator: Gabriel Sayegh, *Policy Analyst, Office of Public Policy, Drug Policy Alliance, New York NY*

Roseanne Scotti, *JD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Jersey, Trenton, NJ*

Judy Greene, *Principal, Justice Strategies, Brooklyn, NY*

Roger Goodman, *JD, Executive Director, Voluntary Committee of Lawyers, Director, King County Bar Association Drug Policy Project, Seattle, WA*

Lorenzo Jones, *Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT*

Peter Greer, *Chairman, In Arms Reach, Great Barrington, MA*

SESSION #51: Our Right to Drugs

Panelists will address core issues that often go unarticulated but widely assumed by most everyone engaged in the debate over prohibition. Undoubtedly, there is a direct conflict between an individual's right to consume substances and the state's exercise of its police powers. Do individuals have sovereignty over mind and body above and beyond legal constraints? What is the proper scope of state action in limiting an individual's autonomy? In an era where access to some drugs is widely assumed to be an entitlement, why are some drugs politically verboten?

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

Nikos Leverenz, *Associate Director, California Capital Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Sacramento, CA*

David Nott, *President, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, CA*

Wrye Sententia, *PhD, Director, Center for Cognitive Liberty & Ethics, Davis, CA*

Jacob Sullum, *Senior Editor, Reason, Columnist, Creators Syndicate, VA*

SESSION #52: California's Three Strikes: Prospects for Reform

Three strikes laws make draconian drug laws even more cruel by basing prison sentences on prior convictions. In California, for example, thousands of people convicted of nonviolent drug possession or sales offenses have had their prison sentence doubled because of one prior conviction for burglary or another crime on the list of "serious" or "violent" offenses. Many have been sentenced to 25 years to life for simple possession, based on two prior burglary, serious or violent offenses. This panel will provide insight on the policy, political and human dimensions of this draconian sentencing scheme and opportunities for reform through legislation, advocacy or initiative.

Moderator: Glenn Backes, *Director, California Capital Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Sacramento, CA*

Joe Domanick, *Senior Fellow in Criminal Justice, Annenberg's Institute for Justice and Journalism, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA*

Dave Fratello, *Co-Author, Proposition 36, Campaign for New Drug Policies, Santa Monica, CA*

geri silva, *Executive Director and Co-Founder, Families to Amend California's Three Strikes (FACTS), Los Angeles, CA*

Malik Russel, *MPA, Communications Director, Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC*

SESSION #53: 2008 UNGASS Review

In 1998, the United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on drugs called for “eliminating or significantly reducing the illicit cultivation of the coca bush, the cannabis plant and the opium poppy by the year 2008.” The next UNGASS on drugs will be held in Vienna in 2008, and a distinguished panel of international drug policy experts will strategize on how to help the UN get its head out of the sand.

Moderator: Ethan Nadelmann, *JD, PhD, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York City, NY*

Mauro Guarinieri, *The Global Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, The Netherlands*

Martin Jelsma, *Transnational Institute (TNI), Amsterdam, The Netherlands*

Krzysztof Krajewski, *Professor, Department of Criminology, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland*

Joep Oomen, *Co-ordinator, European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies (ENCOD), Antwerpen, Belgium*

Marco Perduca, *Executive Director, International Antiprohibitionist League, UN Representative, Transnational Radical Party, New York, NY*

Daniel Wolfe, *Deputy Director, International Harm Reduction Programme, Open Society Institute, New York, NY*

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM Open Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM Film Festival

Saturday, November 12

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM Yoga

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Open Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

8:15 AM – 9:15 AM Interfaith Ceremony for Hope and Inspiration in Our Struggle for Compassion and Justice

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #54: Prison Reform and Drug Policy Reform: Intersections and Synergies

In California and across the country, drug policy reformers are working with people who are engaged in efforts that have goals beyond drug policy reform, including reforming the prison industrial complex. Coalition efforts to support Proposition 36 show how much potential can be realized by working collaboratively, but they also raise challenging questions around strategies, tactics, and the divergent visions of groups working for change.

Distinguished panelists will discuss the lessons, challenges, and victories from prison and drug policy reform work in California.

Moderator: asha bandele, *Deputy Director of Public Policy, Coordinator Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY*

Ruth Wilson Gilmore, *PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Geography, University of Southern California*

John Lum, *Policy Coordinator, Coalition for Effective Public Safety and Californians United for a Responsible Budget, Sacramento, CA*

Sitara Nieves, *National Development Organizer, Critical Resistance, Oakland, CA*

Gabriel Sayegh, *Policy Analyst, Office of Public Policy, Drug Policy Alliance, New York NY*

SESSION #55: Effectively Making the Case for Legalization

Okay, you’ve got one minute in the elevator. You’ve got five minutes on a radio show. You’ve got 30 minutes at a Rotary Club. How do you best make the case for legalizing drugs?

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

Jack Cole, *Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA*

Cliff Thornton, *Co-Founder, Efficacy, Hartford, CN*

Eric Sterling, *President, The Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, Silver Spring, MD*

Jacob Sullum, *Senior Editor, Reason, Columnist, Creators Syndicate, VA*

SESSION #56: Lobbying Your Legislature on Medical Marijuana

Medical marijuana bills have been introduced in roughly two dozen state legislatures. A few have become law, and others are close. Learn which tactics worked—and which failed—in each campaign, as well as plans for 2006 and beyond.

Moderator: Ethan Nadelmann, *JD, PhD, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York City, NY*

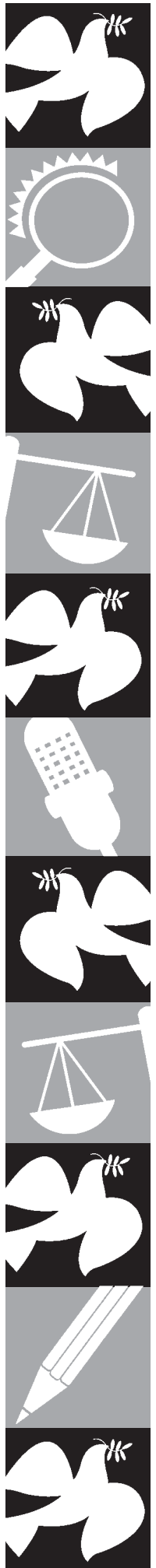
Rob Kampa, *Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC*

Pamela Lichty, *President, Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI*

Nancy Lynch, *Statewide Coordinator, Vermont Marijuana Policy Project, Montpelier, VT*

Vince Marrone, *Founder and Principal, Public Strategies, LLC, Larchmont, NY*

Reena Szczepanski, *Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM*





SESSION #57: Methamphetamine: Solutions

MAJOR SESSION

Are there any good answers for what to do about methamphetamine? Do prescription and pharmacy controls really make a difference? Is methamphetamine more or less dangerous depending upon how it is produced? Does harm reduction make just as much sense with methamphetamine misuse as it does with other drug misuse? What about prescribing pharmaceutical stimulants to people addicted to illicit methamphetamine? These questions are rarely addressed in the media, but they are addressed by these panelists.

Moderator: Glenn Backes, MSW, MPH, Director, California Capital Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Sacramento, CA

Luciano Colonna, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Project, Salt Lake City, UT

Philip Fiuty, Harm Reduction Program Coordinator, New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe, NM

John Grabowski, PhD, Professor, Substance Abuse Research Center, Dept of Psychiatry, Medical School, University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, TX

SESSION #58: Civil Disobedience: Arrest and Reform

"It costs me less in every sense to incur the penalty of disobedience to the State than it would to obey," wrote Henry David Thoreau in his landmark essay on civil disobedience. Some courageous activists support Thoreau's statement and are taking radical steps to make sure their voices are heard. Domestic and international panelists who have planned successful civil disobedience actions will share their tactics.

Moderator: Leah Rorvig, Director of Publications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Balázs Dénes, Executive Director, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Budapest, Hungary

Kris Hermes, Legal Campaign Director, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA

Charles King, President, Housing Works, New York, NY

Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA

SESSION #59: The Politics of Science

MAJOR SESSION

Government agencies and funding institutions shaped by powerful political forces often exercise a distorting and destructive influence on scientific and other critical research agendas. Leading drug researchers will explore this provocative topic and its relationship to drug policy reform.

Moderator: Sheigla Murphy, PhD, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Studies, Institute for Scientific Analysis, San Francisco, CA

Rick Doblin, PhD, President, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Belmont, MA

Bruce Johnson, PhD, Director, Institute for Special Populations Research, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc., New York, NY

G. Alan Marlatt, PhD, Professor and Director, Addictive Behaviors Research Center, University of Washington, Department of Psychology, Seattle, WA

Craig Reinerman, PhD, Professor of Sociology, University of California at Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA

SESSION #60: Grassroots Organizing for Drug Policy Reform

It's been said that to effect change, you either need money, or people, or both. This workshop will focus on the nuts and bolts of organizing people to achieve drug policy reform. We will discuss tactics, strategies, and the role of leadership.

Lorenzo Jones, Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT

Robert Rooks, National Field Organizer, American Civil Liberties Union, Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA

K. L. Shannon, Staff Organizer, Racial Disparity Project, Defender Association, Seattle, WA

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #61: Methadone and Buprenorphine

Roughly 200,000 people in the U.S. are currently on methadone maintenance therapy, and buprenorphine is emerging as an excellent option for many people. Panelists discuss an array of issues related to opioid maintenance therapies as well as efforts to widen treatment options behind bars in the U.S.

Moderator: Reena Szczepanski, Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM

Melinda Campopiano, MD, Family Physician, Pittsburgh, PA

Kathleen Kane-Willis, Assistant Director, Roosevelt University's Institute for Metropolitan Affairs, Chicago, IL

Sharon Stancliff, MD, Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Bruce Trigg, MD, Medical Director, STD Program, New Mexico Department of Health, Albuquerque, NM

SESSION #62: Beyond Zero Tolerance: A Reality-Based Approach to Drug Education and Student Assistance

What would high school and college drug education look like at its best? This panel of prevention experts presents s in lieu of punishment. Implementation of the Beyond Zero Tolerance approach is an integral part of this interactive session.

Moderator: Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

G. Alan Marlatt, PhD, Professor and Director, Addictive Behaviors Research Center, University of Washington, Department of Psychology, Seattle, WA

Colin de Miranda, Student, Bellarmine College Preparatory, San Jose, California

Rodney Skager, PhD, Professor Emeritus, UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, Salinas, CA

SESSION #63: Mexico and Narco-Democracy: So Far From God, So Close to the United States

Is the problem of drug trafficking in Mexico, and across the border, any different than it was ten, twenty, or thirty years ago? What about the debate about drugs and drug policy in Mexico? Do changes in U.S. policies make any difference? Is there any hope for real reform?

Moderator: James Gollin, Chairman, Rainforest Action Network, Grants Advisor, Angelica Foundation, Santa Fe, NM

Mariclaire Acosta, Advisory Council on Foreign Relations, Center for Justice and International Law

Luis Astorga, Sociologist, Mexico

Abel Barrera, Director, Tlachinollan Human Rights Center, Tlapa de Comonfort, Guerrero, Mexico

Al Giordano, Founder and Journalist, Narco News

SESSION #64: The Future of Medical Marijuana

MAJOR SESSION

How do we shape our strategy for a long-term win for patients who need medical marijuana? Are there any prospects for changing federal law? What new strategies are being used in the courts? What about administrative action? Panelists will discuss legal, federal, and state strategies.

Moderator: Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA

Valerie Leveroni Corral, Co-Founder, Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana, Santa Cruz, CA

Rick Doblin, PhD, President, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Belmont, MA

Lynne Belle-Isle, Project Consultant, Canadian AIDS Society, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Graham Boyd, JD, Founder and Director, ACLU Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA

SESSION #65: Race, Racism, and the Drug War

MAJOR SESSION

The U.S. war on drugs has gone on in one form or another for almost a hundred years, and in the last thirty years, communities of color in the U.S. have been hit especially hard by prohibition policies and drug war fervor: people of color are disproportionately arrested, convicted, and imprisoned for drug offenses, neighborhoods of color have a police presence unheard of in white communities, and media coverage of illicit drug use and commerce is inevitably shaped by race, class, and other biases. How does institutional racism create a different set of experiences and questions for communities of color than for white communities in the war on drugs?

Moderator: Ira Glasser, Board President, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Keith Boykin, JD, Lecturer, Activist, Author of Beyond The Down Low: Sex, Lies and Denial in Black America, Board President, National Black Justice Coalition, New York City, NY

Vanita Gupta, JD, Assistant Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund (LDF), New York, NY

Carl Hart, PhD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Neuroscience, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University, Research Scientist, Division of Substance Abuse, New York State Psychiatric Institute., New York, NY

Robert Rooks, National Field Organizer, American Civil Liberties Union, Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA

Paula Santiago, National Community Organizer/ Conference Coordinator, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

SESSION #66: Marijuana, Driving, and Drug Testing on the Roads

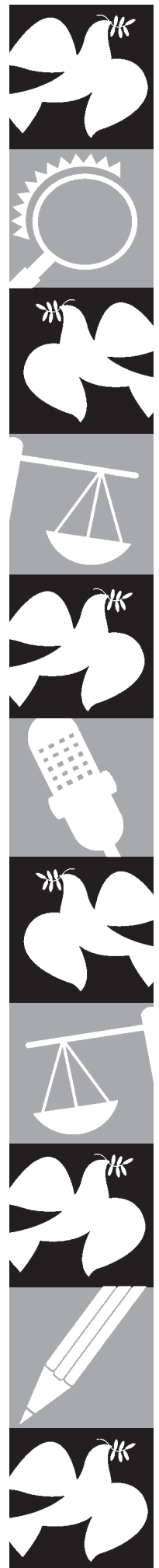
Drug-impaired driving is a genuine problem. Much proposed drugged-driving legislation, however, does nothing to verify whether a driver is in fact under the influence of drugs. Can impairment levels similar to the Blood Alcohol Content standard be established? Does marijuana impair driving? If so, how? What's the future of road-side impairment testing?

Moderator: Bill Piper, Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Paul Armentano, Senior Policy Analyst, NORML, Washington, DC

Dale Gieringer, PhD, State Coordinator, California NORML, Co-Founder, California Drug Policy Reform Coalition and of Californians for Compassionate Use, Berkeley, CA

Aaron Houston, Director of Government Relations, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC



1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Lunch (Provided)

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM BREAKOUT SESSIONS

SESSION #67: Federal Roundtable

Although most of the harm from the drug war occurs at the local and state level, including the majority of drug arrests, the federal government is the driving force behind our nation's destructive drug policies. The federal government blocks states from enacting alternatives to the war on drugs and provides financial incentives to encourage them to prioritize punitive approaches. This roundtable explores the prospects for reform at the national level.

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

Judge Arthur Burnett, Sr., *National Executive Director, National African American Drug Policy Coalition, Washington, DC*

Aaron Houston, *Director of Government Relations, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC*

Eric Sterling, *President, The Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, Silver Spring, MD*

Scarlett Swerdlow, *Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC*

Sanho Tree, *Fellow and Director, Drug Policy Project, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC*

SESSION #68: Health Care for Drug Users: Case Studies

Illicit drug users are often the last to receive health care and other supportive services; indeed, some receive better services behind bars than in the community. Efforts are underway in the U.S. and abroad to improve access to services that ultimately save both lives and taxpayer dollars.

Moderator: Roseanne Scotti, *JD, Director, Drug Policy Alliance New Jersey, Trenton, NJ*

Marcus Day, *DSc, Director, Caribbean Drug Abuse Research Institute, Castries, Saint Lucia*

Richard Elovich, *Medical Sociologist and Fellow, National Development and Research Institutes, New York, NY*

Jason Farrell, *Executive Director, Positive Health Project, Inc., New York, NY*

Paul Goldstein, *PhD, Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, School of Public Health, Faculty Fellow, Great Cities Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, IL*

SESSION #69: Drug Sellers: It's Not What You Think

People who sell drugs navigate a complex web of economic concerns, interpersonal relationships, familial needs, and law enforcement. Panelists will discuss their research on drug sellers' perceptions of legal, social and health related risks and their effects on sales practices and harm reduction strategies.

