



2007 INTERNATIONAL DRUG POLICY REFORM CONFERENCE

hosted by the Drug Policy Alliance
December 5-8, 2007 in New Orleans, Louisiana



> WORKING TOWARD A NEW BOTTOM LINE



LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Fellow Reformers:

Welcome — to those of you from out of town — to New Orleans! Welcome to what may be the biggest and best gathering ever of people who believe the drug war is doing more harm than good!

And welcome to three days that will hopefully prepare, transform and invigorate you for the struggles that lie ahead!

This is no ordinary conference. We're here not just to learn, and share our experiences and knowledge, and see old friends and allies and meet new ones — but also because we're trying to build a movement for freedom and justice.

Look around and you'll see people from across the country and all around the world. We come from across the political spectrum, and drug use spectrum, and drug law spectrum. Our life experiences vary, often dramatically. But what we share in common here is so much more important than anything that separates us: a passion for uprooting the ignorance, fears and prejudices that fuel the drug war and planting the seeds of a more just and compassionate way of dealing with drugs in our lives and communities.

I have a suggestion for how to make the most of the program. Don't just go to those sessions that seem most familiar and relevant to your current interests and work. Try a few on subjects you've never before thought about. That's how we learn the most, and it's also how we connect the dots among the various strands that make up our growing drug policy reform movement.

And don't forget: we're here not just to build consensus but to argue and debate and rejoice in our diversity. If you don't get upset by at least one thing someone says or does, this conference will not be everything it should be. Our only obligation is to give one another the benefit of the doubt, and remember that no powerful political movement was ever built without vigorous debate within.

It's good to be in New Orleans. This city, with its tragedies and its remarkable spirit, holds lessons for all of us.

So open your minds, and your hearts. Be safe. And let's make this a truly historic occasion.

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ETHAN NADELMANN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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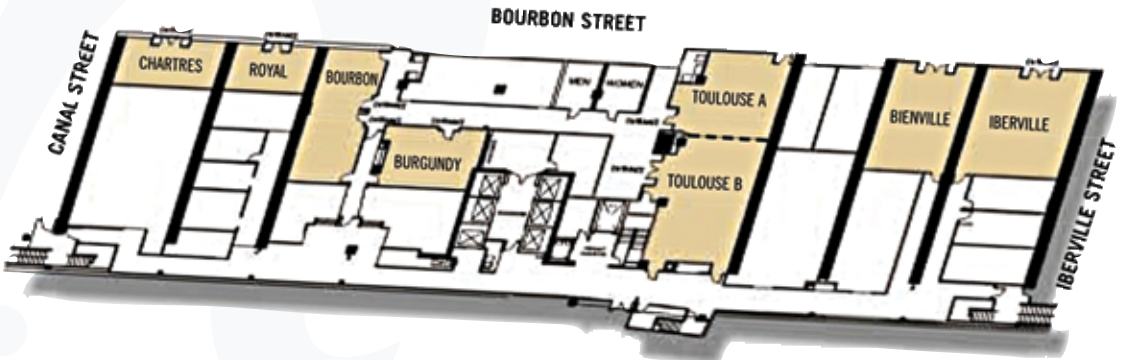


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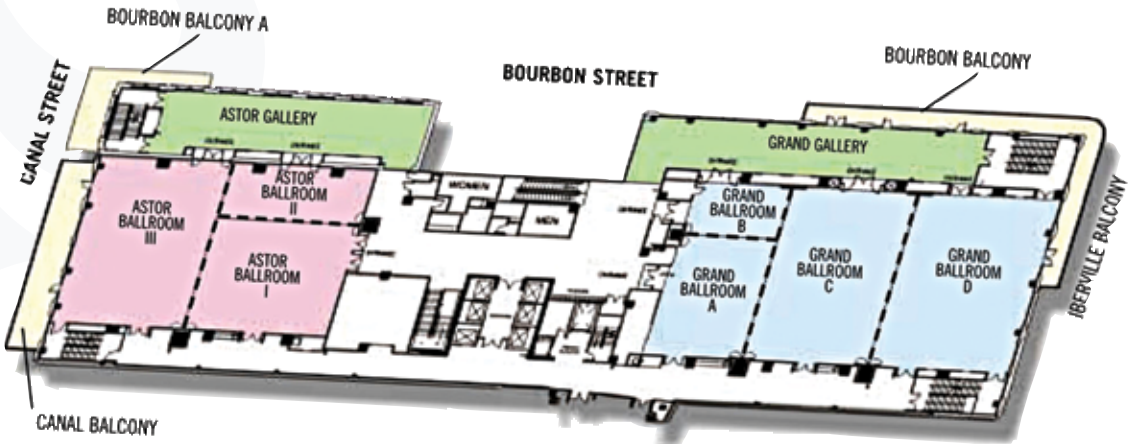
CONFERENCE HOTEL

The Astor Crowne Plaza
739 Canal at Bourbon Street
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Web site: www.astorfrenchquarter.com
(504) 962-0500

MEETING ROOM ASSIGNMENTS can be found in the special blue insert handed out at registration.



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SECOND FLOOR

NEW ORLEANS MAP



It all began in New Orleans. Two years ago, investigative reporter Jeremy Scahill observed armed Blackwater para-military operatives patrolling the devastated streets of New Orleans. Eager to learn why they were there and who sent them, Scahill tracked Blackwater from Louisiana to Iraq, and documented his findings in *BLACKWATER*, the electrifying expose from Nation Books.

"Jeremy Scahill's exposé of the Blackwater mercenary firm forcefully demonstrates the grave dangers of outsourcing the government's monopoly on the use of force."
—JOSEPH WILSON, former U.S. Ambassador to Iraq



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CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Registration/Information

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

Wednesday, December 5, 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 6, 8:00 – 5:30 pm
Friday, December 7, 8:30 – 5:30 pm
Saturday, December 8, 9:00 – 5:00 pm

Messages

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

Exhibitors

Please visit our exhibitors located in both of the foyers in front of the ballrooms:

Thursday, December 6, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Friday, December 7, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm
Saturday, December 8, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Bookstore

The bookstore, operated by BET Books out of New Orleans, features titles from many of our speakers as well as a wide variety of topics that may be of interest to conference attendees. The bookstore is located outside of the Astor and Grand ballrooms on the second floor. Book signings are scheduled throughout the conference and are located across from the registration areas. See page 45 for more information.

Bookstore Hours:
Thursday, December 6, 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday, December 7, 7:30 am – 4:30 pm
Saturday, December 8, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Continuing Education Units

This program has been approved for CEUs in the states of California and New Mexico. Nurses, Marriage and Family Therapists, Social Workers and Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors licensed by the State of California are eligible to receive 16 hours of CEU credit. Social Workers and Counselors licensed by the State of New Mexico are eligible to receive 16 hours of CEU credit. 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.

California

Board of Registered Nursing CE Provider #CEP 10190
California Psychologist MCE Provider # 503767
California BBS Continuing Education Provider #PCE 297
California Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors #4C-03-856-0507

New Mexico

New Mexico Counseling & Therapy Practice Board
Provider # 0076601 (New Mexico Board of Social Work
Examiners through reciprocal agreement with counseling board)

Please contact your state licensing board with any questions regarding CEU acceptance from other state agencies, licensure renewal, continuing education requirements and requirements for acceptable continuing education courses, programs and sponsors. If you are planning to take advantage of the CEUs offered, please be sure to pick up a CEU tracking form from the registration desk. You will need to turn this form in with a completed conference evaluation and sign out when you leave the conference.

Name tags

Please wear your nametag at all times. This is proof that you have paid registration and are eligible to attend the sessions. There is a \$3 charge to reprint lost badges.

Cell Phones/Pagers

When entering session rooms, please turn your cell phones and pagers off or to the vibrate mode. The panelists and your fellow attendees will greatly appreciate not hearing your newest ring tone.

CONFERENCE POLICIES

Smoking

Smoking is NOT PERMITTED in any public space within the Astor Crowne Plaza, including the lobby bar and all restrooms. Smoking is allowed on the balconies that overlook the French Quarter but please note that due to fire code, chairs cannot be placed on the balconies.

Medical Marijuana

With apologies to our attendees authorized to use medical marijuana in their home state, please note that use is NOT LEGAL in Louisiana. We are sorry that our facility selection does not support medical marijuana and hope you understand why it was important for us to have a presence in the Gulf area.

Substance Use

We recognize that everyone at the conference is working to change drug-related laws and might have differing philosophies regarding drug use than the current administration. However, please remember that drug use is currently illegal and we must respect the laws of the community we are in. The French Quarter has a liberal open container law regarding alcoholic beverages, allowing patrons to drink openly on the streets. The New Orleans Police Department maintains a strong presence in the French Quarter to ensure the safety of visitors.



CONFERENCE LOGISTICS

Medical Emergencies

In case of emergency, dial 911 immediately on any pay phone, or pick up the closest courtesy phone and they will dial for you.

Hospital

Tulane University Hospital and Clinic
1415 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA
(504) 988-5800

Driving directions for Tulane Hospital:
From hotel (Astor Crowne Plaza),
go NW on Canal St. toward Bourbon St. for .49 mi
then make a U turn onto Canal St. (.06 mi)
then turn right onto La Salle St. (.16 mi)
finally turn left onto Tulane Ave (.04 mi)

Closest Pharmacy (Walgreens)

900 Canal Street (Baronne and Canal Street)
New Orleans, LA 70112
(504) 568-1271

Closest 24 hour Pharmacy (Walgreens)

1801 St. Charles Ave (NW Corner of Felicitey and St. Charles)
New Orleans, LA 70130
(504) 561-8458

Methadone Clinics

Please contact the clinics in advance to determine their dosing hours and requirements/costs for guest doses:

DRD - Downtown New Orleans Medical Clinic

417 S Johnson St
New Orleans, LA 70112
Tel (504) 524-7205

NNTC - New Orleans Narcotic Treatment Clinic

(Approx 10 minutes from conference hotel)
7606 Westbank Expy
Marreo, LA 70112
Tel (504) 347-1120

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to volunteer your time to help New Orleans in its recovery and restoration, visit www.volunteerlouisiana.gov. This organization was formed by Governor Kathleen Blanco and Lt. Gov. Mitch Landrieu to match volunteer opportunities with volunteers.

A Web Site to Visit

The Katrina Reader is dedicated to all the Katrina Survivors and Grassroots Racial Justice Organizations of New Orleans, who are fighting for the Right of Return of all 'Internally Displaced Persons,' and the Right to Rebuild New Orleans and the Gulf Coast with justice, dignity and self-determination.
<http://www.cwsworkshop.org/katrinareader/>

Safety Tips from the New Orleans Police Department

Shop Smart

Use traveler's checks or credit cards instead of cash whenever possible. Carry the fewest items possible to reduce your burden and thief's targets. Keep your wallet or purse under your direct control at all times.

Walk Smart

Look confident and be aware of the environment around you. Walk briskly and with someone, especially after dark. Face traffic and stay visible. Avoid isolated areas and cutting through parks, vacant lots and deserted areas. Walk away from anyone who wants to show you "Where the action is" or who wants to lead you to a club or bar. Don't leave on foot or in a vehicle with someone you just met. Remember to take your name badge off when leaving the conference hotel.

Play Smart

New Orleans is a 24 hour city with an open container law. The drinking age is 21. The police are tolerant of drinking in public in the French Quarter as long as you do not have an open can or glass container. Bars and restaurants will give you a plastic "go cup" when you leave their establishment. Obnoxious intoxicated behavior and urinating in public are not tolerated and you can expect to be arrested immediately.

Travel Smart

At your hotel, don't enter your room if your door is open. Instead, call security. Don't answer the door in your hotel or motel room without verifying who it is. If someone claims to be a hotel employee, call the front desk to verify. Never leave money, jewelry, or valuables in your room, not even for a short time - use the hotel safe. Make sure to familiarize yourself with the emergency exit plan on the back of your hotel room door.