Luis Astorga, *Sociologist, México*

Ric Curtis, *PhD, Chair, Department of Anthropology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY*

Bruce Johnson, *PhD, Director, Institute for Special Populations Research, National Development and Research Institutes, Inc., New York, NY*

Sheigla Murphy, *PhD, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Studies, Institute for Scientific Analysis, San Francisco, CA*

SESSION #70: Latinos, América Latina y La Guerra Contra Las Drogas

(IN SPANISH/EN ESPAÑOL)

Esta sesión explora el impacto que la guerra contra las drogas ha tenido en América Latina. Los panelistas hablarán sobre la violencia y el uso/abuso de las drogas en la frontera de México y los Estados Unidos, el impacto en las ciudades y pueblos que producen las drogas y las rutas del narco-traficante. Se discutirá sobre lo que se debe de cambiar y quienes son las verdaderas víctimas de la guerra contra las drogas.

Moderator: Alberto Mendoza, *Director, Los Angeles Office, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA*

Antonio Maciel, *Director, US Justice Fund, Open Society Institute*

Manuel Gonzalez Martinez, *Director of Economic Promotion and Tourism, Office of Economic Development, City of Tijuana, Tijuana, Mexico*

Carolina Navarrete, *Researcher, Universidad del Rosario, Bogotá, Colombia*

Silvia Natalia Rivera, *Bolivia*

SESSION #71: Ending the War on Drugs: The Importance of Anti-Racist Organizing

In the drug policy reform movement, what does a commitment to fight racism mean in practice? Why is an anti-racist analysis important to the drug policy reform movement? What are some basic anti-racist organizing principles to help guide our work? These are some core questions that this workshop will be addressing. The workshop is based in the belief that anti-racism is a catalyst for building powerful movements for justice in this country. Facilitators Clare Bayard and Gabriel Sayegh will lead the group through participatory exercises and discussions on anti-racist organizing. This workshop is designed for people who have white skin privilege, but all people are welcome to attend.

Clare Bayard, *Trainer, Catalyst Project, San Francisco, CA*

Gabriel Sayegh, *Policy Analyst, Office of Public Policy, Drug Policy Alliance, New York NY*

SESSION #72: How in God's Name Do We Reform Our Drug Laws? Mobilizing Religious Opposition to the Drug War

MAJOR SESSION

This open discussion features a variety of religious leaders and drug policy activists engaged in organizing clergy and religious communities.

Moderator: Charles Thomas, Executive Director, Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative, Washington, DC

Rev. Cynthia Abrams, Program Director, Alcohol, Other Addictions, and Health Care Work Area, General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church, Washington, DC

Rev. Warren Dolphus, President Emeritus, National Alliance of Faith and Justice of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice, Washington, DC

Father Joseph Ganssle, OFM, Co-Founder, Religious Leaders for a Moral Drug Policy, advisory board, Action Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty, leadership council, Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative

Rev. Peter Laarman, Director, Progressive Christians Uniting, Pomona, CA

Jane Marcus, PhD, Board Member, Interfaith Drug Policy Initiatives, Palo Alto, CA

William Martin, PhD, Professor, Department of Sociology, Rice University, Houston, TX

SESSION #73: The World

MAJOR SESSION

Drug abuse is a problem everywhere. So is drug prohibition. But the consequences vary around the world: corruption of governments, violence, the spread of HIV/AIDS, destruction of the environment and much more. As a result, drug policy reform is becoming increasingly internationalized.

Moderator: Ethan Nadelmann, JD, PhD, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York City, NY

Mariclaire Acosta, Advisory Council on Foreign Relations, Center for Justice and International Law, Mexico City, Mexico

Martin Jelsma, Transnational Institute (TNI), Amsterdam, The Netherlands

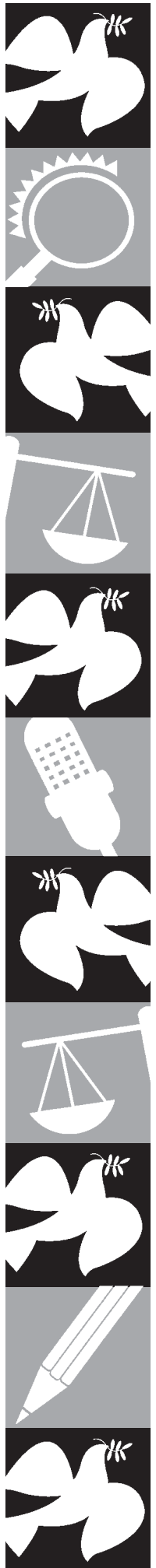
Marco Perduca, Director, International Antiprohibitionist League, UN Representative, Transnational Radical Party, New York, NY

Daniel Wolfe, Deputy Director, International Harm Reduction Programme, Open Society Institute, New York, NY

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM CLOSING PLENARY

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Awards Banquet Cocktail Hour

8:00 PM - 11:00 PM Awards Banquet



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Rev. Cynthia Abrams is a clergywoman of the United Methodist Church. She serves in the national social justice agency of the United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., as the director of the Alcohol, Other Addictions, and Health Care Work Area. In 2004 the United Methodist Church overwhelmingly passed a statement in support of the medical use of marijuana. The denomination's work on drugs focuses on a caring, compassionate, healing, and just response to drugs and the need for sensible reform.

Mariclaire Acosta is the former subsecretary for Human Rights and Democracy in the Secretariat of Foreign Relations Office in Mexico. Her career in the field of human rights has led her on missions ranging from investigating the treatment of immigrants in the United States to studying the effects of violence in Colombia. Currently she is a member of the Advisory Council on Foreign Relations for the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL). Ms. Acosta is the author of numerous articles, including: "Overcoming Discrimination Against Women in Mexico: A Task for Sisyphus," "Lessons Learned from Relations between Mexican and U.S. Human Rights Organizations," and "Democracy, Governability and Human Rights in Mexico."

Johnny Alem is a leading national advocate for addiction recovery issues and president of the Johnson Institute, a leading innovator in the campaign against addiction for more than 40 years. Mr. Alem is author of *Speaking Out for Addiction Recovery*, a text used to train leaders in America's recovery community, and co-author of *Healing Places*, a book on the Johnson Institute's acclaimed faith team ministry.

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Frank Alvarez is an organizer with the Youth Justice Coalition. After spending time in juvenile hall, county jail, and on probation, he eventually got drug treatment instead of state prison time under California's Proposition 36.

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Paul Armentano has served for nearly ten years as a policy analyst, researcher, and communications specialist for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and the NORML Foundation. Mr. Armentano's writing

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Luis Astorga is a researcher with the Institute for Social Research at the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México. He has authored numerous books and articles about drug trafficking.

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Glenn Backes, MSW, MPH, is the director of the Drug Policy Alliance's California Capital Office. Mr. Backes has worked in HIV prevention since 1987, and is considered a leading specialist on disease control among injection drug users. Backes supervises DPA's 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 transmission related to syringe sharing and advocacy for drug treatment on demand.

asha bande is the deputy director of public policy for the Drug Policy Alliance. A community organizer and journalist for more than 15 years, asha has also authored four books including the award winning memoir *The Prisoner's Wife*. Most importantly though, she is Nisa's mother.

Abel Barrera is a social anthropologist. He is a co-founder and director of the Tlachinollan Human Rights Center in Tlapa de Comonfort, Mexico. Tlachinollan has received the state award Nicolas Bravo and the national Tata Vasco Award presented to organizations working in the promotion and defense of human rights. Mr. Barrera is the author of numerous articles and has participated in a wide diversity of events on the subjects of indigenous culture, indigenous rights, social movements, the human rights situation in Mexico and in Guerrero, drug trafficking, militarization, and migration.

Karen Bass is the assemblywoman for the 47th district in California. She holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills and a Post Baccalaureate Physician Assistant's Certificate from the University of Southern California. She has been a clinical instructor at the USC School of Medicine since 1986 and joined the UCLA School of Public Policy as a Senior Policy Fellow in 1998. Ms. Bass currently resides in the Baldwin Vista community and is the proud mother of a student attending a California University. Karen Bass is one of Los Angeles's most effective, creative and respected community leaders with a long and successful track record in the community.

Clare Bayard is a core member, organizer and trainer with the Catalyst Project. She has played a lead role in forging alliances between mostly white global justice and anti-war groups with immigrant-led economic and racial justice organizations. As a member of Catalyst, Ms. Bayard serves on the national committee of the War Resisters League supporting counter-military recruitment organizing. She is also a member of the Heads Up Collective, an anti-imperialist group in San Francisco.

Robin Beck is the membership coordinator for the Drug Policy Alliance. In addition to experience in small gift fundraising he has worked in major donor solicitation and event planning. Mr. Beck is also active in the world of philanthropy. He has served on the board of directors of the Max and Anna Levinson Foundation since 2000. He is a graduate of the University of Chicago.



Fred Beebe is a college student, originally from New York, who now attends Pitzer College in Los Angeles. He works for the International Education for Peace Organization, a conflict-resolution group that focuses its work on school-age children.

Lynne Belle-Isle is a project consultant with the Canadian AIDS Society. She is currently examining the legal, ethical and human rights issues related to access to medicinal marijuana for people living with HIV/AIDS. She worked as an epidemiologist for eight years for Health Canada, the Canadian federal health department. Before working full-time on the cannabis as therapy project, she was involved in national programs related to harm reduction, prisoners' issues, and hepatitis C.

Jeremy Bigwood is a freelance investigative reporter and photographer based in Washington, D.C. Mr. Bigwood is known for documenting the drug war and civil wars of Latin America. He traveled alongside rebel groups and government soldiers there from 1984-1994, snapping photographs that appeared in *Time*, *Newsweek*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *Der Spiegel*, *Der Stern*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *San Francisco Examiner*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Boston Globe*.

Peter 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 is a retired businessman and political activist, based in Santa Barbara, who has played an often pivotal behind-the-scenes role in drug policy reform as well as a range of other political and social justice issues. Since 1995, he has worked with Ethan Nadelmann to organize and host a series of gatherings in Santa Barbara that bring together drug policy reform activists, funders, strategists and prominent experts in political research and advocacy. Mr. Blitz played a role in founding both the Threshold Foundation and the Social Venture Network.

Steve Bloom was named editor of *HIGH TIMES* in 2004. He shares that title with David Bienenstock and Richard Cusick. Formerly editor-in-chief of *HIGH TIMES' Grow America* and senior editor of *HIGH TIMES*, Bloom has been with the magazine since 1988. Bloom is executive producer of the *HIGH TIMES* Stony Awards. He also produced the benefit albums, *Hempilation: Freedom Is NORML* (Capricorn, 1995) and *Hempilation 2: Free the Weed* (Capricorn, 1998). Bloom is the author of two books: *Video Invaders* (Arco, 1982), the first comprehensive history of the video game industry; and *Watch Out for the Little Guys* (St. Martin's, 1989), a portrait of basketball's shortest players. He's also written for *Rolling Stone*, *New York*, *USA Today* and *TV Guide*. In 2004, he was given the Media & Culture Award by NORML (the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws).

Ricky Bluthenthal, PhD, is a social scientist at the RAND Corporation in the health program and Drug Policy Research Center. He is also an assistant professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. Over the last 15 years, Dr. Bluthenthal has conducted numerous studies on the effectiveness of syringe exchange programs (SEPs) and on political and community obstacles to implementing and operating SEPs. He is currently completing a study that examines the association between SEP client HIV risk and the SEP operational characteristics (i.e., dispensation policy, availability of ancillary social and medical services).

Graham Boyd is the founder and director of the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project. The Project's goal is to end punitive drug policies that cause the widespread violation of constitutional and human rights, as well as unprecedented levels of incarceration. Boyd recently brought to favorable settlement a class action lawsuit against a narcotics task force in Hearne, Texas, that fabricated evidence against a significant portion of the town's African American population. He has also success-

fully litigated a First Amendment case concerning the rights of doctors to recommend medical marijuana to patients in *Walters v. Conant*. Boyd argued before the Supreme Court of the United States in a case concerning drug testing of high school students who participate in extracurricular activities, *Board of Education v. Earls*.

Keith Boykin is a *New York Times* bestselling author of three books, including his most recent book, *Beyond The Down Low: Sex, Lies and Denial in Black America*. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School, Mr. Boykin served in the White House as a special assistant to President Clinton and later taught political science at American University in Washington. He was a star on the 2004 Showtime television series *American Candidate*. He has been featured in VIBE magazine and on the cover of several publications including *A&U*, *Out* and *The Advocate*, and he was selected as one of *Out Magazine's* 100 most intriguing people of 2004. Currently a syndicated columnist, Mr. Boykin writes weekly commentary on his site, keithboykin.com, and he serves as president of the board of the National Black Justice Coalition.

Cheryl Branch is a project coordinator at African American Alcohol and Other Drug Services Advisory Council of LA County (AAAOD). AAAOD is a community-based coalition of health and human service providers established in 1992 to study, design, develop and advocate for legislation and policies that improve alcohol and drug services for African Americans and other poor minorities in South Central Los Angeles.

Marc Brandl is the executive director of DanceSafe. Mr. 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 Mr. 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.

Joyce Ann Brown was released from prison on November 3, 1989, after serving nine years, five months and 24 days for a crime she did not commit. Her vision to build an organization on the cornerstone of justice and equality began in 1989 and led to the birth of MASS, Inc., a nonprofit organization serving those who have lost their voice in the community. Ms. Brown is the author of *Joyce Ann Brown: Justice Denied*, which she wrote from her prison cell.

Senior Judge Arthur Burnett, Sr. is currently on leave for two years as an inactive Senior Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. Judge Burnett is the national executive director of the National African American Drug Policy Coalition, founded on April 1, 2004 with nine entities signing a Memorandum of Understanding to work together in a coalition to reduce and prevent illegal drug usage and related crime and juvenile delinquency in African American communities throughout the United States.

Gretchen Burns Bergman is executive director and co-founder of A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing). In 2000 she served as California State Chairwoman of Proposition 36, which mandates treatment instead of incarceration for nonviolent drug offenders.

Jerry Cameron spent a considerable part of his 17-year law enforcement career in the "war on drugs." Not only was he chief of two small town departments for a total of eleven years, he is also a graduate of the 150th Session of the FBI National Academy, the DEA Basic Drug Enforcement Course, and two DEA Advanced Drug Enforcement Professional Institutes. Mr. Cameron participated as a front line warrior in street enforcement and consequently was recognized nationally for developing a street-enforcement-technique known as "Operation Pressure Point." He has been published in *The Police Chief*, *The Florida Police Chief*, and *Law & Order* magazines. He was a full time faculty member of the Institute of Police Technology and Management at the University of North Florida, where he



taught drug interdiction, roadside interrogation techniques, police ethics, and management.

Melanie Campopiano, MD, is a family physician in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She has a private practice and provides health care for people of all ages and conditions. She has prescribed buprenorphine for opiate addiction as a routine part of her primary care practice for over two years. Since medical school Dr. Campopiano has been an advocate for the rational treatment of addiction as an individual and public health problem.

Rielle Capler is a medical cannabis advocate, policy analyst, educator and researcher. She has been working for the past six years with the British Columbia Compassion Club Society (BCCCS), Canada's oldest and largest medical cannabis dispensary and natural health care centre. The BCCCS's Operational Standards are used as a guide for cannabis dispensaries worldwide. A study co-authored by Ms. Capler on the use of cannabis for nausea during pregnancy has recently been accepted for publication in the *Journal of Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice*.

Mario Ceballos is president and founder of Ceballos & Associates, a consulting firm focusing on communications, public relations and capacity building. Mr. Ceballos' expertise encompasses the areas of public relations/community outreach, social marketing, and organizational development. Mr. Ceballos has served on various boards and is currently a Commissioner for the LA County Commission on Human Relations.

Paul Chang has been involved in cannabis law reform since 1991 and has been an advocate for industrial hemp since 1994. He has worked and studied in Jamaica, the U.S., Italy, and Canada. Mr. Chang has resided in St. Ann, Jamaica, since 1981. He is the father of two sons, a registered architect and certified yoga teacher.

Maria Chavez is the regional director of the West Coast Office of the Harm Reduction Coalition. Ms. Chavez has worked in the San Francisco area for more than 15 years, providing direct services to survivors of rape and domestic violence, and homeless youth. She is a national trainer / educator with more than 20 years of experience in harm reduction, women's and youth issues and sex work.

Peter Christ retired as a police captain in 1989 from the Town of Tonawanda Police Department in New York State. Since his retirement he has been involved in drug policy reform. He was one of the original board members of ReconsiDer: Forum on Drug Policy, founded in 1992. In 2002 Mr. Christ co-founded Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). He has given more than 1000 presentations on the failure of prohibition and the need for a legalized, regulated and controlled drug market place.

Allan Clear has overseen organizational, programmatic, and policy development at the Harm Reduction Coalition for the past nine years. Mr. Clear was a founder and original executive director of Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, which is one of the first five New York needle exchange programs. He is a member of the North American Syringe Exchange Network and the New York Commission on AIDS.

Jack Cole is a 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 incidence of death, disease, and addiction in the United States by ending drug prohibition. Mr. Cole also speaks for ReconsiDer, a drug policy forum in Syracuse, New York, focused on the failed U.S. drug policy, offering alternative reform policies driven by the concept of harm reduction.

Ken Collins is the deputy director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance. Mr. Collins has served in various positions with members of both House minority and majority leadership, including Congressmen John Lewis (D-GA), David McIntosh (R-IN), and Mike Pence (R-IN). As Mr. Collins transitioned from "Hill life" he served as manager of science, communications and government relations for the Institute of Food Technologists. He later worked as the associate vice president of federal affairs for the EOP Group, serving as a political consultant and contract lobbyist specializing in legislative analysis and the U.S. budget and regulatory processes.

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

Chris Conrad is an internationally recognized and court-qualified cannabis expert. He founded the Business Alliance for Commerce in Hemp (BACH) in 1989 and was the Hemp Industry Association's (HIA) first president in 1994. He has authored four books, including *Hemp: Lifeline to the Future* and *Hemp for Health*. His most recent publication is *Cannabis Yields and Dosage*. Conrad was instrumental in the passage of California's medical marijuana initiative, Prop 215, and is director of Safe Access Now.

Robert Cordero is the director of federal advocacy for Housing Works in Washington, D.C. New York-based Housing Works is the nation's largest minority-controlled community-based AIDS service and advocacy organization. Mr. Cordero's advocacy work includes the Ryan White CARE Act, AIDS housing, HIV prevention, harm reduction and drug user issues, Medicaid, Medicare, lesbian / Gay / Bisexual / Transgender and AIDS civil rights, as well as nonprofit free speech and advocacy.

Valerie Corral was arrested with her husband, Mike, for the cultivation of five marijuana plants. She began using marijuana as an adjunct medicine to control epileptic seizures resulting from an auto accident that caused her brain trauma. Spurred by this arrest, she became involved in the campaign to legalize medical marijuana. As the first patient in the state of California to challenge existing law and based on a defense of necessity she was ushered into the legal, political and social foreground of this health issue. The spring of 1993 brought judiciary success. In response to this victory the Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana was born.

Luisa Costa is a member of Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing. She lives in El Cajon, California.

Katherine Cummings is a senior at Brown University. She became involved in the drug policy reform movement in 2003 to help organize the first Medical Marijuana Symposium at Brown. In 2005, Ms. Cummings worked as Outreach Coordinator for the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition (RIPAC) and served on the steering committee of the Rhode Island Right to Vote Campaign.

Ric Curtis, PhD, is the chair of the Anthropology Department at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York. He has more than 25 years of experience conducting ethnographic research in New York neighborhoods. He serves on the boards of directors of several local social service organizations, including Family Services Network and The After Hours Project in Brooklyn, and CitiWide Harm Reduction in the Bronx.

Marcus Day is the director of the Caribbean Drug Abuse Research Institute based in Castries, Saint Lucia. The Institute studies the effects of drug use on vulnerable populations. His manual on implementing alternative sentencing will be



published in early 2006. Mr. Day is also the co-editor of a recently published volume on drug use in the Caribbean entitled *Caribbean Drugs, from Criminalization to Harm Reduction* (Zed Publishing London, 2004). He is also the coordinator of the Caribbean Harm Reduction Coalition and as such co-authored of the 2002 CARICOM report *Drug Demand Reduction Needs in the Caribbean Community*, which continues to inform CARICOM drugs policy.

August de Loor has worked in harm reduction since 1970, when he began working with homeless heroin users in the Netherlands. Since then he has worked on a variety of harm reduction and drug monitoring projects, including syringe exchange programs and the Safe-House Campaign (to improve safety at raves). He is now the director of the Drug Consultation Bureau.

Colin de Miranda is a junior at Bellarmine College Preparatory in San Jose, California. He serves as president of the school's gay/straight alliance and spent two months this summer on a youth service project in rural Nicaragua. He is a member of the California Statewide Task Force on Effective Drug Education and the board of directors of Amigos de las Americas.

John de Miranda is the executive director of the National Association on Alcohol, Drugs and Disabilities, Inc., a network of individuals and organizations dedicated to improving access to substance abuse prevention and treatment services for people with disabilities. In this capacity he directs the National Access Project, funded by grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, the JM Foundation and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment. With a professional background in the alcohol and drug problems field that spans 25 years, Mr. de Miranda has served as program administrator, management consultant, therapist, educator, government official, researcher, and trainer.

Balazs Denes is executive director of the Hungarian Civil Liberties Union (HCLU). The HCLU is a nonprofit human rights organization founded in Budapest in 1994. Mr. Denes received his law degree in 1998, from ELTE University, Budapest. From 1998 - 2001, he worked at the HCLU's Drug Policy Program and in the law office of Andrea Pelle, Hungary's leading drug policy reform advocate. Since the fall of 2001, he has been a full-time lawyer at the HCLU, and is the head of the HCLU's Drug Policy Project. The goals and services of the Drug Policy Project include the promotion of harm reduction policies, criticism of prohibitionist drug policy, and legal aid services. Mr. Denes is the author of several studies, mass-media articles and informational booklets, and serves as the editor of the HCLU's *Drug Political Booklets* series, focusing on harm reduction drug policy.

Patt Denning, PhD, worked in San Francisco Community Mental Health as a clinician and program director from 1978 to 1993. She developed specialties in differential diagnosis, psychopharmacology, psychotherapy with seriously disturbed patients, HIV, and substance use disorders. In 2000, Dr. Denning and Jeannie Little created a nonprofit treatment and training program, The Harm Reduction Therapy Center (HRTC), which provides a full range of mental health services to dually diagnosed individuals.

Marlene Dobkin de Rios is a medical anthropologist and psychotherapist who has extensively studied the use of ayahuasca by Peruvian natives. She has published numerous books and articles on the cross-cultural look at the use of hallucinogens and sacred plants, as well as studying shamanic techniques of healing and psychotherapy. Her most recent book is *LSD, Spirituality, and the Creative Process* (2003).

Rick Doblin, PhD, is the founder (in 1986) and president of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). Dr. Doblin's dissertation in Public Policy at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government was on "The Regulation of the Medical Use of Psychedelics and Marijuana." His professional goal is to help develop legal contexts for the beneficial uses of psychedelics and marijuana, pri-

marily as prescription medicines but also for personal growth for otherwise "healthy" people, and to become a legally licensed psychedelic therapist.

Jim Doherty, JD, has been practicing law for 26 years. For the past eleven years he has been a full time legal consultant with Municipal Research & Services Center, a nonprofit organization providing research assistance to cities and counties in the State of Washington. Concern about America's drug war and the American effort to incarcerate at every turn has been a part of Mr. Doherty's entire professional career. Prior to attending law school, he spent a year working as an "alternatives worker" - getting criminal defendants into drug and alcohol rehabilitation programs - and he spent a year as a cell block officer in a large county jail. He has prosecuted drug users, defended drug cases in trial courts and appellate courts, and he's seen the corrections system up close and personal. Mr. Doherty is now part of the King County Bar Association Drug Policy Project, the country's first county-wide collaboration to look at and work towards alternatives to America's longest war.

Rev. Warren H. Dolphus is the President Emeritus of the National Alliance of Faith and Justice of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. Rev. Dolphus is a retired chaplain of the Federal Bureau of Prisons. He has served as a consultant for Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency of the District of Columbia, the National Crime Prevention Council, and other federal agencies. In addition, Rev. Dolphus serves on the board of several national organizations, including Kairos Horizon Communities in Prison, the National Crime Prevention Coalition of America and Youth Action Network of Central Florida.

Joe Domanick, an award-winning investigative journalist and author, is the Senior Fellow for Criminal Justice of the Institute for Justice and Journalism at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication. His latest book is *Cruel Justice: Three Strikes and the Politics of Crime in America's Golden State*. His previous book, *To Protect and Serve: The LAPD's Century of War in the City of Dreams*, won the 1995 Edgar Allan Poe Award for Best Non-Fiction Book. His first book, *Faking It in America*, is about one of the most audacious stock market swindles of the 1980s.

Margaret Dooley, based in the Southern California Office of the Drug Policy Alliance, is the Proposition 36 Outreach Coordinator for the southern part of the state. Ms. Dooley works with Proposition 36 grads and their families to educate the public on the successes of the Prop 36 diversion program and to advocate for continued and expanded funding for substance abuse treatment in the state. Prior to joining the Drug Policy Alliance, Ms. Dooley spent several years as an analyst and editor in China. She holds a degree from Bryn Mawr College.

Christine Downton was one of the founding partners of Pareto Partners and in that capacity was chief investment officer from 1991-2001. In 2001 she became vice chairman and joined the Board of Pareto Partners. Following the sale of Pareto Partners to Mellon Bank in September 2004 she left Pareto Partners to focus on her various Board and Investment Committee interests. Ms. Downton is on the Board of Governors of the London School of Economics and The Atlantic Philanthropies, and currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Drug Policy Alliance. She holds a BSc and a PhD in Economics from the London School of Economics, and an MA in Economics from the New School of Social Research.

Mitch Earleywine, PhD, is an associate professor of psychology at the State University of New York at Albany. He has authored more than 70 publications on the addictions, including the infamous *Understanding Marijuana* (Oxford University Press, 2002). He has edited *Mind-Altering Drugs: The Science of Subjective Experience* (Oxford University Press, 2005) and the forthcoming *New Directions in Marijuana Policy*.

Andria Efthimiou has worked in the drugs field since 1986, when she was asked as a recently graduated resident of Phoenix House London, to become a locum



worker. She went from there to complete a BSc in psychology, to social education/youth work, and to cofounding three HIV and/or drugs organizations: MAINLINERS in 1987, UKCoalition of People Living with HIV /AIDS and then finally, following the death of her life-partner, John James Mordaunt, Ms. Efthimiou founded the project she runs today.

Joe Elford, JD, graduated from Yale Law School in 1996 and then served as a law clerk for the Honorable Vaughn R. Walker, who is one of a small but growing number of federal judges who have spoken out publicly against the war on drugs. Mr. Elford then worked at a small criminal defense law firm for four years, specializing in drug cases. After starting his own practice, Mr. Elford assisted in the appeal of the DEA's denial of the latest petition to reschedule marijuana and helped defend Ed Rosenthal in his highly publicized criminal prosecution by the federal government.

Richard Elovich is a medical sociologist. He was an organizer of needle exchange in New York and San Juan, Puerto Rico; authored the harm reduction training curriculum for the NY State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services; founded the first harm reduction counseling and education programs at Gay Men's Health Crisis; and was Director of its HIV Prevention Program. Mr. Elovich was an appointed member of the NYC Mayor's HIV Planning Counsel and chaired its substance abuse services work group, where he developed models of low threshold harm reduction and treatment readiness programs for HIV positive, active and relapsing drug users. For the past three years, he has been a policy analyst to International Harm Reduction Development, and served as senior consultant to USAID-funded Alliance for Open Society International programs in Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. Currently, Mr. Elovich has a pre-doctoral fellowship at the National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. (NDRRI), where he is writing a book, *Narcology Observed: Drug Treatment and Civil Society in Central Asia*.

Chris Evans first got involved in drug policy by reading the Drug War Chronicles while an undergrad at the University of Maryland. After graduation, he started volunteering at the Drug Reform Coordination Network (DRCNet) and joined the campaign to repeal the Higher Education Act's drug provision while it was still in its infancy. After three years at DRCNet, Mr. Evans returned to school to seek a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Maryland and a law degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Jodie Evans has been a community, social and political organizer for the last 30 years. She has used her skills for the protection of the earth, to give voice to communities and people who go unheard and unseen, in the areas of human, civil and women's rights. Ms. Evans is co-founder of CODEPINK: Women for Peace, and currently serves as a member of the board of directors of the Drug Policy Alliance. She has worked to raise the minimum wage for farm workers; to protect dolphins in El Salvador in the early 1980s; and with Zapitistas since 1994. From 1973 to 1982, she served in administrative capacities in all of Jerry Brown's campaigns and in his staff and cabinet as director of administration.

Nick Evans, MD, is an orthopedic surgeon specializing in sports medicine and an expert on anabolic steroids in sports. Dr. Evans is a regular columnist for *MuscleMag*, and is author of the best selling book *Men's Body Sculpting*.

Chris Fabricant, JD, is the author of *Busted! Drug War Survival Skills: From the Buy to the Bust to Begging for Mercy*, and activist with the Drop the Rock Coalition, and a public defender in New York, New York. Mr. Fabricant, an expert on drug possession law and the Fourth Amendment, graduated with honors from the George Washington University Law School. His first book, *Busted!*, illustrated by R. Crumb, was published by HarperCollins in August, 2005.

Jason Farrell is the executive director and founder of Positive Health Project, Inc. (PHP), a harm reduction/syringe exchange program operating in the Chelsea and Clinton communities in Manhattan. PHP provides HIV prevention education in con-

junction with an array of multi-faceted support services for substance users infected with and affected by HIV. Mr. Farrell is currently a member of the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable which addresses issues that will influence the development of the National Viral Hepatitis Strategy. Additionally, Mr. Farrell has recently been appointed by the Forum for Collaborative HIV Research of George Washington University Medical Center as a member of the national Buprenorphine in HIV Primary Care Setting Planning Committee.

Andy Fickman is the director of the movie musical *Reefer Madness*.

Camilla Field works for the Drug Policy Alliance in San Francisco, California.

Phillip Fiuty oversees the Harm Reduction Program for the State of New Mexico, including syringe exchange, Narcan distribution, needle disposal, and working with other programs/entities as they relate to HIV/disease Prevention, substance use, the IDU population, and community issues around syringe access and safe disposal. During the late 1980s and early 1990s, he conducted underground needle and narcan distribution in rural New Mexico.

Rev. Lorenzo Ford is an ordained Baptist minister with the Baptist Church. He was born in Monroe, Louisiana, and graduated with a bachelor's degree from South West Christian College. Returning to school in 1992, he obtained double Masters degrees in Social Service and Christian Education from Luther Life Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia. He now specializes in working with people affected by drug use and homelessness. Minister Ford and his family were forced to leave New Orleans because of the destruction caused by Hurricane Katrina, and he now lives in Denton, Texas.