Chanukah Activities

Chanukah is December 4 - 12. If you are still in town on December 9, enjoy Chanukah @ Riverwalk 2007 from 4:00 - 6:00 pm and witness the lighting of Louisiana's largest Menorah. Features food, music and vendors and is touted the largest Jewish Event of the Year in New Orleans. You can call the Jewish Community Center at 504-897-0143 for to find out other Chanukah activities around town.

Pearl Harbor Day

Pearl Harbor Day is December 7 and although we don't know of any specific commemoration activities at this time, you may want to check out the National D-Day Museum in New Orleans, designated by Congress as the country's official World War II Museum. This remarkable attraction illuminates the American experience during the WWII era with moving personal stories, historic artifacts and powerful interactive displays. The Museum is an incomparable experience for all generations and not to be missed on any visit to New Orleans. The museum is open Tuesday through Sunday. Than National World War II Museum, 945 Magazine Street, 504-527-6012



Mission & Vision

The Drug Policy Alliance envisions a just society in which the use and regulation of drugs are grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights, in which people are no longer punished for what they put into their own bodies but only for crimes committed against others, and in which the fears, prejudices and punitive prohibitions of today are no more.

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

Video Story Booth

Are you an activist, drug war victim, drug policy reform luminary or enthusiastic first-time conference attendee - and would you willing to be interviewed for our Video Story Booth?

With the help of Jeremy Kagan and Anneke Campbell (filmmakers for the ACLU's Freedom Files series), we will be

engaging in an exciting project to collect personal stories from those in the movement. Our main questions are, "What happened to you?" and "What should be done?"

Filming will take place from 11am to 10pm from Thursday, Dec. 6th through Saturday, Dec. 8th. Interview spots will be 20-30 minutes long and space is limited, so please visit the Video Story Booth information table on-site at the conference (next to the DPA Booth) for more details and to sign up.

Best wishes to DPA for a successful conference!

*From the A&C Government Relations Team of
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Audio Recordings

Wish you could share your conference experience with your colleagues who couldn't make it? This year, you have the opportunity to buy audio recordings of any (or all) of the conference panels, roundtables, plenaries and trainings.

Audio recordings will be available in CD or mp3 format. Look for the HMR Recordings table in the exhibit hall.

Drug War Victims Display

"Human Rights and the Drug War" is a photo exhibit that puts a human face on the failed and destructive US drug policies through the stories of prisoners and their families caught in the broad net of the punitive mandatory minimum sentencing schemes and conspiracy laws. Along with facts and figures about the US Drug War, it confronts the conscience of the American people and encourages individuals to take action for social justice.

(See www.hr95.org)

Video Taping

You may see people roaming around the conference with video cameras. These people are individuals shooting for archival purposes or independent documentaries. Video of the sessions will not be made available for sale.

If you do not wish to be filmed, please move away from the camera or ask the person filming not to include you in their shot.

Good Food / Good Causes

Café Reconcile

1631 Oretha Castle Haley Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70113
www.cafereconcile.com/program.asp
Open: Monday through Friday, 11 am to 3 pm

The program is built around the needs of youth who have experienced socio-economic challenges, including poverty, homelessness, arrested educational achievement, substance abuse, and participation in the juvenile justice system. Café Reconcile, a working non-profit restaurant, serves as the training/mentoring/ and soft skills-building site to provide the youth support, work experience, and ability enhancement to encourage self-sufficiency and a viable opportunity to change the destructive course of their lives.

Covenant Café

1515 Poydras St.
(near City Hall and across from Superdome)
New Orleans, LA 70112
covenanthouseno.org/covenanthouse.htm
Open: Monday through Friday, 7 am-4 pm

This is a social entrepreneurship for at-risk youth learn job skills and gain work experience. Covenant House provides substance abuse treatment, as well as many other services.

Bridge House Thrift Store

1160 Camp Street (Camp and Erato)
New Orleans, LA 70130
www.bridgehouse.org/07thriftstore.htm
Open: Monday through Saturday, 9 am-4 pm

For 50 years, Bridge House has served as a substance-abuse treatment center of last resort. Every day we accept and treat those to whom most other institutions deny admission: the homeless and indigent drug and alcohol abusers of our community. The only requirement for admission is a sincere desire to change, and we accept individuals without regard to race, religion, sexual orientation or ability to pay.

Odyssey House Louisiana

1125 North Tonti
New Orleans, LA 70119

Odyssey House Louisiana (OHL) is a nonprofit behavioral health care provider with an emphasis on addiction treatment. OHL was established in 1973 as a nonprofit residential substance abuse treatment

facility with the mission of empowering people to conquer addiction. Today, Odyssey House offers a professional, structured and caring Therapeutic Community with comprehensive services and effective support systems that enable individuals to chart new lives and return to their communities as contributing members.

Second Helpings Catering

www.ohlinc.org/second-helpings-catering

Furniture Rehab

<http://www.ohlinc.org/furniture-rehab>

Tipitina's Uptown

501 Napoleon
<http://www.tipitinas.com>

During the past 25 years, Tipitina's has grown from a small, neighborhood bar into an international music icon. The venue has expanded into a two-story, 1,000 capacity music venue located at the famed corner of Napoleon and Tchoupitoulas. Tipitina's has always celebrated and supported New Orleans music and culture through a variety of community-based projects.

Maple Leaf Bar (live music)

8316 Oak Street (Carrollton neighborhood, 2 blocks off of S. Carrollton)

"This is what a New Orleans club is all about, and its reputation was only furthered when it became the very first live music venue to reopen, just weeks after Katrina, with an emotional, generator-powered performance by Walter "Wolfman" Washington. It's medium-size but feels smaller when a crowd is packed in, and by 11pm on most nights, it is, with personal space at times becoming something you can only wistfully remember. But that's no problem. The stage is against the window facing the street, so more often than not, the crowd spills onto the sidewalk and into the street to dance and drink (and escape the heat and sweat, which are prodigious despite a high ceiling). You can hear the music just as well, watch the musicians' rear ends, and then dance some more. With a party atmosphere like this, outside is almost more fun than in. But inside is mighty fine. A good bar and a rather pretty patio (the other place to escape the crush) make the Maple Leaf worth hanging out at even if you don't care about the music on a particular night. But if Beausoleil or the ReBirth Brass Band is playing, do not miss it; go and dance until you drop."



CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE / Thursday

Thursday, December 06, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 am Laughter Yoga

8:00 – 9:00 am Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

9:30 – 10:45 am

WELCOME AND OPENING PLENARY SESSION

10:30 am Booksigning by Nancy Campbell

11:00 – 12:30 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > Physically, Mentally, Emotionally Better: Psychedelics as Healing Agents (panel)
- > Not the Usual Suspects: Working with Law Enforcement to Improve Drug Policy and Services (panel)
- > Understanding Methamphetamine (panel)
- > Recovery Advocacy and Drug Policy Reform: Can't We All Just Get Along? (roundtable)
- > How to Design and Implement an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program (training)
- > Drug Cultures in Post-Katrina New Orleans: Implications for Harm Reduction (panel)

12:45 pm Booksigning by Mark Plotkin and Caroline Acker

12:30 – 1:30 pm

Lunch and PLENARY SESSION

The Global Drug Problem: Challenges & Prospects

1:30 – 3:00 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > Question & Answer with Dr. Antonio Maria Costa (special session)
- > The Hidden Histories of Harm Reduction (panel)
- > No Child Left Untested?: Fighting Back Against Random Student Drug Testing (panel)
- > Drug Warriors Against the War (panel)
- > Anti-racist Organizing to End the War on Drugs (training)
- > Pregnant Women: Another Casualty of the Drug War (panel)
- > Reefer Madness: Cannabis Law Enforcement Around the U.S. (panel)

3:30 – 5:00 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > A Diamond in the Rough or a Model for Change? One City's Experiment in Taking on Racially-Biased Drug Enforcement (panel)
- > Creating an Effective Advocacy Campaign (training)
- > Post-Katrina, Can New Orleans Afford to Keep Fighting the Failed "War on Drugs?" (roundtable)
- > Mexican Trends in Drug Policy and Public Opinion (panel)
- > Evidence, Emotions and Ideology: Lessons for Drug Policy Reform from the Vexed Politics of Needle Exchange (panel)
- > Tobacco: the New Most Dangerous Drug? (roundtable)

5:00 pm Booksigning by Ethan Nadelmann

5:00 – 6:00 pm Matchmaker! Sex Work Organizations and Syringe Exchange Program †††

5:00 – 6:45 pm ACLU Networking and Roundtable Meeting (ACLU Members Only) †††

5:30 – 6:45 pm Dream About A Reefer 50 Feet Long: 50 Years of Marijuana in Music †††
DVD and Presentation by Dr. John Morgan

5:30 – 6:30 pm Grassroots Organizing Social, Holiday Inn Express, Cotton Exchange Meeting Room †††

5:30 – 7:30 pm Women, the Drug War and the Drug Policy Reform Movement: Uniting for Change, Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room †††

5:30 – 7:30 pm Harm Reduction Town Hall Meeting †††

6:00 – 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting

7:00 – 9:00 pm ARO Awards Dinner (By Invitation Only) †††

7:30 – 9:00 pm Students for Sensible Drug Policy Meeting (Members Only), Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room †††

7:30 – 11:15 pm Conference Film Festival. See page 44 for show titles and times.

††† Please note that these are networking/organization meetings that have been organized by a third party and are a supplement to conference programming.

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE / Friday

Friday, December 07, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 am Yoga

8:00 – 9:00 am Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

9:30 – 11:00 am

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > Who Else Should Be Diverted from Prison? (panel)
- > Prescribing Heroin (panel)
- > Marijuana & Health: Risks and Benefits (panel)
- > Beyond Zero Tolerance: Experience It for Yourself (training)
- > Understanding and Preventing Opioid Poisoning: a National Perspective (panel)
- > Building Momentum in Congress (roundtable)

11:30 – 1:00 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Black America: the Debate Within

1:00 pm Booksigning by Patt Denning and Silja Talvi

2:30 – 4:00 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > Harm Reduction Goes to College: Is it Time to Lower the Drinking Age? (panel)
- > Collateral Damage: Immigrants and the War on Drugs (panel)
- > Medical Marijuana Implementation State-to-State (roundtable)
- > IBOGAINÉ - An Effective Therapy for Chemical Dependence (panel)
- > Ban the Box: Winning Back the Right to Work (training)
- > Drugs and Behavior 101: A Tool to Teach Critical Thinking Skills (panel)

4:00 pm Booksigning by Dana Beal, Susan Boyd, Jodie Evans and Andrew Tartarsky

4:30 – 6:00 pm

BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > Harm Reduction Therapy: Clinical and Ethical Issues in Practice (panel)
- > Against the Odds: Reversing the Personal and Cultural Impact of Incarceration (panel)

> National Marijuana Policy: New Directions (panel)

> Making the News: How to Get the Media to Cover Your Issue (training)

> Elevator Arguments (panel)

> Dismantling the School-to-Jail Pipeline: Drug Policy Reform and Juvenile Justice (panel)

5:30 – 7:00 pm A Talk with Community Organizers from Louisiana and the Gulf South †††

6:00 – 7:00 pm Narcotics Anonymous Meeting †††

6:00 – 8:00 pm Community Forum †††
Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room

6:30 – 8:30 pm Students for Sensible Drug Policy Meeting (Open to all SSDP Members only) †††
Holiday Inn Express, Cotton Exchange Meeting Room

7:30 – 11:00 pm Conference Film Festival. See page 44 for show titles and times.



CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE / Saturday

Saturday, December 08, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 am Yoga

7:30 – 8:30 am Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

10:00 – 11:30 am BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > Europe and Drug Policy Reform: Stepping Forward or Falling Back?
- > Northern Exposure: Cutting-Edge Medical Cannabis Research and Legal Reform in Canada
- > Integrating Harm Reduction into Public Systems
- > Faith Action and Change: Mobilizing Religious Opposition to the Drug War
- > Hepatitis C Integration: How Is It Possible?
- > Bridging the Gap: Drug User Organizing

11:30 am Booksigning by Ethan Brown and Billy Sothorn

12:00 – 1:30 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > To Snitch or Not to Snitch? Diverse Viewpoints on the Role of Informants in American Drug Law Enforcement
- > Fundraising: Getting to “Yes”: How to Get a Positive Response From Foundations and Your Online Supporters
- > The DEA’s War on Medical Marijuana
- > AIDS and Drug Policy in the South: Working Towards a New Bottom Line
- > Buprenorphine: Thinking Outside the Box
- > Campus Change Campaign: Colleges as Laboratories for Reform
- > Around the World in 90 Minutes

1:30 – 3:00 pm Grassroots Organizing with MPP in Louisiana 🍻

1:30 – 3:00 pm North American INPUD Meeting 🍻

1:30 – 3:00 pm The Racist Federal Crack and Powder Cocaine Disparity: What’s Happening? 🍻

3:00 – 4:30 pm BREAKOUT SESSIONS

- > Restoring Education: the Fight to Repeal the HEA Aid Elimination Penalty
- > Engaging with Law Enforcement: Prevention, Monitoring and Response
- > Beyond Prohibition: Describing a Drug War Exit Strategy
- > Confronting the U.S. War on Drugs in Latin America: Local and Regional Strategies
- > Working with Youth: In Policy, Programs, and the Decisions That Affect Their Lives
- > Public Safety and Drugs: A New Paradigm Called Justice

3:30 – 5:00 pm Transforming Power: Anti-Racist Organizing and Alliance Building 🍻

5:00 – 6:00 pm CLOSING PLENARY

A Second Line out of the hotel, down Bourbon Street, and back to the hotel immediately follows, closing the conference in New Orleans style!

7:00 – 8:00 pm Students for Sensible Drug Policy Award Ceremony (Open to all conference attendees) 🍻

8:00 – 11:00 pm 2007 International Drug Policy Awards Dinner (Ticketed Event)

🍻 Please note that these are networking/organization meetings that have been organized by a third party and are a supplement to conference programming. Some of these meetings are being held at the Holiday Inn Express, which is located two blocks away at 221 Carondelet Street. To get there from the Astor, exit the front doors and locate Bourbon Street. Cross Canal Street at Bourbon. Bourbon Street will change names to Carondelet outside of the French Quarter on the other side of Canal. Continue walking away from the Astor and the French Quarter on Carondelet for one block. The Holiday Inn Express is on the southwest corner of Carondelet and Common.



All sessions (unless otherwise noted) will be audio taped.

Sessions will be in the Astor Crowne Plaza unless otherwise noted in the Agenda.

Thursday, December 06, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 am Laughter Yoga

Laughter yoga is just laughing, for no reason, to reap the physiological benefits of spontaneous laughter, increase oxygen, release thoughts and have fun. It's a stress relieving, emotionally boosting exercise for peace—no mats or gym clothes necessary. Led by: Sarah Williams, Drug Policy Alliance

8:00 – 9:00 am Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting open to all conference attendees.

9:30 – 10:45 am

WELCOME and OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Drug Policy Alliance Executive Director Ethan Nadelmann and President Ira Glasser will welcome the 2007 International Drug Policy Reform conference attendees.

11:00 – 12:30 pm

[panel]

Physically, Mentally, Emotionally Better: Psychedelics as Healing Agents

Ayahuasca, ibogaine, LSD, psilocybin and MDMA – each of these substances have widely varying physical effects and yet all have been used in ritual, treatment or psychotherapy for the betterment of mankind. How close are we to proving that they have “accepted medical uses”? Panelists discuss the philosophy and policy behind research and use of these substances.

Moderator: Jodie Evans, Co-founder, CODEPINK and Board Member, Drug Policy Alliance, Venice, CA

Panelists:

- Jag Davies, Director of Communications, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS), Ben Lomond, CA
- Beatriz Caiuby Labate (Bia Labate), Anthropologist; MA, PhD Candidate, Unicamp; Founder and Researcher, Alto das Estrelas, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Norbert Litzinger, Director of Development, Heffter Research Institute, Santa Fe, NM
- Mark Plotkin, Ethnobotanist and President, Amazon Conservation Team, Arlington, VA
- Kenneth Tupper, PhD Student, University of British Columbia, Victoria, Canada

[panel]

Not the Usual Suspects: Working with Law Enforcement to Improve Drug Policy and Services

By carrying out punitive drug laws, law enforcement agencies and the criminal justice system have fueled the War on Drugs for years. Current and former law enforcement officers, however, along with community organizations and citizens, have begun forming partnerships to create alternatives to the war on drugs and reduce the harms associated with current drug policy. Come learn from those who have been on the front lines of the War on Drugs and how their experiences now inform their opposition to current drug policy.

Moderator: Jack Cole, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA

Panelists:

- Dominic Holden, Chair, Sensible Seattle Coalition, Seattle, WA
- Thomas Wood, Chair, Action on Alcohol and Drugs, Edinburgh
- Dominick Zurlo, Program Coordinator, Harm Reduction Outreach, Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless, Albuquerque, NM

[panel]

Understanding Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine is the latest drug du jour. But did you know that methamphetamine was first synthesized in 1893? And that the first illegal meth lab appeared in the U.S. in the early 1960s? This panel explores the history of methamphetamine and methamphetamine policy in the U.S., the latest scientific research on the drug, and cutting-edge solutions to problems caused by both methamphetamine misuse and punitive methamphetamine policies.

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

Panelists:

- Carl Hart, Assoc. Professor, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Susan Kingston, Public Health-Seattle & King County, Seattle, WA
- Nicolas Rasmussen, University of NSW, Sydney, Australia
- Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, Reason, Dallas, TX

[roundtable]

Recovery Advocacy and Drug Policy Reform: Can't We All Just Get Along?

The intersection between recovery advocacy and drug policy reform has often been overshadowed by the underlying tension between harm reduction and the 12-step tradition. Panelists discuss the emerging movement of recovery advocacy that includes drug policy reform.

Facilitator: Naomi Long, Director, District of Columbia Metropolitan Area, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Panelists:

- Johnny Allem, President/Chief Executive Officer, Johnson Institute, Washington, DC
- Wyndi Anderson, Consultant to International Harm Reduction Development Program, Washington, DC
- Donald Davis, New York Harm Reduction Educators (NYRHE), New York, NY
- Jason Flom, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Capital Music Group, New York, NY
- Howard Josepher, Executive Director, Exponents, New York, NY
- Mark Kinzly, Research Associate, Yale University's School of Medicine/Public Health, New Haven, CT
- Dimitri Mobengo Mugianis, Freedomroot/VOCAL, Brooklyn, NY

[training]

How to Design and Implement an Opioid Overdose Prevention Program

This presentation provides an outline of the components of an opioid overdose prevention program. It addresses regulatory issues and defines the steps to implement an opioid overdose prevention program.

Presenters:

- Lauren Enteen, DOPE Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA
- Caroline Rath, Opioid Overdose Project Coordinator, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

[panel]

Drug Cultures in Post-Katrina New Orleans: Implications for Harm Reduction

Drug subcultures were very well developed in pre-Katrina New Orleans. Drug sellers were among the early returnees and due to the near collapse of policing and criminal courts often did not experience the same sanctions as drug sellers in other areas. Shifts in drug preferences among high-risk populations and demands for a return to harsh sanctioning may change this situation in New Orleans in 2008-09. Rather than revert to the same broken pre-Katrina system, panelists will consider options for alleviating drug-related violence while at the same time avoiding reinstating harsh and rigid sentencing guidelines.

Moderator: Bruce Johnson, Director, ISPR, National Development & Research Institutes, New York, NY

Panelists:

- Eloise Dunlap, Principal Investigator, National Development & Research Institutes, New York, NY
- Stanley Hoogerwerf, Research Associate, National Development & Research Institutes, New Orleans, LA
- Edward Morse, Professor, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA
- Gwangi Richardson-Alston, Ethnographer, National Development & Research Institutes, New Orleans, LA

11:00 am – 10:00 pm

The Drug Policy Alliance Video Story Booth

Are you an activist, drug war victim, drug policy reform luminary or enthusiastic first-time conference attendee and would you willing to be interviewed for our Video Story Booth?

With the help of Jeremy Kagan and Anneke Campbell (filmmakers for the ACLU's Freedom Files series), we will be engaging in an exciting project to collect personal stories from those in the movement. Our main questions are, "What happened to you?" and "What should be done?"

Filming will take place from 11am to 10pm from Thursday, Dec. 6th through Saturday, Dec. 8th. Interview spots will be 20-30 minutes long and space is limited, so please visit the Video Story Booth information table on-site at the conference (next to the DPA Booth) for more details and to sign up.

12:30 – 1:30 pm

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The Global Drug Problem: Challenges & Prospects

Representatives from two organizations engaged in creating and managing global drug policies will present their approaches, successes and setbacks.

Presenters:

- Antonio Maria Costa, Executive Director, United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime, Vienna, Austria
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, International Harm Reduction Development Program Dir., Open Society Institute, New York, NY

1:30 – 3:00 pm

[special session]

Question & Answer with Dr. Antonio Maria Costa

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to seek further detail and clarification about the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime's current drug policies from its Executive Director.



[panel]

The Hidden Histories of Harm Reduction

Harm reduction has a complicated and dynamic history, which historians are just beginning to assess. This panel is intended to explore the multiple histories of harm reduction, bringing together a diverse group of scholars to explore the evolution of an important social policy movement.

Moderator: Joseph Spillane, Associate Professor, History and Criminology, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

Panelists:

- Caroline Acker, Associate Professor, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- Nancy Campbell, Associate Professor, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, NY
- Allan Clear, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Sheigla Murphy, Director, Center for Substance Abuse Studies, Institute for Scientific Analysis, San Francisco, CA

[panel]

No Child Left Untested?: Fighting Back Against Random Student Drug Testing

For the last four years the Bush administration has been promoting random, suspicionless student drug testing as the "silver bullet" in combating teen drug use, despite objections from the nation's leading experts in adolescent health and evidence that it doesn't work. Students, parents, journalists, physicians and activists discuss their experiences on the front lines of the debate and assess the road ahead.

Moderator: Jennifer Kern, Research Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA

Panelists:

- Chris Chiles, Executive Director, University of Michigan SSDP chapter, Ann Arbor, MI
- Annette Fuentes, journalist, Kerhonkson, NY
- David Lewis, Professor Emeritus of Community Health and Medicine, Brown University, Providence, RI
- William Sciambi, Parent, Pittstown, NJ
- Alex Stevens, Senior Researcher, University of Kent, Canterbury, England

[panel]

Drug Warriors Against the War

From the trenches to the benches, cops, judges, prosecutors and

corrections officers are speaking out against the war on drugs. Why are more and more criminal justice professionals speaking out against the drug war? Who are they talking to and how can that help your organization achieve reforms? Meet Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP) and discuss the reasons to legalize all drugs.

Moderator: Mike Smithson, Speaker Bureau Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA

Panelists:

- James Anthony, Law Offices of James Anthony, Oakland, CA
- Tim Datig, Speaker, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Egg Harbor Township, NJ
- Eleanor Schockett, retired Circuit Court Judge and LEAP Board member, Asheville, NC
- Rusty White, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Bridgeport, TX

[training]

Anti-racist Organizing to End the War on Drugs

In the drug policy reform movement, what does a commitment to end racism mean in practice? Why is an anti-racist analysis important to the drug policy reform movement? Why is it imperative that white people develop an anti-racist analysis in efforts to end the drug war? What are some basic antiracist organizing principles to help guide our work? The workshop is based on the belief that anti-racism is a catalyst for building powerful movements for justice in this country. Facilitators Clare Bayard, Ingrid Chapman 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.

Presenters:

- Clare Bayard, Catalyst Project, San Francisco, CA
- Ingrid Chapman, Catalyst Project, Oakland, CA
- Gabriel Sayegh, Director, State Organizing and Policy Project, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

[panel]

Pregnant Women: Another Casualty of the Drug War

This panel explores the ways in which reproductive rights are eroded in the name of the war on drugs. In addition to discussing cases in which women struggling with addiction during pregnancy are prosecuted as child abusers, the panel also addresses the misinformation and myths about prenatal exposure illegal drugs and strategies and tactics for reversing the problem.

Moderator: Theshia Naidoo, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

Panelists:

- Susan Boyd, Associate Professor, University of Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
- Tiloma Jayasinghe, Baron Edmond de Rothschild Staff Attorney Fellow, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Duchy Trachtenberg, Montgomery Co. Councilmember, Rockville, MD

[panel]

Reefer Madness: Cannabis Law Enforcement Around the U.S.

Police arrest millions of people each year for marijuana violations, many of whom are charged with possession only. Why is this happening? What are the consequences for those arrested, and the taxpayers who must foot the bill? Researchers and activists consider the current policies and potential avenues for reform.

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

Panelists:

- Bruce Johnson, Director, ISPR, National Development & Research Institutes, New York, NY
- Harry Levine, Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Queens College, City University of New York, Flushing, NY
- Deborah Small, Exec. Director, Breaking the Chains, New York, NY
- Mason Tvert, Executive Director, SAFER, Denver, CO

3:30 - 5:00 pm

[panel]

A Diamond in the Rough or a Model for Change? One City's Experiment in Taking on Racially-Biased Drug Enforcement

This panel consists of individuals, representing various strategies, who have made a conscious effort to integrate their work on a project to end racially-biased drug law enforcement practices by the Seattle Police Department. Learn how these panelists have integrated their work with others' strategies, the challenges they faced and how they have worked to surmount them.

Moderator: Anjali Verma, Advocacy Director, American Civil Liberties Union Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA

Panelists:

- Sunil Abraham, Attorney, Racial Disparity Project, Seattle, WA
- Shakyra Diaz, Education Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, Cleveland, OH
- Andrew Ko, Director - Drug Policy Reform Project, American Civil Liberties Union of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Katera Shannon, Community Organizer, The Defender's Association/Racial Disparity Project, Seattle, WA
- Carlie Ware, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union, Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA

[training]

Creating an Effective Advocacy Campaign

Change starts with you! In this interactive training, learn how to determine the optimal advocacy campaign to develop, outline your campaign based on goals, assets and timeframe, and implement it in a role-playing scenario with other participants.

Presenter: Whitney Taylor, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC

[roundtable]

Post-Katrina, Can New Orleans Afford to Keep Fighting the Failed "War on Drugs?"

A judge, a former cop, a treatment provider, a pastor and local activists will convene for a discussion about the impact of relying on incarceration instead of treatment; the need for improved treatment options; the problem of, and ways to address, racial



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disparities in enforcement of drug laws; and consideration of sentencing reforms needed in the state. Panelists will describe the current and unique situation, post-Katrina, and suggest specific proposals for moving forward.

Facilitator: Norris Henderson, Co-Director, Safe Streets Strong Communities, New Orleans, LA

Panelists:

- Calvin Johnson, Judge, Criminal District Court - Orleans Parish, New Orleans, LA
- Kevin Lavine, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Byram, TX
- Else Pedersen-Wasson, Executive Director, Bridge House, Corp., New Orleans, LA
- Tyrone Smith, Original Morning Star, New Orleans, LA
- Cory Turner, Advisor, Louisiana CURE, New Orleans, LA

[panel]

Mexican Trends in Drug Policy and Public Opinion

This panel consists of individuals who are involved in research and policy initiatives with implications for drug laws south of the border. Experts evaluate what is going on regarding drug policy reform and the dangers and effects of harmful drug law enforcement practices.

Moderator: Ricardo Sala, Director, Convivencia y Espacio Publico A.C., Mexico City, Mexico

Panelists:

- Luis Astorga, Sociologist/Researcher, Institute of Social Research, National Autonomous Univ. of Mexico, Mexico City, Mexico
- Humberto Brocca, President, Picas y Platicas, Barrio la Conchita, Coyoacan, Mexico
- Ana Paula Hernández, Deputy Director, Tlachinollan Human Rights Center, Tlapa, Mexico
- Jorge Hernández Tinajero, Asesor, Alternativa / AMECA, Coyoacan, Mexico
- Gady Zabicky, Psychiatrist, EMEPP, Mexico City, Mexico

[training]

Evidence, Emotions and Ideology: Lessons for Drug Policy Reform from the Vexed Politics of Needle Exchange

Struggles over needle exchange and syringe access in the U.S. historically take the form of clashes between drug prohibitionism and public health. This session provides a critical analysis of recent federal, state and local campaigns and controversies over syringe access, documenting how policy has shaped the range of both political and programmatic responses to the HIV and hepatitis C epidemics among drug injectors.

Presenter: Daniel Raymond, Policy Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

[roundtable]

Tobacco: the New Most Dangerous Drug?

Recent years have seen cigarette smoking become increasingly less culturally acceptable. Similarly, the research continues to pile up about the dangers of smoking and of tobacco use. Is it possible that we are heading toward a society that will make tobacco illegal? Should we apply harm reduction principles to the practice of smoking, and if so, how do we do it?

Facilitator: Ernest Drucker, Professor, Einstein College of Medicine and Columbia University, NYC, NY

Panelists:

- Scott Ballin, Steering Committee Member, Alliance for Health Economic and Agriculture Development (AHEAD), Washington, DC
- Cheryl Heaton, President & Chief Executive Officer, American

Legacy Foundation, Washington, DC

- Carl Phillips, Associate Professor, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
- David Sweanor, Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Ottawa, , Ontario, Canada

5:00 – 6:00 pm

Matchmaker! Sex Work Organizations and Syringe Exchange Program 🍷🍷

If you are in an organization that serves sex workers or runs a syringe exchange program you are invited to this meeting. This meeting is not a sex work/needle exchange 101. This is strictly for programs involved with the day-to-day operations of organizations dealing with these two areas.

5:00 – 6:45 pm

ACLU Networking and Roundtable Meeting Members Only 🍷🍷

5:30 – 6:45 pm

“Dream About a Reefer 50 Feet Long: 50 Years of Marijuana and Music” – DVD and presentation by Dr. John Morgan 🍷🍷

Come enjoy networking with peers as well as a fascinating and fun presentation on the intertwining histories of music and drugs.

5:30 – 6:30 pm

Grassroots Organizing Social 🍷🍷

Holiday Inn Express, Cotton Exchange Meeting Room

This social event will discuss starting a grassroots organization and how to sustain it.

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Harm Reduction Town Hall Meeting 🍷🍷

A forum for public discourse on issues related to harm reduction.

5:30 – 7:30 pm

Women, the Drug War, and the Drug Policy Reform Movement: Uniting for Change 🍷🍷

Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room

To the women of the movement: What does it mean to be a woman in the drug policy reform movement? What steps can we take to elevate women in our work and drug policy? Unite for change with women in the movement, develop ideas and goals to improve the lives women impacted by the drug war, and promote the role of women in drug policy reform! Join us for wonderful company, drinks, snacks and vital discussion.

6:00 – 7:00 pm

NA Meeting 🍷🍷

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting open to all conference attendees.

7:00 – 9:00 pm **ARO Dinner** (Invitation Only)

7:30 – 9:00 pm **Students for Sensible Drug Policy Meeting** 🍷🍷

Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room

Open to all SSDP Members only

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Friday, December 07, 2007

7:30 – 8:30 am Yoga

Relax, stretch and find your zen before the start of a busy conference day.

8:00 – 9:00 am Open Alcoholics Anonymous meeting

Alcoholics Anonymous meeting open to all conference attendees.

9:00 – 11:00 am

[panel]

Who Else Should Be Diverted From Prison?

California is home to the national model of treatment instead of incarceration, which has granted over 200,000 people access to treatment through the criminal justice system in just six years since its implementation in 2001. Although a landmark success, this program has been criticized for failing to distinguish, as a matter of policy, people with drug problems from people with drug law problems. To increase the personal and societal benefit of diversion, should policymakers expand such policies to address drug law offenders identified as non-using or non-addicted? Or create policies for offenders that struggle with addiction problems but who have been convicted of other offenses? What should these programs look like and who should benefit? What can policymakers learn from experiences in California and Europe?

Moderator: Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Interim Director and Prop 36 Statewide Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

Panelists:

- Mike Lawlor, State Representative, Connecticut General Assembly, East Haven, CT
- Lou Martinez, AOD Counselor, BSW Student, Prop 36 Counselor, The Effort, Sacramento, CA
- Alex Stevens, Senior Researcher, University of Kent, Canterbury, England
- Sharon Woo, Assistant District Attorney, Office of the DA, City and County of San Francisco, CA

[panel]

Prescribing Heroin

Pharmaceutical heroin is now being prescribed to addicts in research trials and treatment programs in Switzerland, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Germany, Spain and Canada. Other countries are considering doing likewise. How are these programs working? And what is the future of heroin maintenance?

Moderator: Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol & Drug Services, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales, Australia

Panelists:

- Peter Blanken, Senior Researcher, Central Committee on the Treatment of Heroin Addicts [CCBH], Utrecht, Netherlands
- Michael Jourdan, Editor, Centre of Alcohol and Drug Research, Copenhagen, Denmark
- David Marsh, Medical Director, Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver, Canada

[panel]

Marijuana & Health: Risks and Benefits

This panel explores the medical potential of cannabis to treat a wide variety of medical conditions and will facilitate an honest and open discussion about the benefits and risks of marijuana to human health, based on the most up-to-date scientific research and evidence.

Moderator: Mikki Norris, Director, Cannabis Consumers Campaign, El Cerrito, CA

Panelists:

- David Ostrow, Director, Medical Marijuana Policy Advocacy Project (MMPAP), Chicago, IL
- Thomas Kujawski, Director of Development, National Association of People with AIDS, Silver Spring, MD
- Craig Reinerman, Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

[training]

Beyond Zero Tolerance: Experience It for Yourself

This training session concentrates on the benefits of sustainable client/youth-centered programs in schools, youth drop-in centers, drug-treatment programs, housing programs, and shelters. This session explores a reality-based drug education, support, and training program. Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in a 'Beyond Zero Tolerance' session and experience what an honest and interactive conversation about alcohol and other drugs is like.

Presenter: Chuck Ries, Director, UpFront, Benicia, CA

[panel]

Understanding and Preventing Opioid Poisoning: a National Perspective

Opioid poisoning deaths, particularly from prescription drugs, have increased dramatically since 1990. This public health emergency has led to calls for increased research and surveillance, the development of naloxone distribution programs and to unique partnerships between government agencies, researchers, health departments and community agencies. Advocates and researchers discuss new challenges and prevention efforts.

Moderator: Sharon Stancliff, Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Panelists:

- Dan Bigg, Director, Chicago Recovery Alliance, Chicago, IL
- Nabarun Dasgupta, MPH at UNC School of Public Health and the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, Chapel Hill, NC
- T. Stephen Jones, Public Health Consultant, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (retired), Florence, MA
- Reena Szczepanski, Director, Drug Policy Alliance – New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM





[roundtable]

Building Momentum in Congress

It is often said that Congress is the last place reform will happen; but is that true? A roundtable of experts will discuss.

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

Panelists:

- Aaron Houston, Director of Government Relations, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- Kris Krane, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Jesselyn McCurdy, Legislative Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington, DC
- Daniel Raymond, Policy Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, NY
- Eric Sterling, President, Criminal Policy Justice Foundation, Silver Spring, MD
- Nkechi Taifa, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Institute and Open Society Policy Center, New York, NY
- Sanho Tree, Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC

11:00 am - 10:00 pm

The Drug Policy Alliance Video Story Booth

See Page 10 for more information.

11:30 - 1:00 pm

PLENARY SESSION

Black America: the Debate Within

African American communities around the country have faced an ongoing public health crisis as it relates to drug use and addiction for decades. But the government's solution, the War on Drugs, has been an abysmal failure; many consider the War on Drugs a new form of "Jim Crow" era racism. Why then, hasn't conservative, middle-class Black America taken on this issue as their own modern-day civil rights issue? Why haven't African Americans focused on reclaiming

their sons and daughters from the unfair drug sentencing practices that result in overflowing prisons?