Dave Fratello is a political consultant specializing in ballot initiatives. As political director for Americans for Medical Rights and the Campaign for New Drug Policies, he managed more than a dozen drug policy reform ballot measure campaigns around the nation, including the first seven successful medical marijuana initiatives from 1996-2000. He was a co-author of California's Proposition 36, and after managing the campaign to pass the measure, he has remained active in its implementation and defense. He now works with the consulting firm of Zimmerman & Markman in Santa Monica.

Father Joseph Ganssle, OFM, a Catholic priest, co-founded Religious Leaders for a Moral Drug Policy, which operated in the early 1990s. He also founded a drug treatment program and served as its CEO for 25 years. He currently serves on the advisory board of the Acton Institute for the Study of Religion and Liberty and the leadership council of the Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative.

John Gayder is the founding Secretary of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). He is also a currently serving Canadian law enforcement officer of 17 years.

Farid Ghehioeche is a member of the Green Party, in charge of drug policy; chairman of ENCOD (European NGO Coalition for just and effective drug policies); founder of the CAM-RD (a cannabis activism group); and CLEF, a group of families helping prisoners abroad, primarily in Morocco. Based in Paris, Ghehioeche is the French contact for the Global March for Cannabis Liberation.

Dale Gieringer, PhD, received his doctorate at Stanford on the topic of DEA drug regulation. He is the author of articles on marijuana and driving safety, drug testing, marijuana health mythology, the economics of marijuana legalization, and DEA "drug enforcement abuse." He is presently working on a book on the medical use of marijuana. He has also sponsored research on the use of water pipes and vaporizers to reduce harmful tars in marijuana smoke. Dr. Gieringer is the state coordinator of California NORML, and a co-founder of the California Drug Policy Reform Coalition and of Californians for Compassionate Use.



Ruth Wilson Gilmore, PhD, is associate professor of geography and director of the program in American studies and ethnicity at the University of Southern California. *Golden Gulag*, her book on California's state prison expansion in urban and rural contexts, is coming out next spring from the University of California Press. Her numerous honors include the Ralph Santiago Abascal Award for Environmental and Economic Justice from the Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment. She is a founding collective member of the California Prison Moratorium Project and of Critical Resistance, and works with numerous social justice organizations.

Al Giordano is a journalist reporting on the drug war and democracy from Latin America from an antiprohibitionist editorial position. Founder of Narco News - www.narconews.com - and the School of Authentic Journalism, Mr. Giordano was named "Hot Muckraker" by *Rolling Stone* magazine in 2001 and received an Uppie (Upton Sinclair) Press Freedom Award in 2004 from the Southern California Civil Liberties Union. He supports his journalism in part by performing original songs and compositions in clubs with the band Zapa-Sutra somewhere in a country called Amèrica.

Rev. Kenneth Glasgow is the Pastor/Founder of The Ordinary People Society (TOPS). He's an ex-felon who God showed a vision and since May 23, 2001, he's been carrying it out. He was voted The Man of the Year for 2005 in Dothan, Alabama, and TOPS has just received a Proclamation from the City of Dothan for its contribution toward the community. Rev. Glasgow is the state field coordinator for the Alabama Alliance for The Right To Vote and co-director of the State for the New Bottom Line Campaign with the Drug Policy Alliance.

Ira Glasser is the president of the board of directors of the Drug Policy Alliance. He was the executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union for 23 years until his retirement in 2001. Mr. Glasser is the co-author of *Doing Good: The Limits of Benevolence* (1978) and the author of *Visions of Liberty: The Bill of Rights For All Americans* (1991). He is a current and founding member of the board of directors of the Asian-American Legal Defense and Education Fund.

David Glowka is the grant writer at the Drug Policy Alliance, where he has been coordinating all aspects of foundation fundraising for the past three years. His previous experience includes fundraising for a Boston-based AIDS service organization and a small anti-prison group. In four years, Mr. Glowka has written dozens of successful proposals totaling more than \$8,500,000.

Dan Goldman is the director of outreach and alumni for Students for Sensible Drug Policy. Mr. Goldman graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in 2001, where he led one of the first five SSDP chapters and organized the first SSDP regional conference. Most recently, before teaming up with SSDP again, Mr. Goldman worked as an environmental education and conference program instructor for the Frost Valley YMCA.

Paul Goldstein, PhD, is a professor in the Division of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the School of Public Health and a faculty fellow at the Great Cities Institute in the College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He was trained as a sociologist and in the past, his research has focused primarily on relationships between drug use and trafficking and violence, especially homicide. His current focus is on health care in correctional institutions.

Jim Gollin is on the board of the Drug Policy Alliance, chairs the board of Rainforest Action Network, and sits on the board of and advises many other activist groups. He also sits on the board of foundations including Threshold Foundation, Angelica Foundation, and the Livingry Foundation. He was educated at Princeton University, the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and the International University of Japan. A former investment banker, Mr. Gollin is also an award-winning writer and photographer, and speaks bits and pieces of five languages.

Luis Gomez is the Narco News Bulletin acting publisher. He is a Mexican journalist based in La Paz, Bolivia, reporting on the war on drugs, social movements, and democracy from below. He wrote a book about the October 2003 insurrection against former Bolivian President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada.

Antonio Gonzalez is the director of the Southwest Voter Registration Education Project in Los Angeles, California.

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Roger Goodman, JD, directs the Drug Policy Project at the King County Bar Association in Seattle, which is leading a high-level partnership of professional and civic organizations in a critical examination of current drug policies and in promoting cheaper, more effective and more humane alternatives. On a national level, Mr. Goodman is the executive director of the Voluntary Committee of Lawyers, working with bar associations and other legal groups across the country to foster discussion of drug policy issues and to bring about legal reform in other states and localities.

John Grabowski, PhD, is a scientist and professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston. He directs the Substance Abuse-Medications Development Research program, which includes preclinical, human laboratory, and treatment research components. He and his colleagues examine behavioral and biological effects of drugs of abuse, candidate medications for treatment, behavioral treatments, and pharmacotherapy-behavior therapy combinations for substance use disorders. His current research focus is on clinical trials to delineate optimal regimens for treatment of stimulant and opioid dependence.

Donna Gracon is the director of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter of the American Liver Foundation.

Mike Gray is the chairman of Common Sense for Drug Policy and the author of *Drug Crazy: How We Got Into This Mess and How We Can Get Out*. After studying aeronautical engineering at Purdue University, he produced two seminal documentary feature films of the 1960s, *American Revolution II* and *The Murder of Fred Hampton*. Nominated for an Academy Award for *The China Syndrome* screenplay, Mr. Gray is a member of the WGA and DGA.

Judy Greene is the criminal justice policy analyst at the Justice Policy Institute. Over the past decade Ms. 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.

Peter Greer has been active in a variety of drug policy reform issues, most recently organizing community opposition to a district attorney in Berkshire County Massachusetts who is seeking two year mandatory prison sentences for seven young first time offenders accused of small scale pot sales. He was actively involved in the election of David Soares in Albany County, and worked with the Drug Policy Alliance and other organizations towards reforming New York Rockefeller drug laws. He is currently chairman of In Arms Reach, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing support and services to children whose parents are incarcerated. His film, "Unintended Consequences," will be shown at the conference.

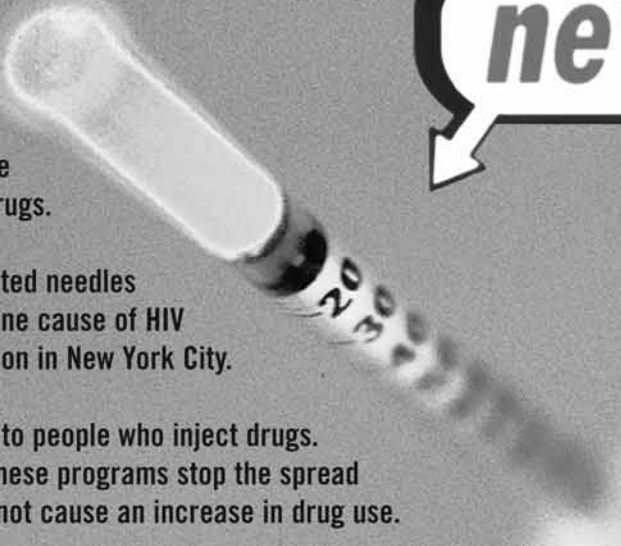
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Rich Hardesty is the singer/songwriter of "All My Friends Are Stoners."

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Andy Hathaway is an assistant professor of sociology at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. His research on cannabis spans over a decade, with two federally funded studies in progress—one on recreational use patterns and correlates, and the other on experiences of medical users who are members of compassionate societies.

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Steve Heath is a longtime media activist who has seven years of working with The Media Awareness Project. Mr. Heath is an expert in getting activists into the print media opinion pages, having placed almost 200 letters and op-eds of his own. He will teach audience members how they can do likewise, as well as how they can work with him to schedule drug policy reform experts on their local radio and television.

Norris Henderson is executive director of Voice of the Ex-Offender (VOTE) in New Orleans, Louisiana. A paralegal, advocate and organizer, Mr. Henderson was self-educated in criminal law during his 27 years in prison and currently serves as campaign manager of the Youth Defender Initiative at the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana. In 2004, Mr. Henderson created VOTE, which educates and mobilizes formerly incarcerated persons about their right to vote in Louisiana.

Scott Henson directs the Police Accountability Project for the ACLU of Texas. Since 1993 he's worked as a campaign consultant performing opposition and defensive research for electoral candidates and field research for attorneys. Over the last eight years, he's brought those skills to bear to support Texas criminal justice reform, starting with a group called the Sunshine Project for Police Accountability PAC, and from 2000 on through the ACLU of Texas. He has authored numerous public policy documents (including two public policy reports critiquing the system of Tulia-style drug task forces funded by the federal Byrne grant program). Henson is author of the awarding winning-weblog, "Grits for Breakfast," which focuses on Texas criminal justice reform topics.

Kris Hermes brings nearly 20 years of social justice activism experience to the fight for safe access to medical marijuana. He has worked in various cities around the U.S. generating media and mobilizing people to effect change in federal and state policy on issues involving hunger, poverty and access to health care. Over the last few years, before joining ASA, he dedicated much of his time to legal activism, helping support those arrested during mass demonstrations and acts of civil disobedience.

Brian Hill is with the Institute for Cultural Ecology in San Francisco, California. He has degrees in sociology, archeology and anthropology, and 30 years experience as a small scale ecological miner. He is interested in helping design ecological mining operations for small mining communities and mediating socio-ecological community/industry mining problems.

John Hoberman, PhD, is a professor of Germanic studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Hoberman is a European cultural and intellectual historian with special interests in Sportwissenschaft and the history of ideas about race. His books are *Sport and Political Ideology* (1984), *The Olympic Crisis: Sport, Politics, and the Moral Order* (1986), *Mortal Engines: The Science of Performance and the Dehumanization of Sport* (1992), and *Darwin's Athletes: How Sport Has Damaged Black America and Preserved the Myth of Race* (1997). He has published almost a hundred sports commentaries in American newspapers and magazines and in *Der Spiegel*.

Dominic Holden has worked on marijuana policy reform projects since 1994. He co-founded and chaired the steering committee for the Sensible Seattle Coalition, which sponsored Seattle's Initiative 75. The ballot measure, passed in September 2003, made marijuana possession for adult personal use Seattle's lowest law enforcement priority. Holden is on the board of directors of NORML, and was a director of the Seattle Hempfest from 1999 to 2004.

Allen Hopper, JD, is a senior staff attorney at the American Civil Liberties Union's Drug Law Reform Project, where he focuses on marijuana policy-related litigation. He published a legal analysis of the continued validity of state medical marijuana laws in the aftermath of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent decision in *Gonzales v. Raich* and has been quoted extensively in the national news media on the topic. Mr. Hopper wrote letters to the attorneys general and other government officials in four states demanding that they reinstate medical marijuana laws that were improperly suspended after the *Raich* decision in June 2005, and all states complied. In addition to litigating cases, Mr. Hopper works with ACLU staff to conceptualize public education campaigns that aim to shift our nation's punitive drug policies away from over-incarceration and towards a public health approach.



Aaron Houston currently serves as director of government relations for the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP) as the only full-time marijuana lobbyist on Capitol Hill and as MPP's policy expert on topics related to DUI law. Mr. Houston was MPP's national field director for over a year and managed MPP's campaigns to unseat incumbent members of Congress in Arizona and New Mexico during the 2004 general election cycle.

Susan Hubenthal's grief after the heroin overdose death of her son Kelly Arthur Hubenthal led her to begin a small nonprofit organization to support other grieving parents. She also hosts the Children and Addictions site at BellaOnline and coauthored a book about 12 grieving parents titled *Between Two Pages: Children of Substance*. She honors her son with this work and acknowledges his bravery for fighting his battle with addiction.

Emalie Hurioux, MPH, is program manager for the Harm Reduction Coalition's Drug Overdose Prevention and Education (DOPE) Project, which provides overdose prevention, recognition, and response training and technical assistance. In addition to her work with The DOPE Project, Ms. Hurioux is Outreach Director with The Women's Community Clinic Outreach Program, which serves homeless and marginally-housed women in San Francisco's Mission District.

Silvia Inchaurrega is a psychologist and president of the Argentinean Harm Reduction Association (ARDA). She is also a founding member and member of the executive board of the Latin American Drug Policy Reform Network, REFORMA. She is a professor at National University of Rosario and director of the Drug Abuse and AIDS Centre (CEADS) of National University of Rosario. She is also the coordinator of ARDA's Argentinean Depenalization Campaign supported by the Tides Foundation.

Gary Jaeger, MD, is chief of addiction medicine at Kaiser Foundation Hospital, South Bay, and immediate past president of the California Society of Addiction Medicine.

Martin Jelsma coordinates the Drugs & Democracy Programme of the Transnational Institute (TNI) in Amsterdam, which focuses on drug and conflict projects in the Andean region, Burma and Afghanistan, and international drug policy dialogue initiatives. He is editor of the *TNI Drugs & Conflict* debate papers and the *Drug Policy Briefing* series.

Steve Jenison, MD, is medical director of the Sexually Transmitted Diseases & Reproductive Health Clinic for the New Mexico Department of Health in Albuquerque. For the past eight years, Dr. Jenison has been involved in policy development and program implementation for statewide syringe exchange, syringe access through pharmacies, and opiate overdose prevention and treatment in New Mexico.

Bruce Johnson, PhD, is one of the nation's authorities on the criminality and illicit sales of drugs in the street economy and among arrestees and minority populations. He directs the Institute for Special Populations Research at National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. (NDRI), the nation's largest nonprofit research organization focused upon drug use and abuse. He has been affiliated with the National Institute of Justice's Arrestee Drug Abuse Monitoring program since its inception in 1987. He is a professional researcher with five books and more than 125 articles based upon findings emerging from over 20 different federally funded research projects supported by NIDA, NIJ, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He also directs the Behavioral Sciences Training in Drug Abuse Research, the nation's largest pre- and postdoctoral training program in the U.S.

Gary Jones retired as a senior lieutenant after a 16-year career in our nation's state and federal prison systems, and is now a speaker for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. Mr. Jones was awarded "Correctional Officer of the Year" in

1993 for outstanding leadership abilities and in 2005 he received an award from the National Campaign of Tolerance for fighting for community justice and against injustice everywhere.

Lorenzo Jones is the executive director of A Better Way Foundation (ABWF). Prior to joining ABWF, Mr. Jones served as the director of organizing at United Connecticut Action for Neighborhoods where he organized and coordinated Create Change, a direct action organizing group that introduced legislation to eliminate sentencing disparities in crack and powder cocaine and reduce prison overcrowding in Connecticut.