Moderator: Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church Coordinator, Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy, New York, NY

Panelists:

- Isaac Fulwood, Commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission, Washington, DC
- Marie Lopez Kirkley-Bey, Deputy Speaker, Connecticut Legislature, Hartford, CT
- Glenn Loury, Merton P. Stoltz Professor of the Social Sciences, Economics Department, Brown University, Providence, RI
- James Peterson, Assistant Professor of English, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, PA

2:30 - 4:00 pm

[panel]

Harm Reduction Goes to College: Is it Time to Lower the Drinking Age?

High-risk drinking among college students garners media attention, while administrators struggle for solutions. Some campuses are responding by increasing penalties and policing but a growing number are looking for pragmatic solutions and integrating harm reduction measures. At the same time, some educators and students look at the harms of our age-specific prohibition and dare to pose the question, "Is it time to lower the drinking age?"

Moderator: Marsha Rosenbaum, Director, Safety First Project and Drug Policy Alliance - San Francisco, CA

Panelists:

- Aaron Hess, Doctoral Student, Hugh Downs School of Human Communication, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ
- Alex Koroknay-Palicz, Executive Director, National Youth Rights Association, Washington, DC

- Deborah Lewis, Alcohol Projects Coordinator, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- John McCardell, Director, Choose Responsibility, Middlebury, VT

[panel]

Collateral Damage: Immigrants and the War on Drugs

Silent and often overlooked casualties of the War on Drugs are immigrants, both documented and undocumented, accused of non-violent drug offenses. They often face especially harsh penalties, including deportation, usually without recourse to legal representation. Broken lives and families are often the “collateral damage” in this silent war.

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

Panelists:

- David Brotherton, Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY
- Alina Das, Soros Justice Fellow, New York State Defenders Association Immigrant Defense Project, New York, NY
- Deepali Gokhale, Campaign Organizer, Racial Justice Campaign Against “Operation Meth Merchant,” Atlanta, GA
- Antonio Gonzales, President, William C. Velasquez Institute, Los Angeles, CA – INVITED

[roundtable]

Medical Marijuana Implementation State-to-State

States have faced a variety of successes, failures, and challenges in their implementation of medical marijuana laws. This roundtable compares the distinguishing features of various state laws and explores common barriers and successful solutions to effective implementation. The presentation focuses on Colorado, Montana, Hawaii, New Mexico, Washington and California.

Facilitator: Daniel Abrahamson, Director of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

Panelists:

- Tom Daubert, Founder, Patients & Families United and Citizens for Responsible Crime Policy, consultant to ACLU, Helena, MT
- Alison Holcomb, Marijuana Education Project Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Washington Foundation, Seattle, WA
- Steven A. Jenison, Public Health Physician, New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe, NM
- Pamela Lichty, Pres., Drug Policy Forum of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI
- Brian Vicente, Executive Director, Sensible Colorado, Denver, CO

[panel]

IBOGAINE - An Effective Therapy for Chemical Dependence

The discovery of ibogaine’s use as an anti-addictive agent was made by drug users in the 60s. Its use in treating chemical dependence has been championed by drug user advocates in Europe and the United States ever since, and precipitated a four-year study by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). This panel focuses on whether ibogaine can be used safely and effectively to break the cycle of addiction, its antiviral effects, proposed mechanisms of action as well as the history of ibogaine and ibogaine user activism.

Moderator: Allan Clear, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

Moderator and Panelist: Howard Lotsof, President, Dora Weiner Foundation, Staten Island, NY

Panelists: Dana Beal, co-author, IBOGAINE STORY and Co-Founder, Cures not Wars, New York City, NY

- Jeffrey Kamlet, MD, Florida Soc. of Addiction Medicine, Miami Beach, FL

- Patrick Kroupa, Neuroscience/RA, University of Miami, Dept. of Neurology, Miami, FL
- Dimitri Mobengo Mugianis, Freedomroot/VOCAL NYC, Brooklyn, NY
- Clare Wilkins, Director, Ibogaine Assoc., Playas de Tijuana, Mexico

[training]

Ban the Box: Winning Back the Right to Work

Formerly convicted/incarcerated individuals in many ways never stop being punished in the US. The stigma associated with a conviction, especially related to controlled substances, has become increasingly institutionalized through legal barriers to housing, employment, education and even association with family members and loved ones. Formerly incarcerated people in many cities are organizing to advocate for themselves and their civil rights. Ban the Box is one successful campaign that has reached across the country in recent years—from Boston to San Francisco. This training provides the information and advice you need to bring this campaign to your city, and to begin supporting the organization of formerly incarcerated people.

Presenters:

- Dorsey Nunn, Co-Director, Legal Service for Prisoners with Children/ All of Us or None
- Malik Rahim, LSPC/All of Us or None, New Orleans, LA
- Sakeenah Robinson, Organizer, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
- Chuck Turner, Boston City Councilor, Boston, MA

[panel]

Drugs and Behavior 101: A Tool to Teach Critical Thinking Skills

The panel addresses issues surrounding the teaching of drugs and behavior to college-level students, particularly in our current climate where drugs have become so politicized. It also explores the decision to include certain material in texts and exclude other material.

Moderator and Panelist: Carl Hart, Associate Professor, Columbia University, New York, NY

Panelists:

- Mark Galizio, Professor and Chair of Psychology, University of North Carolina Wilmington, Wilmington, NC
- Charles Ksir, Professor, University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
- Matthew Robinson, Associate Professor, Appalachian State University, Boone, NC

4:30 - 6:00 pm

[panel]

Harm Reduction Therapy: Clinical and Ethical issues in Practice

Practitioners who use the concept of harm reduction as their guide for treating substance misuse must have a deep and thorough understanding of trauma, and develop a sophisticated ethical perspective. This workshop presents a harm reduction-informed treatment model and focus on the challenges that clinicians face in this country’s climate of zero tolerance.

Moderator and Panelist: Patt Denning, Director of Clinical Services, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

Panelists:

- Frederick Rotgers, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Philadelphia, PA
- Andrew Tatarsky, Clinical Psychologist, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates, New York, NY
- Traci Williams, Staff Therapist, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA



[panel]

Against the Odds: Reversing the Personal and Cultural Impact of Incarceration

A prison sentence is just the beginning of a long, hard journey back into the 'free' world. Along the way, even loved ones and close friends can drop out of the picture; spouses and children are nearly always much worse for the wear. From the psychological trauma of incarceration to the very stability of entire neighborhoods, towns, and cities, mass incarceration is destabilizing our society in innumerable ways. What's to be done? Panel participants seek to identify some of the less-discussed aspects of 'collateral consequences,' and to offer their ideas for remedies and intervention strategies that can be enacted in the here and now.

Moderator: Silja Talvi, Author, *Women Behind Bars: The Crisis of Women in the Prison System* and Senior Editor, *In These Times*, Seattle, WA

Panelists:

- Norris Henderson, Co-Director, Safe Streets Strong Communities, New Orleans, LA
- Kathleen Kane Willis, Director, Roosevelt University's Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy, Chicago, IL
- Suzanne Mayo, Doctoral Student, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- Carol Shapiro, Founder & President, Family Justice, New York, NY
- Mike Whitty, Professor, University of Detroit Mercy, Birmingham, MI

[panel]

National Marijuana Policy: New Directions

Leaders in the drug policy movement discuss the major features of national marijuana prohibition and discuss new strategies to challenge, confront, and ultimately change, anti-marijuana laws and policies.

Panelists:

- Graham Boyd, Director, American Civil Liberties Union Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA
- Rob Kampia, Exec. Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Wash., DC
- Ethan Nadelmann, Exec. Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, Washington, DC
- Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access, Washington, DC
- Allen St. Pierre, Executive Director, NORML/NORML Foundation, Washington, DC

[training]

Making the News: How to Get the Media to Cover Your Issue

This workshop reviews the nuts and bolts of getting your issue in the news. It will examine 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: Tommy McDonald, Deputy Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Panelists:

- Mary Jane Borden, Business Manager, DrugSense/MAP, Westerville, OH
- Cole Krawitz, Communications Strategist, The SPIN Project, San Francisco, CA
- Bruce Mirken, Director of Communications, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- Tony Papa, Communications Specialist, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

[training]

Elevator Arguments

One of the keys to being an effective advocate for reform is understanding how to effectively talk about the issue, especially since drug policy reformers have lots of stereotypes to overcome. This workshop engages audience participants and tests their ability to cater the reform message to a variety of audiences.

Facilitators:

- David Guard, Associate Director, StoptheDrugWar.org (Drug Reform Coordination Network), Washington, DC
- Pete Guither, Author, DrugWarRant.com, Bloomington, IL
- Doug McVay, Director of Research, Common Sense for Drug Policy, Lancaster, PA

[panel]

Dismantling the School-to-Jail Pipeline: 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. At the same time, some jurisdictions report that almost half of all their referrals to juvenile court originate from schools. Zero-tolerance school policies for alcohol and other drugs contribute to a "schools to jails pipeline" displacing many at-risk youth, particularly youth of color, from their

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communities, families and educational institutions. Leaders in the field of juvenile justice discuss ways to alleviate the negative impact of the war on drugs for youth.

Moderator: Jasmine Tyler, Deputy Director, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

Panelists:

- Tshaka Barrows, Program Manager, Burns Institute, San Francisco, CA
- James Freeman, Staff Attorney, Advancement Project, Washington, DC
- Dana Kaplan, Executive Director, Juvenile Justice Project of LA, New Orleans, LA
- Bart Lubow, Director, Program for High Risk Youth, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD

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10:00 – 11:30 am

[roundtable]

Europe and Drug Policy Reform: Stepping Forward or Falling Back?

What's the general state of drug policy reform in Europe? How have recent elections affected drug policies in Europe? What has been the impact of the expansion of the European Union? Is drug policy reform truly advancing?

Facilitator: Craig Reinharman, Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA

Panelists:

- Michael Jourdan, Editor, Centre of Alcohol and Drug Research, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Paul Thewissen, Counselor of Health, Welfare & Sport, Royal Netherlands Embassy, Washington, DC
- Joep Oomen, Coordinator, ENCOD, Antwerp, Belgium
- Sophie Pinkham, Open Society Institute, New York, NY
- Peter Sarosi, Drug Policy Program Director, Hungarian Civil Liberties Union, Budapest, Hungary
- Sebastian Saville, Exec. Director, Release, London, England

[panel]

Northern Exposure: Cutting-Edge Medical Cannabis Research and Legal Reform in Canada

This panel consists of university and university-affiliated and community-based researchers and advocates exploring the therapeutic potential of medical cannabis. The panel examines the failures and successes of Canada's controversial federal medical cannabis program, as well as those of community-based compassion clubs that supply medical cannabis to over 11,000 critically and chronically ill Canadians.

Moderator: Philippe Lucas, Director, Vancouver Island Compassion Society, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada

Panelists:

- Lynne Belle-Isle, Project Consultant, Canadian AIDS Society, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Rielle Capler, Research and Advocacy Coordinator, BC Compassion Club Society, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Andy Hathaway, Assistant Professor, University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada
- Kirk Tousaw, Barrister, Law Office of Kirk I Tousaw, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

[panel]

Integrating Harm Reduction into Public Systems

This panel explores opportunities and successes for integrating harm reduction approaches to substance use, such as overdose prevention/naloxone distribution and sterile syringe access, into existing local public systems. Strategies for collaboration with and among various local and state governmental agencies will be described.



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

Panelists:

- Daliah Heller, Director, Chemical Dependency Initiatives, NYC DOHMH, New York, NY
- Bernie Lieving, Harm Reduction Program Manager, New Mexico Department of Health, Santa Fe, NM
- Donald MacPherson, Drug Policy Coordinator, City of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, International Harm Reduction Development Program Director, Open Society Institute, New York, NY

[panel]

Faith, Action and Change: Mobilizing Religious Opposition to the Drug War

This open discussion is led by two long-time advocates for drug policy reform within faith communities. They will share insights, experience, and engage the audience in conversation about the rewards and challenges of merging religion and activism.

Panelists:

- Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church Coordinator, Religious Leaders for a More Just and Compassionate Drug Policy, New York, NY
- Charles Thomas, Executive Director, Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative, Washington, DC

[training]

Hepatitis C Integration: How Is It Possible?

This skills-building workshop is designed to help service providers assess their own and other programs and to explore what possible Hepatitis C initiatives they can introduce into their existing services. Participants will learn how to utilize the untapped potential of peer educators and support groups, how to implement hepatitis screening and vaccination services that work for their program and participants, and how they can incorporate Hepatitis C prevention messages that really count. Service providers will explore how to build relationships with other programs that can complement their own and create a Hepatitis C Network in their own neck of the woods.

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Presenters:

- Donald Davis, New York Harm Reduction Educators (NYRHE), New York, NY
- Narelle Ellendon, HCV Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

[panel]

Bridging the Gap: Drug User Organizing

We are all in some respects drug users, but not all of us identify as such – especially in our public lives and advocacy. What are the barriers to user organizing in the United States? What has been the experience of those in Europe? User advocates, as well as active and former users, discuss what it takes to give this population a voice.

Moderator: Matthew Curtis, Program Officer, Open Society Institute, New York, NY

Panelists:

- Rebecca Brooks, Clinical Coordinator, INPUD / IHRC / NAMA, Tulsa, OK
- Stijn Goossens, Executive Director, International Network of People Who Use Drugs, Borgerhout, Belgium
- Louie Jones, IDU Advocacy Coordinator, VOCAL, NY Users Union, Brooklyn, NY
- Berne Stalenkrantz, Chairman and Project Leader, Swedish Drug Users Union (SDUU), Johanneshov, Sweden

12:00 – 1:30 pm

[panel]

To Snitch or Not to Snitch? Diverse Viewpoints on the Role of Informants in American Drug Law Enforcement

Whether you would like people to Stop Snitching or Start Snitching, this panel might give you something new to consider. Panelists discuss the historical, social and political significance of the institution of snitching in American drug law enforcement. Take this opportunity to interact with the experts, learn what advocacy and organizing is moving forward around the country, and find out how you can get involved.

Moderator and Panelist: Davey D, Berkeley, CA

Panelists:

- Ethan Brown, Author of Queens Reigns Supreme: Fat Cat, 50 Cent, and the Rise of the Hip-Hop Hustler and Snitch: Informants, Cooperators, and the Corruption of Justice, New Orleans, LA
- Marc Lamont Hill, Assistant Professor of Urban Education & American Studies, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

[training]

Fundraising: Getting to “Yes”: How to Get a Positive Response From Foundations and Your Online Supporters

What are the top things you need to do—and not do—in order to secure funding from foundations? Should you hold a major fundraising dinner or do door-to-door canvassing? Fundraising experts in the room will answer your questions on all aspects of fund development, with the goal of helping small organizations get the most of their limited fundraising resources.

Presenters:

- asha bandele, Director, Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- David Glowka, Grant Writer, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC
- Clovis Thorn, Director of Development, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

[roundtable]

The DEA's War on Medical Marijuana

The federal government's prohibition on marijuana burdens researchers, scientists, and patients. This roundtable explores the Drug Enforcement Administration's efforts to thwart medical marijuana research and interfere with the implementation of state sanctioned medical marijuana programs.

Facilitator: Allen Hopper, Litigation Director, American Civil Liberties Union Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA

Panelists:

- Jag Davies, Director of Communications, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS), Ben Lomond, CA
- Don Duncan, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access Foundation, Oakland, CA
- Dale Gieringer, California NORML Coordinator and Vice Chair of NORML Board, Oakland, CA
- Reena Szczepanski, Director, Drug Policy Alliance – New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM
- Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access, Washington, DC
- Ray Warren, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC

[panel]

AIDS and Drug Policy in the South: Working Towards a New Bottom Line

HIV/AIDS continues to ravage communities across the nation, and the South has been particularly hard hit. Fueled by mass-incarceration, poverty, racism, violence against women and stigma, the virus is spreading, especially in communities of color and poor communities. How does drug policy impact the epidemic and efforts to end it in the South? Is the fight to end AIDS different in the South than in the North, and if so, how? What harm reduction strategies are being employed in the South, and to what effect? What does it look like to push the envelope on fighting the epidemic in the Bible Belt? How do funding priorities set by government agencies and foundations shape the political agendas to fight the epidemic? Panelists explore these questions, share lessons learned, and engage the audience in question and answers.

Moderator: James Learned, Manager of Operations and Programs, Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization Project (CHAMP), New York, NY

Panelists:

- Ron Crowder, Executive Director, Street Works, Antioch, TN
- Laura Hall, Representative, Alabama House of Representatives, Huntsville, AL
- Kathie Hiers, Chief Executive Officer, AIDS Alabama, Birmingham, AL
- Bishop Joyce Turner Keller, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director, Aspirations Wholistic Tutorial Services, Baton Rouge, LA
- Valencia Robinson, Field Organizer, AIDS Action in Mississippi, Jackson, MS

[training]

Buprenorphine: Thinking Outside the Box

This presentation provides an introduction to the basics of buprenorphine in the treatment of opioid addiction and addresses the challenges to widespread dissemination and offers suggestions for overcoming the barriers.

Presenter: Sharon Stancliff, Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY

[training]

Campus Change Campaign: Colleges as Laboratories for Reform

Throughout American history, college campuses have played an integral role in moving public consciousness forward on pressing social concerns. Within the drug policy reform movement, Students for Sensible Drug Policy is working to cause a shift in drug policy paradigms on campuses across North America. By shifting policies away from a prohibitive framework and toward a harm-reduction framework, members of SSDP are creating models of what sensible drug policy can look like at the local level. Hear from SSDP members who have faced challenges and had successes, and learn how you can change drug policy on your campus. Mandatory attendance required for SSDP members.

Presenters:

- Anastacia Cosner, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, College Park, MD
- Daniel Cornelious Jr., Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Norwich, CT
- Micah Daigle, Field Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC

[panel]

Around the World in 90 Minutes

What's going on with drug policy and reform efforts around the world? Is widespread opposition to the Bush administration's foreign policies having any impact on drug policies abroad? Where are reform efforts gaining ground, or suffering setbacks? Will anything of significance happen at the next United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs in Vienna in 2008? And how can reformers best influence the future of global drug control policy?

Moderator: Daniel Wolfe, Deputy Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program, New York, NY

Panelists:

- Luiz Guanabara, Activist/Researcher, Psicotrópicas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Martin Jelsma, Coordinator Drugs Program, Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, International Harm Reduction Development Program Director, Open Society Institute, New York, NY
- Pien Metaal, Project Coordinator, Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Patrick O'Hare, Honorary President, International Harm Reduction Association, France
- Marco Perduca, International Antiprohibitionist League, Rome, Italy - INVITED
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol & Drug Services, St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales

1:30 - 3:00 pm

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3:00 - 4:30 pm

[panel]

Restoring Education: the Fight to Repeal the HEA Aid Elimination Penalty

In 1998, Congressman Mark Souder wrote the Aid Elimination Penalty into the Higher Education Act, which would take financial aid away from hundreds of thousands of students over the next nine years. During those years, SSDP, DRCnet, and other organizations worked to build a coalition for reform and successfully convinced Congress to scale back the law in 2006. Panelists discuss the continuing efforts to repeal the law entirely through litigation and legislation. Mandatory attendance for SSDP members.

Moderator: Kris Krane, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC

Panelists:

- Tom Angell, Government Relations Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Shawn Heller, Board Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Miami, FL
- Adam Wolf, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA
- Representative of Brown University SSDP

[training]

Engaging with Law Enforcement: Prevention, Monitoring and Response

Needle exchange programs and other initiatives that liberalize access to clean injection equipment are among the most cost-effective approaches to combating HIV transmission. However, many US states have laws that restrict sale and possession of injection equipment or criminalize trace amounts of drugs. Even when these laws are changed, law enforcement practice often impedes harm reduction initiatives, limiting their impact.

Presenters: Basha Closic, Program Director, Brandywine Counseling, Inc., Wilmington, DE

- Corey Davis, Legal Project Coordinator, Prevention Point Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA

[roundtable]

Beyond Prohibition: Describing a Drug War Exit Strategy

Is a world beyond prohibition possible? What would it look like? For those craving concrete and workable alternatives, this discussion considers the many regulatory options as well as impediments to and opportunities for putting these into practice.

Facilitator: Roger Goodman, State Representative, Washington State Legislature, Seattle, WA

Panelists:

- Maria Lucia Karam, retired Judge, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Eugene Oscapella, Canadian Foundation for Drug Policy, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- Fredrick Polak, Psychiatrist, Netherlands Drug Policy Foundation, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

- Stephen Rolles, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, Bristol, UK
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol & Drug Services, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, New South Wales

[roundtable]

Confronting the U.S. War on Drugs in Latin America: Local and Regional Strategies

Latin America is one of the regions most affected by global prohibition. It is also home to an active debate about drug policy and a laboratory for many innovative approaches to reducing the harms of drug misuse. This panel introduces some of the major developments in South American drug policy, from an elite and grassroots perspective. Such policies include: harm reduction work at the community level; the licit cultivation of coca for ritual, medicinal, and industrial purposes; challenges to aerial fumigation of coca and other illicit crops; and a greater understanding of public health approaches to global substance abuse.

Facilitator: Sanho Tree, Director and Fellow, Drug Policy Project at the Institute for Policy Studies, Washington, DC

Panelists:

- Luciana Boiteux de Figueiredo Rodrigues, Attorney and Associate Professor, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro (UFRJ), Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Pablo Cymerman, Advocacy Coordinator, Psychologist, Intercambios Asociación Civil, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Luiz Guanabara, Activist/Researcher, Psicotrópicas, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Nancy Sanchez Mendez, Researcher/Activist, the Association for the Promotion of Social Alternatives (MINGA), Putumayo and Bogotá, Colombia
- Pien Metaal, Project Coordinator, Transnational Institute, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- Representative of Evo Morales Ayma, President of the Republic of Bolivia

[training]

Working with Youth: In Policy, Programs, and the Decisions That Affect Their Lives

Youth are often treated as passive recipients of health, addictions, and substance use services. This session outlines the reasons why young people can achieve greater health when engaged in the design and delivery of services and policy that affects their lives.

Presenter: Caitlin Padgett, Hella Life Experience, Youth Advocate Extraordinaire, San Francisco, CA

[panel]

Public Safety and Drugs: A New Paradigm Called Justice

While the drug war has been acknowledged as a failed policy by nearly all sides, a vehicle for communities to challenge how the "war on drugs" is waged and to present alternative policies is nearly non-existent. Over the last 30 years, public outcry for public safety has often resulted in "lock'em up" laws and policing strategies. While failing to establish appropriate public safety benchmarks, this model has successfully driven the creation of the prison industrial complex, marked by mass incarceration, devastating racial disparities, and the creation of an "ex-felon" underclass. What are ways to develop and advance community-based strategies for addressing public safety which center the community in the problem-solving process? Finding new ways to discuss and address community problems may be what is needed to uncover real solutions.



Moderator: Robert Rooks, OSI Fellow, Justice Strategies, DeSoto, TX

Panelists:

- Rosana Cruz, Co-Director, Safe Streets/Strong Communities, New Orleans, LA
- Lorenzo Jones, Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Nsombi Lambright, Executive Director of ACLU of Mississippi
- P. David Soares, Albany County District Attorney, Office of the Albany County District Attorney, Albany, NY

3:30 - 4:30 pm

Transforming Power: Anti-Racist Organizing and Alliance Building 🗣️

This discussion will build from Thursdays Anti-Racist Organizing to End the Drug War workshop. It will explore challenges and lessons for building principled alliances toward powerful multiracial movements. Facilitators Clare Bayard and Ingrid Chapman of the Catalyst Project will lead the group through participatory exercises and discussions on anti-racist organizing strategies. This workshop is designed for people who have white-skin privilege, but all are welcome. Please attend Thursday's workshop or have previously participated in an equivalent.

5:00 - 6:00 pm

CLOSING PLENARY

Drug Policy Alliance Executive Director Ethan Nadelmann and Vancouver Mayor Sam Sullivan, as well as several other drug policy reform luminaries and activists, provide closing remarks capturing the energy of the drug policy reform movement and the conference.