Louis Jones is a veteran community activist and experienced organizer as well as advocate within the housing and homeless movement, where he founded in 1990 the first Harlem HIV Supportive Community Home for formerly incarcerated, homeless HIV drug users called Stand Up Harlem. Mr. Jones, a self-identified HIV/PLWA for 19 years, continues his commitment with the harm reduction movement in the fight against AIDS. Having recently tested positive for HCV, Mr. Jones is currently undergoing treatment while organizing injecting drug users (IDUs) based out of Positive Health Project, to form the IDU HCV Advocacy Committee, also known as the New York Users Union.

Rob Kambia is the co-founder and executive director of the 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. Mr. Kambia has testified before numerous state legislatures, as well as before the U.S. Sentencing Commission and a handful of other federal agencies.

Kathleen Kane-Willis has been the assistant director of Roosevelt University's Institute for Metropolitan Affairs since 2001 and her public policy research experience spans more than a decade. Her main area of focus is on drug policy; specifically opiate substitution therapy, drug education curriculum development, and research involving women injection drug users. Ms. Kane-Willis serves as the co-chair for policy and research for the Midwest Harm Reduction Institute as well as the staff advisor to the Roosevelt University chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Jason Keehn has been an active figure on the West Coast tribal/electronic dance scene since its inception in 1990. Mr. Keehn has organized many events (The Learning Parties 1-13), and performed as an ambient dj and spoken word artist. His philosophical writings on dance culture, under the pen name "Cinnamon Twist," have been published in *Urb*, *Lotus*, *Psychedelic Illuminations*, and *EnTrance*. He has attended the Burning Man Festival since 1998. By day he works as a conference manager for Infocast, Inc., in Los Angeles. Mr. Keehn's current creative focus is gaiamythos.org.

Jennifer Kern is the research assistant for the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of Legal Affairs. She serves as the point person for the issue of random student drug testing at the Alliance and is currently co-drafting an update to the booklet *Making Sense of Random Student Drug Testing: Why Educators Are Saying No* in conjunction with the ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project.

Charles King is the president/CEO of Housing Works, the nation's largest community-based AIDS service organization, a minority-controlled organization dedicated to providing housing, healthcare, job training, and vital supportive services to homeless people with AIDS and HIV.

Ryan Scott King is a research associate with The Sentencing Project in Washington, D.C. His research specialization is the American correctional system, with a particular concentration on the radiating effects of incarceration upon individuals, families and the community at large. His most recent work is an analysis of



marijuana arrests during the 1990s. Areas of research interest include felony disenfranchisement, sentencing legislation, incarceration and crime rates, drug policy, and the nexus of class, race and incarceration. Mr. King has appeared in the *Associated Press*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, and *USA Today* as well as in a number of local print media. In addition, he has appeared on local and national talk radio programs to discuss sentencing and corrections issues, including NPR's *The Tavis Smiley Show* and *Talk of the Nation*.

Andrew Ko is director of the Drug Policy Reform Project for the America Civil Liberties Union of Washington where he works to reform drug policies and to end the criminalization of people whose lives are affected by drugs. Previously he was with Columbia Legal Services in Washington State, where he represented indigent clients in public assistance, housing and other subsistence-related legal matters.

Paul Koretz was elected to represent the California 42nd Assembly District on November 7, 2000, and was re-elected in 2002. Mr. Koretz has been given the prestigious Leadership Award by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation and has been honored as a champion of AIDS research and service in the state by the University AIDS Research Program. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from UCLA. Mr. Koretz and his wife have one daughter, Rachel.

Alex Koroknay-Palicz is the president and executive director of the National Youth Rights Association (NYRA). In his capacity as NYRA President he has appeared on CNN, Fox News, ABC Broadband, and National Public Radio.

Steve Kotler was born in Chicago, bred in Cleveland and now makes his home in California, which demonstrates, among other things, a tendency to live places that begin with the letter "C." He has been a freelance writer since 1993. His work has appeared in more than 31 publications, including: *The New York Times Magazine*, *GQ*, *Wired*, *Discover*, *Details*, *Outside* and *Men's Journal*. His December 2002 *Moment Magazine* profile of private detective Steven Rambam, "The Last Nazi Hunter," won the Rockower Award for Best Profile. He is the author of two books, the (2000) novel: *The Angle Quickest For Flight*, which was a San Francisco Chronicle Bestseller and won the 2000 William L. Crawford IAFA Fantasy Award, and the (2006) non-fiction work: *West of Jesus: Surfing, Science and the Origin of Belief*. He received a BA from the University of Wisconsin at Madison in English and creative writing and an MA from the Johns Hopkins University in creative writing.

Krzysztof Krajewski is currently a professor in the Department of Criminology at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, as well as professor in the Department of Penal Law and Criminology at the Silesian University in Katowice. His research interests concentrate first of all on issues of drug legislation and policies, but include also theoretical criminology, violent crime, penal policy, as well as issues of fear of crime, victimization, and public attitudes towards crime and its control.

Don Kurth, MD, is a physician in recovery and a well-respected and outspoken voice of the recovery community. Dr. Kurth resides in California and currently serves as president of the California Society of Addiction Medicine. In addition, he is a recipient of the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellowship for Developing Leadership in Reducing Substance Abuse.

Danny Kushlick is founder and director of UK-based NGO Transform Drug Policy Foundation. Formerly a drug counselor with clients in the criminal justice system, Mr. Kushlick became disillusioned with his work when he realized that prohibition was hurting his clients far more than their drug use. Transform is now the leading UK campaign for repeal of prohibition and its replacement with an effective system of legal control and regulation.

Rev. Peter Laarman is the director of Progressive Christians Uniting. He was the senior minister of New York's historic Judson Memorial Church for ten years, start-

ing his pastorate there in January 1994. Rev. Laarman serves on the boards or steering committees of New York Jobs with Justice, the New York State Labor-Religion Coalition, the Employment Project, Planned Parenthood of New York, and the Campaign for the Abolition of Sweatshops and Child Labor, and is a founder of the Progressive Religious Partnership. Rev. Laarman lectures and writes extensively on the challenges facing communities of faith in a culture in which the gospel of wealth and the divine right of corporations function as cardinal organizing principles.

Mark Leno represents the 13th State Assembly District, which encompasses the eastern portion of San Francisco. He is one of the first openly gay men elected to the Assembly and served as Chair of the LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender) Caucus in 2004. He currently chairs the Public Safety Committee, and sits on the Appropriations, Election & Redistricting and Labor Committees. Prior to his election to the Assembly, Mr. Leno served on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors from April 1998 to November 2002.

Nikos Leverenz, JD, is the associate director of the Drug Policy Alliance's California Capital Office in Sacramento. A graduate of Occidental College and McGeorge School of Law (University of the Pacific), his articles covering a wide range of public policy issues have appeared in *The Independent Review*, *The Sacramento Bee*, *Las Vegas Review-Journal*, AlterNet, WorldNetDaily, Brainwash and other forums. Previously, he served in the office of state Senator Tom McClintock and worked at the Pacific Legal Foundation. His principal interests in the field of drug policy are student drug testing, privacy rights, marijuana reform and the legislative process.

Harry Levine, PhD, is a professor of sociology at Queens College of the City University of New York. Dr. Levine has authored many publications on alcohol and drug topics. He co-edited *Crack in America: Demon Drugs and Social Justice*, with Craig Reinerman.

Pam Lichty is president and co-founder of the Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii. A full time activist, she has for many years served on the Board of the ACLU of Hawaii. She is also on the board of the Drug Policy Alliance and sits on their policy committee. She was involved in the start up of Hawaii's pioneering syringe exchange program and chairs its state Needle Exchange Oversight Committee. She has been a key player in the passage of the state medical marijuana program (the first to be legislatively enacted) and is active in efforts to promote drug and prison reform in the state legislature.

Walter Ling, MD, is a professor of psychiatry and the director of the Integrated Substance Abuse Programs (ISAP) at UCLA, one of the foremost substance abuse research groups in the U.S. and worldwide. He is board certified in neurology and psychiatry and is active in both research and clinical work. Dr. Ling's work in opiate pharmacotherapy has provided pivotal information for the approval of LAAM, naltrexone, and buprenorphine.

Jeannie Little, LCSW, is the executive director of the Harm Reduction Therapy Center, a nonprofit agency providing harm reduction therapy for drug and alcohol users with complicating emotional, social and health problems. She is a licensed clinical social worker and certified group psychotherapist who specializes in dual diagnosis and in individual and group treatment of substance use problems. Ms. Little is author of the book *Over the Influence: The Harm Reduction Guide for Managing Drugs and Alcohol*.

Rev. Kobi Little is an associate minister at Tabernacle Baptist Church in Selma, Alabama. A fifth generation minister, Rev. Little is a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School and Johns Hopkins University, and has pursued graduate studies in theology at Selma University. Rev. Little is the founder and dean of the Institute for Theology and Social Justice and has served as a volunteer chaplain at



UAB Hospital. Rev. Little is the immediate past-president of the Selma-Dallas County Branch of the NAACP, is active in numerous community organizations, and is co-director of the Alabama New Bottom Line Campaign.

Jenny Loeb has been an active drug policy reformer since the fall of 2003, when she first got involved with the State University of New York at New Paltz's NORML and SSDP chapter, of which she is now president. Ms. Loeb has been successful in raising issues of drug policy at the campus and local levels, most recently leading a campaign to end SUNY New Paltz's mandatory expulsion policy for substance possession.

Luis Lozano is the executive director of Beacon House Association of San Pedro. A former resident of Beacon House, he now helps others on their paths to treatment and recovery.

Philippe Lucas is a the founder and director of the Vancouver Island Compassion Society, a Canadian nonprofit therapeutic cannabis research and distribution center; and founder of Canadians for Safe Access, the nation's largest medicinal cannabis patients rights organization. A former secondary school teacher, he also serves as director of communications for DrugSense, a U.S.-based drug policy think-tank, and is one of about 800 Canadians who are currently allowed to legally use therapeutic cannabis.

John Lum has more than 25 years of direct work in corrections. He has worked two state adult systems, one state juvenile system, and three county adult jails and was most recently chief probation officer for San Luis Obispo County. As chief probation officer in San Luis Obispo County (1994-2001), he was frequently cited for leading the department to more alternatives to incarceration and treatment services contrary to the national and state trends to abandon such approaches and adopt punitive policies. In 1999, he publicly committed to not recommend that the Juvenile Court commit any juveniles to the California Youth Authority due to the known abuses and violations of the law in the agency.

Nancy Lynch is the statewide organizer for the Vermont Marijuana Policy Project. She engages actively in public education, advocacy, grassroots activism and some lobbying on issues of marijuana policy reform. Ms. Lynch earned a BA in health arts and sciences with a specialty in maternal/child health. She has worked in the public health field for 6 years, in both program services and public affairs, for the March of Dimes, the Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs and as an independent consultant. She has worked to successfully pass three bills in the Vermont Legislature in the past five years, including last year's bill that made medical marijuana legal for seriously ill Vermonters who suffer from AIDS, multiple sclerosis and cancer. Currently, Ms. Lynch is conducting a public education campaign to raise awareness and garner support for H.390, a bill to tax and regulate marijuana in Vermont.

Pam Lynch has been working in the HIV/AIDS arena since 1994, when she started as an outreach worker in the migrant camps of northwest Michigan. She went on to work for Latino Family Services in Detroit, starting one of Michigan's few syringe exchange programs, and then the HIV/AIDS Resource Center in Ypsilanti, starting yet another. She recently accepted the position of deputy director at Positive Health Project in New York. Through nearly 20 years of injection drug use God kept her around to bring her children Faith, Isaac, and Aicha to the world.

Antonio Maciel was recently named to the position of director of the U.S. Justice Fund at the Open Society Institute (OSI). Mr. Maciel has been at OSI since 1996, initially directing the Emma Lazarus Fund, a \$50 million initiative to assist immigrants affected by welfare reform and to promote the rights of immigrants. Since the conclusion of the Fund in 2000, he has held a variety of positions at OSI, including director of grantmaking and program development, when he oversaw the drug policy grantmaking of OSI. In 2005, Mr. Maciel moved to Brazil to work on a

special project for OSI, linking Brazilian NGOs and activists to OSI's work in Angola. He returned to the New York office of OSI in August, to head the US Justice Fund, which focuses on criminal justice issues, immigrants' rights, LGBT rights, civil liberties, women's rights, and racial justice.

Jerry Mandel, PhD, is an emeritus professor of sociology at Sonoma State University and a writer and researcher with the U.C. Berkeley Sociology Department.

Joe Manes is an A.B. Data vice president in charge of the Washington, D.C., office with more than 20 years experience in direct mail fundraising and program development for nonprofit advocacy organizations. After serving as membership director for People for the American Way from 1984-1987, Mr. Manes began working as a consultant for a wide variety of nonprofit advocacy and political programs including the Drug Policy Alliance, Children's Defense Fund, and American Foundation for AIDS Research.

Jane Marcus, PhD, began working in the area of drug policy in the mid-nineties when she took a continuing education course at Stanford University taught by former San Jose Police Chief and Hoover Institution Fellow Joseph McNamara. Shortly after that, in support of a dear friend who was suffering from AIDS, Dr. Marcus became active in California's medical marijuana movement. Through the work of her synagogue, Congregation Beth Am in Los Altos Hills, California, first the Women of Reform Judaism in 1999 and then the entire Union for Reform Judaism in 2003 passed resolutions in support of the medicinal use of marijuana.

G. Alan Marlatt, PhD, is a professor of psychology and director of the Addictive Behaviors Research Center at the University of Washington in Seattle. As a clinical psychologist, Dr. Marlatt is known for his seminal work in the prevention and treatment of addictive behavior problems, including relapse prevention, harm reduction, and mindfulness meditation.

Vince Marrone is the founder and principal of Public Strategies, LLC, a government relations firm based in New York that provides strategic planning, government relations, lobbying, media relations and advocacy skills building services to the not-for-profit community. He has worked in public policy and advocacy since 1986, including as staff for the New York State Assembly and the New York State Department of Health.

David Marsh, MD, CCSAM, is the medical director of addiction medicine with Vancouver Coastal Health and Providence Health Care. In this role he is also medical director for Addiction Services, HIV/AIDS Services and Aboriginal Health for Vancouver Community. He is presently involved in several research projects including the North American Opiate Medication Initiative (NAOMI) trial of prescription heroin funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and an evaluation of the Supervised Injection Site in Vancouver.

William Martin, PhD, is the Harry and Hazel Chavanne Professor of Religion and Public Policy and chair of the Department of Sociology at Rice. He is also a senior scholar at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice. His areas of specialization include religion, criminology, and issues related to drug use and drug policy. He has been a professor at Rice since 1968. Dr. Martin's recent research and writing have focused in two areas: religious fundamentalism and its impact in the political arena, in the United States and elsewhere; and issues related to drugs, with particular emphasis on ways to reduce the harms associated with drug abuse and drug policy.

Tommy McDonald is the deputy director of communications for the Drug Policy Alliance. Mr. McDonald has more than 14 years of public relations and media experience. Before coming to the Drug Policy Alliance, Mr. McDonald was the senior information officer for Tennessee State University. He also served as a senior



communications associate for the children's advocacy organization, Children Now, and he worked at the public relations firm Communication Works. Mr. McDonald started his career as a journalist.

Manuel González Martínez is director of economic promotion and tourism at the Office of Economic Development of the City of Tijuana. He organized and attended the "Economic Developers Course" in coordination with the University of Oklahoma and Cety's University, under the supervision of the International Economic Development Institute. Mr. Martínez is a graduate of the Comprehensive Tourism II Course in Tokyo, Japan, promoted by JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency). He is the author of the "Commercial and Tourism Regeneration Program for Historical Downtown Tijuana."