Please join us at the close of the conference for a Second Line, a New Orleans tradition, as we follow a brass band out of the hotel and down Bourbon Street.

7:00 - 8:00 pm

SSDP Awards Ceremony

Open to all conference attendees.

8:00 - 11:00 pm

2007 International Drug Policy Awards Dinner (Ticketed Event)

Please join us as we recognize the accomplishments and commitment of individuals and organizations responsible for outstanding drug policy reform work at an awards dinner sponsored in part by the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation. Tickets, if still available, are \$100 and can be purchased at the registration desk.

Networking and Organization Meetings during New Orleans Drug Policy Conference

Throughout the conference you will find a number of Networking Events that are hosted by some of the conference co-hosts. We encourage you to take advantage of these great opportunities to meet people that have the same passion and dedication that you do.

An icon of **†††** will appear by all of the networking meetings.

Please note that these meetings have been organized by a third party and are a supplement to conference programming. Some of these meetings are being held at the Holiday Inn Express, which is located two blocks away at 221 Carondelet Street. To get there from the Astor, exit the front doors and locate Bourbon Street. Cross Canal Street at Bourbon. Bourbon Street will change names to Carondelet outside of the French Quarter on the other side of Canal. Continue walking away from the Astor and the French Quarter on Carondelet for one block. The Holiday Inn Express is on the southwest corner of Carondelet and Common.

Thursday, December 6, 2007

5:00 - 6:00 pm

Matchmaker! Sex Work Organizations and Syringe Exchange Program **†††**

If you are in an organization that serves sex workers or runs a syringe exchange program you are invited to this meeting. This meeting is not a sex work/needle exchange 101. This is strictly for programs involved with the day-to-day operations of organizations dealing with these two areas.

5:00 - 6:45 pm

ACLU Networking and Roundtable Meeting ACLU members only.

5:30 - 6:45 pm

"Dream About a Reefer 50 Feet Long: 50 Years of Marijuana and Music" - DVD and presentation by Dr. John Morgan **†††**

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5:30 - 6:30 pm

Grassroots Organizing **†††**

This social event will discuss starting a grassroots organization and how to sustain it.

[Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room](#)

5:30 - 7:30 pm

Women, the Drug War, and the Drug Policy Reform Movement: Uniting for Change **†††**

To the women of the movement: What does it mean to be a woman in the drug policy reform movement? What steps can we take to elevate women in our work and drug policy? Unite for change with women in the movement, develop ideas and goals to improve the lives women impacted by the drug war, and promote the role of women in drug policy reform! Join us for wonderful company, drinks, snacks and vital discussion.

[Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room](#)



5:30 - 7:30 pm

Harm Reduction Town Hall Meeting **†††**

A forum for public discourse on issues related to harm reduction.

6:00 - 7:00 pm

NA Meeting **†††**

Narcotics Anonymous Meeting open to all conference attendees.

7:30 - 9:00 pm

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[Holiday Inn Express, Degas Meeting Room](#)

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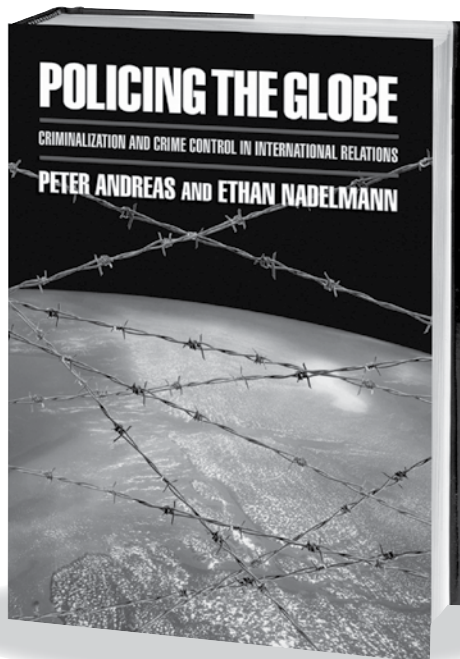
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ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

Sunil P. Abraham, JD, is a public defender in Seattle working on the Racial Disparity Project within The Defender Association. The Racial Disparity Project is litigating the selective enforcement of drug laws in Seattle and helped create a pre-arrest diversion program called Clean Dreams.

Daniel Abrahamson, JD, serves as the director of legal affairs and directs DPA's Office of Legal Affairs in Berkeley, which he founded in 1996. Mr. Abrahamson is an active litigator in state and federal courts across the country, including the United States Supreme Court, and is co-author of several state and local legislative initiatives, including California's Proposition 36—the most sweeping criminal justice reform since the repeal of Prohibition.

Caroline Jean Acker, PhD, is the author of *Creating the American Junkie: Addiction Research in the Classic Era of Narcotic Control* (John Hopkins University Press, 2002) and associate professor of history at Carnegie Mellon University. Ms. Acker is also co-founder of Prevention Point Pittsburgh, a needle exchange program in Pennsylvania.

Johnny W. Allem, MA, is a leading national advocate for addiction recovery issues and president/chief executive officer of the Johnson Institute in Washington, DC, a leading innovator in the campaign against addiction. Mr. Allem also designed grassroots systems for the Clinton-Gore campaign in 1992 and served as president of the Society of Americans for Recovery. He is celebrating more than 25 years of recovery from alcoholism.

Wyndi Marie Anderson is a leading feminist and social justice advocate whose work for the rights of drug-addicted women has earned her national recognition as a leader in the women's rights and the drug policy reform movements. Ms. Anderson is also a consultant for the International Harm Reduction Development Program of the Open Society Institute and for the Colon Cancer Alliance.

Tom Angell serves as government relations director for Students for Sensible Drug Policy in Washington, D.C.. Previously, he founded and led the University of Rhode Island's SSDP chapter and founded the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition, which successfully pushed to enact medical marijuana legislation in the state.

James Anthony, JD, is a California attorney and a member of LEAP. He now serves California medical cannabis collective dispensaries as land use counsel by obtaining permits, defending civil law suits, and providing general counsel.

Luis Astorga is a sociologist and researcher at the Institute of Social Research, National Autonomous University of Mexico. He has written several books on drug trafficking in Mexico, the most recent is *Seguridad, Traficantes y Militares: el Poder y la Sombra/Security, Traffickers and the Military: The Power and the Shadow*.

Scott Douglas Ballin, JD, has spent more than 25 years working on a spectrum of issues ranging from labeling reforms on cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products, FDA regulation of tobacco, cigarette excise taxes, clean indoor air laws, and tobacco agricultural reforms. He recently authored a paper on tobacco harm reduction entitled

Tobacco and Tobacco Products at a Crossroads in the 21st Century.

asha bandle directs the Drug Policy Alliance's Advocacy Grants program and works with and learns from an incredible array of drug policy reformers across the United States. She has published numerous stories in outlets as diverse as *The New York Times*, *Family Circle*, *Essence* and *Vibe*. Ms. Bandle is the author of four books including the award-winning memoir, *The Prisoner's Wife*, and recently finished her fifth, another memoir about raising a child who has an incarcerated parent.

Tshaka Barrows, a program manager with the Burns Institute in San Francisco, was very involved in campus organizing while studying at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Through his work with the United States Student Association as the chair of the National People of Color Student Coalition, he and his fellow students led campaigns and rallies at the university, state, and national level.

Clare Bayard is a core organizer and trainer with San Francisco's Catalyst Project, a political education and movement building organization working to build multiracial revolutionary movements. Ms. Bayard works in the antiwar and immigrant justice movements, focusing on connecting domestic struggles for economic and racial justice with international anti-imperialist movements for global justice.

Irvin "Dana" Beal organized the first marijuana protests during the Summer of Love, in '67 and has continued to campaign/fight for marijuana legalization to this day. The co-author of *Ibogaine Story* (Autonomea, 1997), Mr. Beal initiated the effort (along with Howard Lotsof) to introduce ibogaine as an addiction treatment. He works on the Yippie! Museum, an educational institution chartered by the NY Board of Regents for the webcasting of contemporary political and cultural history.

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Dan Bigg is one of the founders and currently the director of the Chicago Recovery Alliance. CRA exchanges over 35,000 syringes per week and helps dozens of people obtain addiction treatment, healthcare or other services. CRA also launched a trial of its Mobile Opiate Substitution Therapies van, a fully equipped satellite treatment program of the Bobby Buonauro clinic, in the Gulf Coast to help relieve the suffering of those affected by the hurricane and its aftermath.

Peter Blanken is a senior research scientist at the Central Committee on the Treatment of Heroin Addicts in Utrecht and at the Parnassia Addiction Research Centre in the Hague. Mr. Blanken started his research in Rotterdam, doing multi-method (qualitative, ethnographic, and quantitative) field research on drug use patterns and consequences in the natural context of drug users' lives.

Luciana Boiteux de Figueiredo Rodrigues is an attorney and associate professor of criminology and criminal justice at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro. She is an active member of the Brazilian Institute of Crime Science. Prof. Boiteux studies the effects of a prohibitionist drug control model on the penal system in Brazil. She works with Brazilian NGOs, providing legal assistance on drug policy.

David Borden is founder and executive director of Stop the Drug War (DRCNet) in Washington, DC.. Mr. Borden played the leading role in pioneering use of the Internet in drug policy reform. Since 2000 he has overseen DRCNet's work on the Higher Education Act Reform Campaign and has initiated programs including the John W. Perry Fund scholarship fund and the Out from the Shadows international conference series.

Mary Jane Borden MBA, APR, a writer, artist, and drug policy activist, is the business manager of DrugSense/MAP. She is also a president of the Ohio Patient Network, whose mission is to provide networking, education, and support for patients who use cannabis therapeutically in Ohio.

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Graham Boyd is the founder and director of the American Civil Liberties Union Drug Policy Litigation Project in Santa Cruz, CA. The Project conducts the only national litigation program addressing civil rights and civil liberties violations arising from the war on drugs. Its mission is to expose the costs of the war on drugs through litigation and public education activities, and to promote pragmatic drug policy reform through state and national coalitions.

Humberto Jose Brocca, MD, has worked in harm reduction and human rights defense intervention programs for street children in Mexico City since 1997, training the staff of social organizations and the kids themselves in an outreach low cost acupuncture-psychology detox protocol. He has been president of the Mexican Chapter of the National Acupuncture Detoxification Association for the past 8 years and is a founding member of the Mexican Society for the Study of Drug dependence.

Rebecca (Becki) Brooks, a Native American bisexual female drug user, has been affiliated with the National Alliance of Methadone Advocates as coordinator for Certified Methadone Advocate for the past three years. Ms. Brooks has been affiliated with INPUD since its inception at the IHRA International Conference in Vancouver; most recently accepting a board nomination.

Ethan Brown, a New Orleans-based writer, has been published in the *New Yorker*, *Wired*, *Vibe*, *GQ*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The Village Voice*, among others. Mr. Brown has authored two books: *Queens*

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Reigns Supreme: Fat Cat, 50 Cent and the Rise of the Hip-Hop Hustler (Random House; 1996) and the soon to be released Snitch: Informants, Cooperators and the Corruption of Justice (Public Affairs).

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Rielle Capler is the research coordinator and policy analyst at the British Columbia Compassion Club Society, Canada's oldest and largest nonprofit medicinal cannabis dispensary and natural health care center. Ms. Capler is collaborating on a study of the perceptions of health effects and social implications of cannabis use among therapeutic and recreational cannabis consumers.

Ingrid Chapman, a core member of the Catalyst Project, is a community organizer, educator and carpenter. She was a student organizer and member of the Direct Action Network that mobilized thousand of people to shut down the World Trade Organization in Seattle. For the last six years, Ms. Chapman has worked with Oakland residents in struggles for tenant rights, community safety and alternatives to incarceration and policing.

Chris Chiles is a second-year student at the University of Michigan and executive director of the University's chapter of Students for Sensible

Drug Policy. Chris founded the chapter just this year, but has been off to an incredible start.