Dennis McKenna is an ethnopharmacologist and has studied plant hallucinogens for more than 20 years. In 1975, he co-authored the book *Invisible Landscape*, with his brother Terence McKenna, based on their investigations of Amazonian hallucinogens. In 2002, he was the editor-in-chief of *Botanical Medicines: The Desk Reference for Major Herbal Supplements* and *The Natural Dietary Supplements Pocket Reference*. He is a founding board member of the Heffter Research Institute, serves on the Advisory Board of the American Botanical Council, and has served as a board member for Botanical Dimensions. Mr. McKenna is now a senior lecturer at the Center for Spirituality & Healing at the University of Minnesota.

Alberto Mendoza is the director of the Los Angeles Office of the Drug Policy Alliance. Mr. 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.

Melissa Milam is the communications associate at the Drug Policy Alliance in New York. She's worked in production at both the ABC television and radio affiliates in Dallas, and was an on-air reporter for the CBS affiliate in Amarillo, TX. Before moving to the Big Apple, she was the media director at Students for Sensible Drug Policy in Washington, D.C. Melissa is a professional voice actress and owns her own business.

Bruce Mirken has served as director of communications for the Marijuana Policy Project since December 2001. Prior to that, he was an award-winning freelance journalist whose writings about medical marijuana and other health and social issues appeared in a wide range of publications, including *Men's Health*, *AIDS Treatment News*, *The Advocate*, the *San Francisco Examiner* and the *Miami Herald*. He also serves on the editorial board of the new, open-access journal, *Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention and Policy*, published by BioMed Central.

Valerie Mojeiko has worked with MAPS first as a volunteer and later as an employee for the past five years. She attended New College of Florida where she studied psychedelics and drug addiction. She is currently coordinating a study on ibogaine therapy in the treatment of drug addiction to take place at the Iboga Therapy House in Vancouver, British Columbia. Ms. Mojeiko lives and works at the MAPS house in Sarasota, Florida.

Sheigla Murphy, PhD, is the director of the Center for Substance Abuse Studies at the Institute for Scientific Analysis. Dr. Murphy is a medical sociologist who has been researching various types of illicit drug use, violence, medical and drug treatment for more than 25 years. She has been the principal investigator of eight National Institute of Health grants. She authored (with co-author Marsha Rosenbaum) *Pregnant Women on Drugs: Combating Stereotypes and Stigma*, published by Rutgers University Press in February 1999. In this book, Dr. Murphy examines the ways in which women who use drugs while pregnant are seen as failing in their reproductive role and must take their place in one of the most stigmatized groups in modern society.

Rafael Mutis is a coordinator for Seven Neighborhood Action Partnership (SNAP). He is bilingual and bicultural, with extensive grassroots organizing and education experience. Prior to joining SNAP, Mr. Mutis completed an internship at Critical Resistance New York. A resident of El Barrio, he worked closely with communities to resist oppression in its many forms, and to build and back up resistance to it through creative means.

Ethan Nadelmann, PhD, JD, is the executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance. Dr. Nadelmann is the founder of the Alliance, the leading organization in the United States promoting alternatives to the war on drugs. In 1994, he 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. Dr. Nadelmann is widely regarded as the outstanding proponent of drug policy reform both in the United States and abroad. He is a former professor of politics and public affairs at Princeton, and his speaking and writings on drug policy have attracted international attention.

Carolina Navarrete is known internationally for her work at the Universidad del Rosario in Bogota, Colombia. She is a staff member specializing in international relations. As a researcher at the Center for Research and Observation on Drugs and Crime of the Economics Department she has conducted and collaborated on several research initiatives including the Max Planck Institute for Foreign and International Criminal Law and RAND Corporation research on the development of the heroin industry in Colombia. In addition she also participated in UNESCO research relating to the impact of illicit drugs on the human rights of campesinos and indigenous peoples of the Andean region. She was also instrumental in a report to the United States Congress on the eradication of illicit crops and alternative development in the Andes.

Milena Naydenova is an active injection drug user and has been on methadone maintenance treatment. She is the CEO of Hope-Sofia, the first and primary drug user organization in Bulgaria. The organization runs a consulting office with a telephone help-line where anybody can get an expert's opinion or advice on any issue connected with addiction. Hope is engaged in various advocacy activities including public debates with politicians and local authorities. Ms. Naydenova and her colleagues often play the role of public defenders of people who use drugs and are charged with possession of minimal quantities of narcotic substances for personal use.

Tony Newman is the director of communications for the Drug Policy Alliance, where he has worked for the past five years. Mr. Newman has more than 10 years of public relations experience. Before coming to the Drug Policy Alliance, he was the media director for the human rights organization Global Exchange and also co-founded the public relations firm Communication Works.

Sitara Nieves is the national development organizer for Critical Resistance, a national grassroots organization seeking an end to this nation's use of the prison industrial complex as an answer to social, political and economic problems, including drug use. Ms. Nieves has organized around prisons, policing, deportation, and militarization for over a decade, and has worked as a freelance journalist. She is a member of the Progressive Communicators Network, and is a co-producer of Critical Resistance Radio.

Mikki Norris is director of the Cannabis Consumers Campaign, which advocates for cannabis consumers to come out of the closet to stand up for their equal rights (www.cannabisconsumers.org). She has worked to put a human face on the injustice of the drug war with her photo exhibit project, Human Rights and the Drug War, and her book, *Shattered Lives: Portraits from America's Drug War*.



David Nott is president of the Reason Foundation. He has published op-eds about DARE and medical marijuana. Reason Foundation publishes *Reason* magazine, the libertarian magazine of free minds and free markets that for 35 years has taken a principled stand in favor of drug legalization.

Dorsey E. Nunn is the program director of legal services for prisoners with children and co-founder of All of Us or None. He has more than 15 years experience as a paralegal and has worked more than 20 years on prison-related issues. Mr. Nunn is a former co-chair of the Standing Committee on Legal Services for Prisoners for the State Bar of California. He is a former co-chair of the Institution and Alternative Section for the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association. In 1993, he was instrumental in establishing Free At Last, a residential treatment program for women and children and a drop-in center for addicts and alcoholics in East Palo Alto, California.

Kristen Ochoa has worked for 15 years in the field of HIV and substance use and is currently a fourth year medical student at the USC Keck School of Medicine. She has presented and published widely on heroin overdose, needle exchange, HIV, hepatitis, and injection drug use. In collaboration with the Santa Cruz Needle Exchange, she created "Making it Safe to Call 911," a heroin overdose intervention that has been adapted nationally. She currently serves as the lead trainer for the Los Angeles County Secondary Syringe Exchange Program and is the director of the upcoming Los Angeles Overdose Prevention Task Force, a project of Clean Needles Now, Los Angeles.

Joep Oomen is a drug policy activist from the Netherlands. He is the coordinator of ENCOD, European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies, which was founded in 1993 as a platform for citizens' associations and individuals from all over Europe opposed to the war on drugs. ENCOD is a diverse coalition of drug users, relatives, health workers, political activists, academic experts, and researchers.

Roland Palencia is the senior program officer for the five-county area of greater Los Angeles of the California Endowment. He is also both the former executive director of Clinica Msr. Oscar A. Romero and chief of operations at the AIDS Healthcare Foundation. Due to his long-standing activism for marginalized communities, he was the recipient of the "Local Hero of the Year" award granted by Union Bank of California and KCET, a PBS affiliate, in 2001.

Matt Palevsky is the vice president of the Brown University chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. This summer he interned at the Drug Policy Alliance Los Angeles Office, doing outreach work and researching the Higher Education Act drug provision. Mr. Palevsky is the co-founder of Sol Productions, a nascent nonprofit that makes short media pieces for budding socially responsible nonprofits.

Marco Perduca is the executive director of the International Antiprohibitionist League, an organization seeking to create new legal structures for the legal control and regulation of all currently illicit substances. Since 1996 he has represented the Transnational Radical Party to the United Nations. A native of Italy, Mr. Perduca has written and lectured extensively on the need to end the current global prohibition regime.

Drummond Pike founded Tides in 1976 and is the president of the Tides Organizations, which include Tides Foundation, Tides Center, Groundspring.org, and The Thoreau Center for Sustainability. Awarded as an Outstanding Foundation Professional, Mr. Pike helped pioneer the advent of donor advised funds in philanthropy and has supported grassroots and public interest organizations through environmental and social change philanthropy throughout his career. Through his leadership, Tides has helped increase the capacity and effectiveness of thousands of social change organizations.

Bill Piper is the director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance. Prior to joining the Alliance, he was 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. Before that he worked for U.S. Term Limits, the largest grassroots organization working to enact term limits on elected officials. He is a graduate of Indiana University with degrees in political science and economics.

Dr. Fredrick Polak is a member of the board of the Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation. From 1990 - 2003 Dr. Polack was a consultant psychiatrist at the Drug Department of the Amsterdam Municipal Health Service. He is also a member of the working group on drug policy of the Netherlands Psychiatric Association.

Craig Reinerman, PhD. is professor of sociology at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He has been a visiting scholar at the Center for Drug Research at the University of Amsterdam, a member of the board of directors of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence, a consultant to the World Health Organization's Programme on Substance Abuse, and a principal investigator on research grants from the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Justice. Dr. Reinerman is the author of *American States of Mind*, co-author of *Cocaine Changes* and co-editor of *Crack in America*.

Kyung Ji Kate Rhee joined the Prison Moratorium Project in 1999 as the organization's first full-time staff member. The Prison Moratorium Project (PMP) is a multi-racial group of young activists, community members and formerly incarcerated people. PMP is a nonprofit organization based in New York that works locally and nationally to stop prison expansion and mass incarceration, and re-invest resources into communities most impacted by criminal justice policies through educational programs, alternatives-to-incarceration initiatives, housing and sustainable economic development. Ms. Rhee was recently featured as one of "30 Visionaries Under 30" in the fall issue of the *Utne Reader* and one of the "Top 10 Artists, Albums, & Political Players of the Year" in the January 2003 issue of *Source* magazine.

Mark Ridley-Thomas was elected to represent the 48th District of California in 2002 after serving with distinction on the Los Angeles City Council for nearly a dozen years, and currently is chairman of the Democratic Caucus. Mr. Ridley-Thomas is widely regarded as the father of the Neighborhood Council Movement, and his interest in neighborhood empowerment and civic participation continues through his work to establish the 48th Assembly District Empowerment Congress. Mr. Ridley-Thomas has chaired the Committee on Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy, and now chairs the Assembly Select Committee on Professional Sports.

Silvia Natalia Rivera is a writer and researcher, who lives in Bolivia.

Robert Rooks is responsible for developing and implementing organizing strategies to challenge drug policies and institutional racism as part of the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project. Mr. Rooks is the former executive director of the A Better Way Foundation, a state-based organization dedicated to a shift in Connecticut drug and sentencing policies from a paradigm that prioritizes criminal sanctions and incarceration, to one that supports public health, treatment and reintegration.

Leah Rorvig is the director of publications at the Drug Policy Alliance. She graduated with honors from Columbia University in 2003 with a major in women's and gender studies. A long-time advocate for drug policy reform, she co-founded the Columbia University chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and wrote her senior thesis on designing a feminist treatment model for pregnant drug abusers in New York. Ms. Rorvig is an avid teacher and practitioner of yoga and a cyclist's rights activist.



Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD, is the director of the San Francisco Office of the Drug Policy Alliance. She directs the Safety First Project, dedicated to providing parents of adolescents with honest, science-based information about drugs. Dr. Rosenbaum has written and lectured extensively on the topic of young people and alcohol and other drugs. Prior to joining the Alliance, Dr. Rosenbaum was a medical sociologist who was the principal investigator on many 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.

Alessandra Ross, MPH, is currently the injection drug use specialist for the State Department of Health Services/Office of AIDS, where she coordinates the state's efforts to reduce HIV and HCV infection among injection and other drug users. Her previous experience includes managing the training department at Gay Men's Health Crisis in New York, and assisting the Harm Reduction Coalition in establishing their Training Institute. She has worked with two different teams to help set up needle exchanges in Eastern Europe.

Eve Rubell, MPH, is the director of training at Homeless Health Care Los Angeles.

Malik Russell, MPA, is the communications director at the Justice Policy Institute. He is a long-time activist, journalist, and community-based educator. He has a BA in American history from Brandeis University and earned a Masters degree in Public Administration (MPA) from Baruch College in New York, where he was selected as a National Urban Fellow. The former editor of the Washington Afro-American newspaper, he has worked as a journalist in the Black Press for over a decade. His work has appeared in *Emerge*, *Black Issues In Higher Education*, *Black MBA Magazine*, *Black Americaweb.com*, and *The NAACP Crisis Magazine*.

Robert Ryan is an aerospace engineer who became involved in war on drugs due to his mother's cancer and his son's drug arrest. He held leadership positions in Knights of Columbus, Weed & Seed and OPN. He was also elected to the Republican Central Committee, where he authored and successfully passed a medical marijuana resolution. This paved the way for the Daryl Putman bill signed by Governor Bob Ehrlich (MD-R). Mr. Ryan has recently testified successfully against an Ohio DUID bill and a Cincinnati possession bill.

Ricardo Sala was born and lives in Mexico City. He received a degree in media studies in 1993 and got involved in his family's wholesale business. In 2000 he started a website dedicated to a more open and unbiased approach to drugs. Today, with help from the Tides Foundation's Fund for Drug Policy Reform, he heads a project called Drug Culture as Harm Reduction, which promotes harm reduction and networks researchers, public officers, social workers and enthusiasts.

Rebecca Saltzman is the field coordinator for Americans for Safe Access, working with activists nationwide to defend patient's access to medical marijuana. While a student at the University of California at Berkeley, she co-founded the school's chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy and the student-run, harm reduction-based Drug Resource Center. She worked with grassroots campaigns after graduating, leading an office that raised over one million dollars in the campaign to defeat George Bush.

Romeo Sanchez has worked for more than twenty years advocating for prisoners' rights, prison reforms, and quality of life issues affecting prisoners, the formerly incarcerated, and their affected communities. He is a formerly incarcerated person living with the hepatitis C virus. He currently serves as deputy director of the New York AIDS Housing Network.

Rev. Edwin Sanders is the senior servant and founder of the Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, a congregation that has attracted a broad cross-section of people. Metropolitan 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 the First Response Center, which Rev. Sanders founded in 1992. Rev. Sanders is on the executive committee of the board of directors of the Drug Policy Alliance.

Paula Santiago served for 17 years as a service provider working with battered women, the elderly and street youth, before joining the Harm Reduction Coalition as a National Community Organizer. She is known for coordinating the organizing efforts of the National Harm Reduction Conferences. She is presently organizing the 6th National Harm Reduction Conference: "Drug Users Health: The Politics and the Personal." This conference is scheduled to take place November 8-12, 2006, at the Marriott Oakland City Center in Oakland, California. Ms. Santiago is also an Interfaith Reverend at The Reunification Church.

Sebastian Saville is the director of Release, which has provided advice to drug users, their families, friends, and statutory and voluntary agencies in England since 1967.

Gabriel Sayegh is the policy analyst for the Drug Policy Alliance. Over the last 10 years, he has organized around the issues of the prison industrial complex, globalization, and antiracist community education. Mr. Sayegh holds a B.A. in cultural studies and history from Evergreen State College, and has recently published an article in the important new anthology, *Letters from Young Activists* (Nation Books, 2005). Together with his brother Malakkar, who is serving 10 years in California on a drug conviction, Mr. Sayegh publishes the zine, "prisoner within."

Sidney Schnoll, MD, PhD, is the executive medical director of health policy at Purdue Pharma, L.P., and the chair of the Division of Addiction Medicine at the Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University. He is currently a board member of the Richmond Metro Coalition Against Drugs. Dr. 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 was elected to the Circuit Court of Miami-Dade County Florida and began her service as a judge in January 1991. After leaving the bench in 2002, she vowed to speak out, and currently does so as a member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

Shoshanna Scholar is the executive director of Clean Needles Now and Harm Reduction Central in Los Angeles. Clean Needles Now is a direct provider of harm reduction services to injection drug users across the Los Angeles metropolitan area. Ms. Scholar's work with Clean Needles Now began in 2000. She has served as executive director since 2003.

Roseanne Scotti, JD, is the director of Drug Policy Alliance's New Jersey Drug Policy Project. Before joining the Drug Policy Alliance, Ms. 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 worked on various research projects studying the incidence of HIV among intravenous drug users with the goal of designing effective prevention interventions.

Wrye Sententia, PhD, is director of the Center For Cognitive Liberty & Ethics (CCLE), a nonprofit research, policy, and public education center working to advance and protect freedom of thought into the 21st century. As director of the CCLE, Dr. Sententia analyzes developing technologies, including drugs, in relation to individual freedoms and human rights. She assists educators, policymakers, companies, and individuals, in navigating ethical and legal dilemmas raised by new



cognitive technologies and drugs in society at large. She has written and spoken extensively on how the scope of novel technologies will impact human freedom.

K. L. Shannon is the staff organizer at the Racial Disparity Project of the Defender Association in Seattle. She coordinates the Budget for Justice Campaign, a city-wide effort to divert low-level drug offenders out of the criminal justice system entirely, using the resulting savings to fund a comprehensive treatment program as an alternative to arrest. She is on the steering committee of the People's Coalition for Justice, a grassroots organization of young people of color focused on police accountability and racial profiling. She is a life-long Seattle resident and has been a community organizer for 15 years.

Carol Shapiro has been a catalyst for criminal justice reform, focusing specifically on the development of innovative approaches to criminal supervision, victim support, substance abuse treatment, and mental health care. Ms. Shapiro is the founding director and president of Family Justice, a national nonprofit that taps family supports, in partnership with government, to improve the success of individuals under justice system supervision and the well-being of their families. Family Justice is a spinoff of the Vera Institute of Justice, where Ms. Shapiro founded La Bodega de la Familia. Her innovative work with government, the private sector, and community-based partners has been recognized by Harvard's Kennedy School of Government's Innovations and American Government Award and a fellowship from Ashoka innovators for the Public. Ms. Shapiro also served as an assistant commissioner for the New York Department of Corrections and as a consultant to Her Majesty's Home Office in London.

Steph Sherer is a medical marijuana patient with more than ten years of experience servicing and managing nonprofit businesses and community organizations including: strategic planning, lobbying, fund development, event planning, public relations, board retreats, and project management. Ms. Sherer has given more than 200 trainings ranging from facilitation trainings to direct action planning, to media spokesperson trainings. Over the past ten years, she has served organizations as a consultant, board member, advisory board member, executive director, and program manager, and has raised more than \$15,000,000 for various organizations. She has worked with community development, education, social justice, human rights, drug war, peace, social change, and youth programs.

geri silva is the co-founder and executive director of Families to Amend California's Three Strikes (FACTS). Her organizing experience covers a period of 30 years of involvement primarily in the South Central area of Los Angeles. Over the past 15 years she has focused almost exclusively in the area of criminal justice.

Steven Simons, JD, is the AIDS Coordinator for the City of Los Angeles. The City's fifth AIDS Coordinator since 1989, he is responsible for implementation and oversight of the City AIDS policy, advising the Mayor and City Council on HIV/AIDS issues, and development of City initiatives to fund prevention activities and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Prior to that Mr. Simons served as the Associate Director of Government Affairs for AIDS Project Los Angeles (APLA), and was a founding attorney of the HIV & AIDS Legal Services Alliance (HALSA). Mr. Simons received his Juris Doctorate and Bachelors degrees at University of California at Los Angeles and is an active member of the California State Bar.

Rodney Skager, PhD, is a professor emeritus in the Graduate School of Education and Information Studies at UCLA. He is part time senior research associate at WestEd and a consultant to the Drug Policy Alliance. His focus is on youth drug policy, especially drug education, student assistance, and alternatives to deterrent punishment. He is the author of *Beyond Zero Tolerance: A Reality-Based Approach to Drug Education and Student Assistance*, published by the Drug Policy Alliance.

Mike Smithson is an air traffic controller in Syracuse, New York, and in his spare time, he runs the speakers bureau for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. During the 1980s Mr. Smithson saw the air traffic system continuously compromised along the Texas/Mexican border by Customs and DEA aircraft. This helped convince him to join the drug policy reform movement as a member of ReconsiDer in 1994 where he established the first organized speakers bureau for drug policy in 1998. In 2003, he took over the speakers bureau for LEAP and as of August, 2005, the bureau had made more than 1350 presentations and media interviews.

Allen St. Pierre is the Executive Director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and the NORML Foundation in Washington, D.C. Founded in 1970, NORML is the largest and most well known marijuana law reform organization in the world. The organization serves as hub for the ever-growing marijuana law reform movement, currently has 135 chapters and 375 lawyers on the National Legal Committee, convenes the only national conferences for marijuana law reform activists and criminal defense lawyers and has a popular and informative internet page concerning all aspects of marijuana.

Norm Stamper was a police officer for 34 years, the first 28 in San Diego, the last six as Seattle's Chief of Police. In his 28 years with SDPD Dr. Stamper rose quickly through the ranks and as a deputy chief served in each of the agency's bureaus. As Seattle's police chief, he led a process of major organizational restructuring, creating new bureaus of Professional Responsibility, Community Policing, and Family and Youth Protection. As a cop dedicated to protect and serve, Dr. Stamper believes the war on drugs has done exactly the opposite for people. He is the author of *Breaking Rank: A Top Cop's Exposé of the Dark Side of American Policing* (Nation Books, 2005). He lives and writes in the San Juan Islands of Washington state.

Sharon Stancliff, MD, is the medical director of the Harm Reduction Coalition where she directs SKOOP, an overdose prevention project. Prior to that she was Medical Director of Harlem East Life Plan, which offers methadone maintenance and primary care services oriented towards substance users and medical consultant at the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute.

Deborah Starr, PhD, is a licensed therapist in California. She works out of the Los Angeles Bowne DecisionQuest office where she works with strategy and theme development, witness evaluation and preparation, venue studies, jury profiling and selection, and research methodology. Her inspiration and motivation to join the drug policy reform movement is on behalf of her son, Jesse, who died on April 17, 2005.

Eric Sterling has been President of the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation since 1989. From 1979 to 1989 he was counsel to the Committee on the Judiciary, U.S. House of Representatives, responsible for drug enforcement, organized crime, money laundering, gun control, pornography and other issues. He serves on the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Substance Abuse, and on the boards of directors of many organizations including the Marijuana Policy Project, Families Against Mandatory Minimums and Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Alex Stevens is senior researcher for the European Institute of Social Services at the University of Kent, England. He leads QCT Europe, a six country research project on court-ordered treatment for drug dependent offenders, and recently authored the Beckley Foundation report on the reduction of drug-related crime. He has a long-standing interest in drugs, crime and the penal systems of Europe. Before joining the University in 1998, Mr. Stevens managed the European Network of Drug and HIV/AIDS Services in Prison for Cranstoun Drug Services (London).

Dan Studney is the executive producer, song composer and screenwriter of *Reefer Madness*.



Jacob Sullum is a senior editor at *Reason*, a monthly magazine that covers politics and culture from a libertarian perspective, and a syndicated columnist. 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*. In 2004 he received the Thomas S. Szasz Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Cause of Civil Liberties.

Katy Swaine is the Head of Legal Services for Release, in England. Release seeks to promote understanding of drug-related issues and to support an often marginalized section of society.

Scarlett Swerdlow serves as the executive director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, a national network of thousands of students committed to effecting change to current drug laws and policies, particularly those that adversely affect youth and youth access to education. Currently, Ms. Swerdlow sits on the National Organization for Women's Young Feminist Task-Force and is co-chair of NOW's committee on women and drug policy.

Diane Sylvestre, MD, earned her MD from Harvard Medical School. She trained in internal medicine at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, MA, and underwent fellowship training in biochemical genetics at the Sloan Kettering Institute in New York, New York. She is currently an assistant clinical professor of medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, and executive director and founder of OASIS (Organization to Achieve Solutions in Substance-Abuse), a nonprofit organization located in Oakland, California.

Mala Szalavitz is the author of the forthcoming *Help at Any Cost: How the Troubled Teen Industry Cons Parents and Hurts Kids* (Riverhead, Feb. 2006). She is a senior fellow at media watchdog stats.org and has written widely on drug policy. Her articles have been published in the *Village Voice*, *The American Prospect*, *Reason*, *AlterNet*, and more.

Reena Szczepanski is the director of the Drug Policy Alliance New Mexico, where she works to end the war on drugs at the local, state, and southwest regional levels. Ms. Szczepanski oversees drug policy evaluation, regional and state collaboration, and legislative initiatives, and advocates for open dialogue on drug policy issues in New Mexico.

Howard Taras, MD, is a pediatrician specializing in school health. He is the immediate past chairperson of the School Health Committee for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Dr. Taras provides medical consultation to school districts in San Diego County and in Los Angeles County on general health-related school policies and procedures, as well as consultation on children with special health needs who are mainstreamed into regular schools or classrooms.

Charles Thomas has nearly 15 years of professional experience in the drug policy reform movement. He co-founded the Marijuana Policy Project in 1995 and left in 2001 to organize the religious community. As a Unitarian, he persuaded his denomination to adopt an official statement in 2002 calling for drug decriminalization. Since then, the Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative—of which he is the executive director—has mobilized a wide range of denominations to take action on specific drug policy reform issues.

Clovis Thorn is the director of development for the Drug Policy Alliance. Prior to working at DPA he was the correspondence manager for United States Senator Pete Domenici.

Cliff Thornton is a co-founder of Connecticut-based Efficacy, a nonprofit organization advocating peaceful ways to respond to social problems. At the present time, Efficacy is concentrating efforts on drug abuse and crime prevention.

Martin Torgoff is an award-winning journalist, author and documentary filmmaker. His most recent book is the critically-acclaimed *Can't Find My Way Home: America in the Great Stoned Age, 1945-2000* (Simon & Schuster, 2005), an epic work of non-fiction about the American experience of illicit substances during the twentieth century. He is presently serving as the writer, consulting producer, and commentator for a four-hour series based on the book being produced for VH1/Sundance, scheduled for broadcast in April 2006.

Cynthia Toussaint has had Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy for 23 years and founded For Grace, along with her partner, John Garrett, in 2002. Before becoming ill, she was an accomplished ballerina and worked professionally as a dancer, actor and singer. Since 1997, she has been a leading RSD advocate. Ms. Toussaint championed and gave key testimony at two California Senate hearings. The first in May 2001 was dedicated to RSD awareness. The second in February 2004 explored the chronic undertreatment of and gender bias toward women in pain. Both of these efforts were the first of their kind in the nation.

Sanho Tree is a fellow and director of the Drug Policy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C. Mr. Tree is a former military and diplomatic historian, but his current work focuses on U.S. involvement in the conflict in Colombia. Currently, he serves on the boards of Witness for Peace, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and the Common Sense Legislative Group.

Bruce Trigg, MD, is a pediatrician and public health physician who has been with the New Mexico Department of Health for 16 years. He is currently medical director of the Sexually Transmitted Disease Program for Albuquerque and northwest New Mexico. Since January 2004, he has been medical director of the Public Health Program at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Albuquerque. A public health funded methadone maintenance pilot program is scheduled to start at the jail in November 2005.

Mason Tvert is executive director of Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER), a grassroots nonprofit organization based in Colorado. This past spring SAFER organized students and coordinated successful referenda campaigns at Colorado's two largest universities. Subsequently, SAFER placed the Alcohol-Marijuana Equalization Initiative on the ballot to be considered by Denver voters in November 2005. He has held positions in various political and governmental settings, including the Phoenix City Council Office, the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, and the office of a Virginia State Senator.

Mark Tyndall is an associate professor of medicine at the University of British Columbia and the program director for epidemiology at the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS. He is an active contributor to various research projects, including epidemiologic studies of HIV and hepatitis C transmission among injection drug users and antiretroviral therapy programs for marginalized populations. He is the co-Principal Investigator of the Evaluation of the Supervised Injection Site in Vancouver. As a staff physician at St. Paul's Hospital, he is an active member of the clinical infectious disease service and works as an HIV/AIDS specialist at inner city health clinics.

Jasmine Tyler serves as the Justice Policy Institute's research director. Prior to joining JPI, she was a mitigation specialist with the Public Defender Service in the District of Columbia, where her research and analysis of correctional and community issues were used in hundreds of sentencing recommendations for adults and youth before the court. She has also worked with a dozen criminal justice reform initiatives, including DC's Juvenile Justice Reform Task Force (Prevention and Diversion Committee), the District of Columbia African Americans in Harm Reduction/AIDS Prevention Working Group, and the Virginia Indigent Defense Coalition.



John Vasconcellos retired on November 30, 2004, after representing the heart of Silicon Valley in the California assembly and state senate for 38 years. He was a leading California legislator on higher education, holistic health, violence prevention, diversity and inclusion, and truly honest drug abuse prevention strategies. Mr. Vasconcellos, who currently serves on the board of directors of the Drug Policy Alliance, is the creator of the California Task Force to promote self esteem and personal and social responsibility and most recently founded the Politics of Trust Network, a new political movement founded upon a faithful (rather than the traditional cynical) vision of our selves, our human nature and potential.

Dan Viets, JD, is an attorney in private practice in Columbia, MO, specializing in the defense of marijuana cases. He has served for many years as the Missouri State Coordinator for the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. He is a former president of the Missouri Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, former chair of the board of the Mid-Missouri ACLU, former president of the University of Missouri student body and former chair of the City of Columbia Human Rights Commission.

Rusty White is a speaker for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. A former K-9 narcotics dog trainer, Track and Attack K-9 trainer and handler, and sniper for the Department of Corrections, White served as a corrections officer in an Arizona maximum security prison for 7 years.

Lynne Wilson, also known as the "Happy Hempstress," is the Director of HempRock Productions which is based in Cincinnati, Ohio. After her arrest in 1988 for marijuana trafficking, she decided to become a drug war activist and received an associate degree in computer science. Recently, Ms. Wilson led the fight to keep Cincinnati's Minor Misdemeanor Marijuana Possession Tickets from being raised to \$500 and possible 6 months jail time, which was proposed by a Cincinnati Councilman.

Don Wirtshafter started the Ohio Hempery in 1990. The Hempery is America's first hemp products merchant. He saw it as a creative solution to the environmental and criminal problems that frequented his Athens, Ohio, law office. In 1998, the facility moved to Manitoba, Canada to be closer to the source of hemp. Don is part owner and sits on the board of Nutiva, Inc. (the leading retailer of hemp food products in the U.S.) and Hemp Oil Canada, Inc. (the largest producer of hemp food products in Canada). Mr. Wirtshafter serves on the board of editors for the *Journal of the International Hemp Association*, the only peer review journal of hemp research. He is a founder and director of the Hemp Industries Association.

Daniel Wolfe is the deputy director of the International Harm Reduction Programme (IHRD) and an author and media specialist with extensive experience on drug issues. Mr. Wolfe has worked closely with Open Society Institute's IHRD 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. 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*.

Caren Woodson is the campaign director for Americans for Safe Access, the largest national grassroots coalition working solely to advocate and protect the rights of medical marijuana patients, doctors and caregivers. Prior to joining the ASA staff, she lobbied Congress on a variety of drug policy reform issues including medical marijuana for the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of National Affairs.

Howard Wooldridge is a director and founding member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, an organization of current and former members of law enforcement who support regulation rather than prohibition. He also serves as a spokesman and speaker for Texas' National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, after having retired early after 15 years as a police officer, in 1994.

Jason Zeidenberg is the co-founder and executive director of the Justice Policy Institute, one of the nation's leading prison reform think tanks. His research and policy work on juvenile and criminal justice policy is frequently used by nonprofits, foundations, think-tanks, law enforcement, community organizations, government and the media. He is the author of five studies covering the domain of drug policy reform.

Bill Zimmerman is a partner in Zimmerman & Markman, Inc., a political consulting and advertising firm based in Santa Monica, California. The firm serves as the advertising agency to MoveOn.org and numerous other public service organizations and ballot initiative campaigns. As director of the Campaign for New Drug Policies, Mr. Zimmerman managed 15 statewide drug reform ballot initiatives, of which 13 were successful. Those successes included medical marijuana initiatives in California, Nevada, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, Colorado and Maine, drug treatment instead of incarceration initiatives in California and Washington, D.C., and civil asset reform initiatives in Utah and Oregon. Mr. Zimmerman currently serves on the Statewide Advisory Group helping to implement Proposition 36 in California.

CONFERENCE FILM FESTIVAL

Screenings will take place in the Barcelona/Casablanca room.

Thursday, November 11

1:00 PM Hofmann's Potion (2002) 51 min.

Directed by Connie Littlefield. Comments by Connie Littlefield.

Featuring interview with many LSD pioneers, Hofmann's Potion is much more than a simple chronicle of the drug's early days. With its thoughtful interviews, beautiful music and stunning cinematography, it is an invitation to look at LSD and our world with a more open, compassionate mind.

7:30 PM Unintended Consequences (2003) 15 min.

Directed by Nina Rosenblum. Comments by Jan Warren Agostaro, Co-Founder of Mothers of the NY Disappeared.

The Mothers of the New York Disappeared are documented on their bus journey from New York City to Albany to protest the Rockefeller Mandatory Minimum Drug Laws. A harrowing, inspiring look at the collateral consequences of the War on Drugs and the response of families that have been devastated by it.

8:00 PM Worth Saving: Rescuing Lives from Overdose (2004) 11 min.

Directed by Gretchen Hildebran and Leah Wolchok. Comments by Gretchen Hildebran.

There are 15,000 injection drug users in San Francisco. Overdose is the leading reason why they die. Worth Saving is a video about the DOPE (Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project), a groundbreaking program that empowers drug users to respond to overdose.

8:15 PM Three short videos with comments by Sebastian Saville, Director of Release (U.K.)

OTT (2001) 11 min. - *Directed by George Scott.*

A thought provoking video, intended for those being released from incarceration. Themes of risk taking and harm reduction are presented in a respectful, non-judgmental manner.

Drug World (2004) 5 min. - *Executive Produced and Written by British American Productions Ltd.*

A light-hearted, accessible look at a variety of drugs and their use, featuring an animated dog named Geronimo as a guide.

The Last Two Seconds (2005) 15 min. - *Directed by Etienne Sauret.*

A brief film about Dr. Alexander Shulgin and Ann Shulgin, shot during a visit to their California ranch in 2004.

9:00 PM Ecstasy Onscreen: MDMA Use in Movies

Presented by Stephanie Jones.

"Rolling" - whether or not you use the word, you've seen people do it. Hollywood has shown you - and not just in the rave movies of the late '90s. The screening features a variety of clips from "the classics," popular mainstream films, and current documentaries like Generation E and Ibiza's Children. A discussion with filmmakers, promoters and others within the dance music scene on how Hollywood's portrayals of this drug affect their world will follow.

Friday, November 12

7:30 PM Chew on This (2004) 11 min.

The Narco News School of Authentic Journalism. Comments by Al Giordano, Narco News Bulletin.

The Bolivian military's attempt to reduce coca cultivation in the Yungas region and the impact of this on farming communities is examined. The farmers' response in defense of Law 1008 and their right to cultivate it show a community taking a strong stand to preserve their livelihood and culture.

7:45 PM Hearne, Texas: Scenes from the Drug War (2005) 23 min.

Directed by Sarah Kunstler and Emily Kunstler. Comments by Graham Boyd, ACLU Drug Law Reform Project.

The story of a community engaged in a struggle to clear the names of 27 African Americans swept up in a corrupt drug raid during November 2000. A federally funded regional narcotics task force conducted the investigation against all of them using an informant to make drug deals and testify against them. Once the informant admitted that he fabricated evidence and lied during his testimony, the DA was forced to dismiss charges against those who had not already pled guilty.

8:15 PM Medical Co-Prescription of Heroin (2004) 45 min.

Central Committee on the Treatment of Heroin Addicts Comments by Peter Blanken, Parnassia Addiction Research Centre.

An experimental Dutch program in the medical prescription of heroin offers a stark contrast to how many countries deal with people who inject drugs.

9:00 PM Ibogaine: Rite of Passage (2004) 50 min.

Directed By Ben Loenen. Comments by Valerie Mojeiko, MAPS (Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies).

The anti-addictive properties of the Iboga plant were first identified by Western medicine in the 1960s yet its use is still opposed by many powerful forces. This documentary shows the different aspects of this special substance through personal testimonies and explanations of those who have struggled with drug abuse, treatment providers and other experts.

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Interfaith Ceremony for Hope and Inspiration in Our Struggle for Compassion and Justice

(Ocean Terrace West)

Saturday, November 12, 8:15 – 9:15 am

Facilitator:

Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb, director of Interfaith Interventions and friends

Are you religious? Spiritual but not religious? Spirit-curious?

Ethical humanist? All are welcome as we gather to tap into our

deepest sources of hope and inspiration to sustain us in our struggle

to bring about a more fair and loving world for drug users, abusers

and addicts. You're invited to bring a brief personal reflection, poem,

story or sacred text to share at the service (provided that you arrive a

few minutes early).

2005 Awards for Achievement in Drug Policy Reform

Saturday, November 12, 7:00 – 11:00 pm

Please join us as we recognize the accomplishments and commitment

of people and organizations who have done outstanding drug policy

reform work at a banquet sponsored by the Criminal Justice Policy

Foundation. A limited number of tickets are still available.

\$75 per person

Rise and Shine Yoga (Naples)

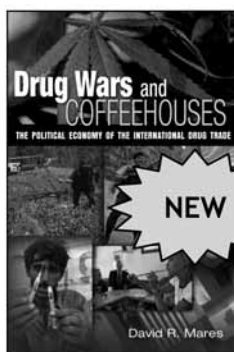
Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 7:00 – 8:00 am

Led by Paul Chang and Leah Rorvig

Yoga beginners to advanced are welcome to participate. Bring a

mat or towel from your room.

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**The Political Economy of the
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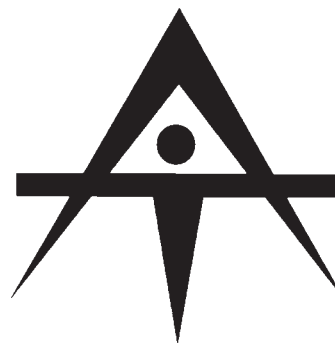
*David R. Mares, University of
California, San Diego*

November 2005. Paperback. 157 pages.
ISBN 1-56802-862-8. \$26.95.

With his engaging new book, Mares explores the reasons why there is so much disagreement among nations about which policies are most appropriate to address drug production, distribution, and trade. From the more tolerant "coffeehouse" style policies of the Netherlands to the United States' "drug war" approach, nations frame and seek to resolve these issues in different ways and with different levels of success. A compelling framework shows the need to understand the drug trade as a full-blown commodity system if states are to impact its different segments.



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NETWORKING / MEETINGS / EVENTS

Wednesday, November 9

- 4:00 – 5:30 pm REFORMA: Latin America/Caribbean Drug Policy Reform Network Meeting** (Tokyo/Vancouver)
To review the 2005 conference and begin planning for 2006 Rio de Janeiro, 2007 Jamaica and UNGASS Vienna 2008
- 7:00 – 9:00 pm Association of Reform Organizations Banquet** (by invitation only)

Thursday, November 10

- 12:15 – 1:45 pm Florida in Action Meeting** (The Grill Restaurant)
Gathering of those interested in creating drug policy reform in Florida. Discussion will include individual initiatives, organizational plans and consensus building. Space limited, call Jodi James, 321-890-7302 to reserve a seat.
- 4:00 – 6:00 pm Save Prop 36!** (Marina/4th Floor)
Meeting for Prop 36 clients/grads to get together to begin to form a state-wide network aimed at protecting and expanding the Prop 36 program, in particular, and recovery services in general.
- 7:30 – 10:00 pm Narco News Consulta Meeting** (Tokyo/Vancouver)
For journalists and readers of the online newspaper Narco News to report, evaluate and discuss the newspaper's work covering the drug war and democracy in Latin America.
- 9:30 pm Americans for Safe Access and Students for Sensible Drug Policy night at the Blue Café**
(210 Promenade, Long Beach (562) 983-7111)
Special night of entertainment featuring two of the area's most popular Blues acts, Joe Wood & the Lonely Ones and also Max Bangwell, who will have Kirk 'Eli' Fletcher, currently with The Fabulous Thunderbirds, playing guitar that evening. The group has a special 'selection' of songs for the evening selected in honor of conference attendees in Long Beach. The Blue Cafe opens at 5 PM for 'Happy-Hour' type activities. Joe Wood will start the evening at 6 PM with his band. The doors will close to the 'public' by 9:30-10:00 PM, so don't be left out. Get there early.
- 8:00 pm High Times Comedy Night at the Hollywood Improv** (8162 Melrose Avenue, Hollywood, CA)
Last month, a sold-out crowd laughed their asses off at the debut performance of HIGH TIMES Comedy Night at the Hollywood Improv. Now, it's time to do it all again with the help of the Zach Galifianakis (Reno 911), Randy and Jason Sklar (ESPN's Cheap Seats), and several more top comedians to be announced. The night will feature special audience giveaways geared toward High Times magazine fans. Tickets can be purchased through the Improv website (www.improv.com) or by calling 323-651-2583. The show is a benefit for NORML, the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Legalization.

Friday, November 11

- 12:15 – 1:45 pm League of Women Voters – Meet and Greet** (The Grill Restaurant)
Learn more about the League of Women Voters and how they work to influence public policy through education and advocacy. Space is limited, call Suzy Wills, 214-240-5371 to reserve a seat.
- 12:15 – 1:45 pm Protecting Patients' Rights: A combined legal/political model for medical marijuana states and beyond** (Melbourne)
This workshop will educate patients, advocates, attorneys, and others about the importance of combined pro-active legal and political campaigns in fighting for patient rights. The workshop would be led by ASA Chief Counsel Joe Elford, ASA Legal Campaign Director Kris Hermes, and ASA Field Coordinator Rebecca Saltzman, and will focus on the legal and political work being done in California to protect and defend the rights of medical marijuana patients.
- 6:30 – 7:30 pm LEAP Meet and Greet** (Salon D)
Meet the LEAP board, speakers and new members.

Saturday, November 12

- 5:00 – 7:00 pm Religious Drug Policy Summit: Let's Move this Mountain!** (Marina/4th Floor)
For religious leaders and other active people of faith to network and strategize on how to mobilize the religious community nationwide to end the drug war.

Welcome Students for Sensible Drug Policy to the 2005 International Drug Policy Conference!
SSDP will be holding meetings throughout the conference in Salon A. Please join them:

Friday, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm • Students for Sensible Drug Policy Networking Meeting.

Connect with other students and activists in your region!

Friday, 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm • SSDP Congress (For SSDP members only)

Saturday 6:00 – 7:00 pm • Students for Sensible Drug Policy Awards

Want to learn more about SSDP? Visit their special registration desk in the Centennial Ballroom foyer.

Best wishes to DPA for a successful conference!

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EXHIBIT SCHEDULE:

Thursday, November 10, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Friday, November 11, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Saturday, November 12, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA
www.safeaccessnow.org

Americans for Safe Access is the largest national grassroots coalition working solely to protect the rights of patients and doctors to use medical marijuana. Their mission is to ensure safe, legal access to marijuana for all who are helped by it.

Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, Silver Spring, MD
www.cjpf.org

CJPF is a private educational organization that provides creative political and communications strategies for drug policy reformers. They also provide information and analysis to policy makers, journalists and the public through interviews and publications.

Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative, Silver Spring, MD
www.idpi.us

IDPI mobilizes religious denominations, religious groups, clergy, and other people of faith behind more compassionate and less coercive drug policies at the federal and state level. Their main legislative priorities include repealing mandatory minimum sentencing, restoring financial aid to college students convicted of a drug offense, and protecting medical marijuana patients from arrest.

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA
www.leap.cc

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) is an international non-profit organization comprised of criminal justice professionals and other concerned citizens who call for an end to the war on drugs. LEAP believes that control and regulation of ALL drugs is better than prohibition to greatly reduce crime, violence, disease and death.

Narconon of Northern California, Watsonville, CA
www.drugrehab.net

Long-term residential drug/alcohol treatment facility

Cannabis Action Network, Berkeley, CA
www.CannabisActionNetwork.org

CAN's ongoing mission is to educate, inspire and train others to educate cannabis users on sensible cannabis use, legal integrity and a "good neighbor" attitude.

ACLU Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA
www.aclu.org/drugpolicy

The Drug Law Reform Project is a division of the national ACLU. Their goal is to end punitive drug policies that cause the widespread violation of constitutional and human rights, as well as unprecedented levels of incarceration.

California NORML, San Francisco, CA
www.canorml.org

StoptheDrugWar.org: The Drug Reform Coordination Network, Washington, DC
www.stopthedrugwar.org

The Drug Reform Coordination Network is a major educational and advocacy organization raising awareness of the drug war and the consequences of prohibition world wide while working for reform of drug laws and the justice system in the U.S. Behind the scenes for much of their 12 years, DRCNet is now stepping out as a campaigning organization coordinating some of the most promising national and international reform efforts.

Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
www.mpp.org

MPP works to minimize the harm associated with marijuana-both the consumption of marijuana and the laws that are intended to prohibit such use. MPP believes that the greatest harm associated with marijuana is imprisonment.

Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS), Sarasota, FL
www.maps.org

MAPS is a membership-based non-profit research and educational organization. They assist scientists to design, fund, conduct and report on the risks and benefits of the therapeutic, spiritual, and creative uses of psychedelic drugs and marijuana. MAPS works to develop psychedelics and marijuana into FDA-approved prescription medicines.

Tarzana Treatment Centers, Tarzana, CA
www.tarzanatc.org

Tarzana Treatment Centers provide integral behavioral healthcare.

Safer Alternative for Enjoyable Recreation, Denver, CO
www.saferchoice.org

SAFER is a non-profit grassroots organization whose mission is to educate the public about the harmful consequences of alcohol compared to the safer-yet illegal-drug: marijuana.

Youth Justice Coalition, Los Angeles, CA

The Youth Justice Coalition/Free L.A.! is working to build a youth-led movement to challenge race and class inequality in the Los Angeles County juvenile injustice system; working to tear down a system that has ensured the massive lock-up of people of color, police brutality and corruption, vast disregard for youth and communities' Constitutional rights, and the build-up of the world's largest prison system. They use direct action organizing, advocacy, alliance building, political education and activist arts to agitate and expose the people in charge and bring about change.

Blue Lily, New York, NY
www.bluelilynewyork.com

Blue Lily is a line of personal care products that combine Mother Nature with the style of New York City. Each product is handmade in Manhattan using all natural and organic ingredients.

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- Citizens for Drug Policy Reform - Los Angeles County
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