Allan Clear has been the executive director of the Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC) since 1995. HRC, through its training institute, conferencing, resource development, and policy work, is the leading national organization promoting harm reduction as a mode of working with drug users in the United States. Mr. Clear was the original executive director of the Lower East Side Harm Reduction Center, one of the five original New York City syringe exchange programs authorized in 1992.

Basha Clocic has been working in HIV/AIDS prevention since 2000. Starting out as a volunteer, Ms. Clocic has since become a program manager at the largest outpatient substance abuse treatment provider in Delaware. Her focus has been in access to syringe exchange, increasing client access to treatment, and service expansion.

Jack Cole, MS, retired as a Detective Lieutenant after 26-years with the New Jersey Police. For twelve of those years Mr. Cole worked as an undercover narcotics officer. His investigations covered street drug users and mid-level drug dealers in New Jersey to international billion-dollar drug trafficking organizations. He is writing his dissertation for the Public Policy PhD Program at the University of Massachusetts, focusing on race and gender bias, brutality and corruption in law enforcement.

Luciano Colonna is the executive director of the Harm Reduction Project, an NGO with offices in Denver and Salt Lake City that gives support and resources to the marginalized and their providers. Mr. Colonna was the driving force

behind the 1st and 2nd National Conferences on Methamphetamine, HIV and Hepatitis; the establishment of underground and legal syringe distribution programs; and Safegames 2002, a harm reduction-driven public health initiative that supported the 2002 Winter Olympic Games. He also worked closely with Salt Lake City Mayor Ross "Rocky" Anderson on harm reduction and drug policy for eight years.

Daniel Lee Cornelious, Jr. is the founder and president of the University of Connecticut chapter of Students For Sensible Drug Policy. Mr. Cornelious has been active in the Medical Marijuana Campaign in CT and helped to formulate a Good Samaritan Statement at the University of Connecticut.

Anastacia (Stacia) Cosner is the president of the University of Maryland, College Park chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy. In her two years at the University, she has organized campus lobbying efforts to pass two pieces of student legislation calling for reform of unfair judicial sanctions imposed on students allegedly involved in marijuana use or possession.

Ron Eugene Crowder, BBA, is the executive director for Street Works, a nonprofit organization providing HIV/AIDS education and prevention in Nashville, Tennessee. Since 1994, he has been at the forefront of HIV/AIDS education and street outreach services and is a past recipient of the The Robert Wood Johnson Community Health Leadership Program Award.

Rosana Cruz is co-director of Safe Streets/Strong Communities, a grassroots organization working to build power within communities of color to transform the criminal justice system.





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Matt Curtis works with the International Harm Reduction Development Program, a subdivision of the Open Society Institute, which is an advocacy and grantmaking program that operates in the former Soviet Union, Southeast Asia and China. His work focuses primarily on supporting community organizing and activism by people who use drugs, promoting overdose prevention and response programs, and the development of harm reduction and drug treatment services.

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Alina Das, JD, MPA, is a Soros Justice Fellow and attorney with the Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) of the New York State Defenders Association. Her work at IDP is focused on developing alternatives to incarceration for immigrants facing criminal charges and convictions. Specifically, Ms. Das works to ensure that immigrants have access to opportunities to rejoin their families and reintegrate successfully into their communities following a criminal deposition.

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Tim Datig had a 28-year career in law enforcement. He spent 15 years working the streets of Manhattan in patrol and plain-clothes assignments. He also served as chief of the Bristol Police Dept. in Vermont. Mr. Datig participated in many of the programs revolving around the war on drugs and he felt that these programs changed nothing except the creativity of the drug dealers. He is now with Law Enforcement Against Prohibition.

Tom Daubert has worked as a political and communications/publicity strategist for more than 30 years. As a consultant to the American Civil Liberties Union, Mr. Daubert now directs a multifaceted program aimed at achieving drug policy reform in Montana, especially in regard to marijuana. He recently created Patients & Families United, a political action and support group for Montana's medical marijuana and pain patients.

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Corey Davis, JD, is the legal project coordinator at Prevention Point Philadelphia, where he oversees direct representation and advocacy efforts on behalf of Prevention Point's clients. Mr. Davis is particularly interested in the ways law and law enforcement structure health risk, particularly among vulnerable populations, and in using the law to address discrimination in both the public and private sphere.

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Shakya Elinka Diaz oversees the Ohio American Civil Liberties Union's educational programming, as well as statewide initiatives related to juvenile justice, racial justice, immigrant rights, drug law reform, and the organization's award-winning summer internship program. She works with the Drug Coalition, a project of the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, and the American Civil Liberties Union Drug Law Reform Project. A native of the Dominican Republic, Ms. Diaz has been a resident of Cleveland for over 20 years.

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Don D. Duncan is the co-director of one of California's oldest and most reputable medical cannabis dispensing collectives and is a founding member of the board of directors of Americans for Safe Access, the nation's largest organization promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research. He serves as executive director of the Americans for Safe Access Foundation. His book, *ABC's of CDC's - How and Why to Operate a Medical Cannabis Collective*, will be published in 2008.

Eloise Dunlap, PhD, has extensive experience in survey and ethnographic research at National Development and Research Institutes, Inc., a non-profit research institute in New York City. For the past 20 years, she has performed and led original ethnographic research among African-American families, drug users, and drug distributors. She has been the Principal Investigator of 6 NIDA funded multi-year projects, and is a principal investigator among New Orleans evacuees. This project has interviewed over 100 drug users and sellers in both New Orleans and Houston.

Narelle Ellendon, RN, works for the Harm Reduction Coalition as the hepatitis C director for the Hepatitis C Harm Reduction Project. This project is a capacity building initiative that works closely with syringe exchange programs in New York City to provide trainings for staff and participants, advocate for policies and resources and to facilitate improved access to hepatitis C related health services.

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Dale Gieringer, PhD, is the state coordinator of California NORML, and a co-founder of the California Drug Policy Reform Coalition and of Californians for Compassionate Use. He is the author of articles on marijuana and driving safety, drug testing, marijuana health mythology, the economics of marijuana legalization, and Drug Enforcement Agency drug enforcement abuse. Dr. Gieringer is presently working on a book on medical use of marijuana.

David Glowka is the grant writer at the Drug Policy Alliance, where he coordinates all aspects of foundation development. His previous experience includes fundraising for an AIDS service organization and an anti-prison group. In six years, Mr. Glowka has had a hand in more than 100 proposals funded by corporations, foundations, and government programs, totaling more than \$20 million in grants.

Deepali Gokhale immigrated to the United States from India with her family. Her experiences as an immigrant child in semi-rural Virginia shaped her outlook towards social justice and activism. Ms. Gokhale served as a campaign organizer for the Racial Justice Campaign Against Operation Meth Merchant, which worked to draw attention to the unjust prosecutions of South Asian merchants in North Georgia who were selling everyday products that theoretically could have been used to produce methamphetamine.

Representative Roger Goodman is vice chair of the House Judiciary Committee in the Washington State Legislature. An attorney and criminal justice expert, Representative Goodman also directs the King County Bar Association Drug Policy Project, a partnership of professional and civic organizations in Washington promoting cheaper, more effective, and more humane alternatives to current drug policies.

Stijn Goossens is the executive director of the International Network Of People Who Use Drugs in Belgium which connects local DU-organizations and people who use drugs at the international level and facilitates their involvement in all policy issues that matter to people who use drugs.

Mr. Goossens is active in local DU activism as chairman of the Cannabis Social Club and as a member of the Antwerp Drug User Advocacy team.

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Carl L. Hart, PhD, is an associate professor of psychology in the Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology at Columbia University, and director of the Residential Studies and Methamphetamine Research Laboratories at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. A major focus of Dr. Hart's research is to understand behavioral, physiological, and subjective effects of psychoactive drugs in experienced users.

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Jorge Hernández Tinajero is a politologist and writer and has been working in drug policy since 1995. He is working for Elsa Conde Rodríguez, congresswoman of Alternativa Socialdemócrata, on three legislative initiatives to change the cannabis policies in Mexico: one to legalize industrial hemp, one to allow scientific research and use of medical marijuana, and one to decriminalize marijuana users and to regulate the use of it.

Aaron Hess is a doctoral student at Arizona State University in the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication. His dissertation examines the efficacy of harm reduction peer education messages in the Phoenix chapter of DanceSafe. While attending local raves, Mr. Hess studies harm reduction strategies, and interviews ravers to gain a better perspective about drug user attitudes toward health related message campaigns.

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Marc Lamont Hill, PhD, is one of the youngest members of the growing body of hip-hop intellectuals in the country. He is completing several book projects, including *You Ain't Heard It From Me: Snitching, Rumors and the Politics of Other People's Business in Hip-Hop America* and *Vocab: Words and Phrases of the Hip-Hop Nation; New Dilemmas of the Black Intellectual*. In addition to his public scholarly work, Dr. Hill is an assistant professor of Urban Education and American Studies at Temple University.

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Dominic Holden is chair of the Sensible Seattle Coalition, sponsor of Initiative 75, passed by voters in 2003. The measure makes marijuana possession by adults the city's lowest law-enforcement priority. He serves as an appointed member of Seattle's Marijuana Policy Review Panel, which tracks enforcement of marijuana laws and reports the impacts of I-75. He is on the Board of Directors of NORML, Students for a Sensible Drug Policy, and DanceSafe, and he reports on drug issues for *The Stranger*, a weekly newspaper.

Stanley Hoogerwerf, MS, is completing his doctoral degree in sociology at Tulane University. He is also a former New Orleans Police Officer who retired as an inspector and homicide investigator. Mr. Hoogerwerf is an ethnographer in the Drug Markets project.

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Judge Calvin Johnson, JD, has served as Criminal District Court Judge, Section E in Orleans Parish since 1991. Judge Johnson, the first African-American Chief Judge of Criminal District Court, served the court during its disaster recovery after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Under his guidance, a Mental Health Treatment Court was created in 2003. He is the only sitting judge in Orleans Parish who currently presides over Mental Health Treatment Court in addition to handling the Court's regular docket.

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Louis Jones is a long-time activist who has been living with AIDS for 20 years and hepatitis C for 8 years. Mr. Jones is the coordinator for Voices of Community Advocates and Leaders, the NY User's Union. In the 1990s, he founded Stand Up Harlem, the first community residence for and by homeless people living with HIV/AIDS.

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David C. Lewis MD, is a professor emeritus of Community Health and Medicine and the Donald G. Millar Distinguished Professor of Alcohol and Addiction Studies at Brown University. He founded, and for eighteen years directed, the Brown University Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies. Dr. Lewis is the founder of Physician Leadership on National Drug Policy and now on the board of directors of the new Physicians and Lawyers for National Drug Policy.

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Freedomroot: the ibogaine Project and has given over 200 ibogaine treatments in the U.S. He is also a founding member of VOCAL the N.Y.C. drug users' union. Mr. Mugianis, now Mobengo, has recently returned from Gabon, West Africa where he underwent an iboga/Bwiti initiation.

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Ethan Nadelmann, JD, PhD, is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the United States promoting alternatives to the war on drugs. He authored, *Cops Across Borders* (Pennsylvania State University Press, 1993), the first scholarly study of the internationalization of U.S. criminal law enforcement and recently co-authored with Peter Andreas, *Policing the Globe: Criminalization and Crime Control in International Relations* (Oxford University Press, 2006), described by Rolling Stone as "the point man" for drug policy reform efforts. Dr. Nadelmann is widely regarded as the most prominent proponent of drug policy reform.

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Patrick O'Hare was one of the founders of the International Harm Reduction Association and now is their honorary president after serving more than 10 years as executive director. He also founded the International Journal of Drug Policy and served as the editor for 10 years. Mr. O'Hare has helped governments around the world change the way they approach the problems caused by drug use, especially those caused by the sharing of injecting equipment.

Joep Oomen is a journalist and coordinator of European Coalition for Just and Effective Drug Policies, a European civil rights movement against the war on drugs. In ENCOD, he is responsible for awareness campaigns aimed at the general public as well as lobby activities towards the European Union in Brussels. In March 2008, ENCOD prepares to hold a global summit of citizens against the war on drugs in Vienna, Austria.

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Mark J. Plotkin, PhD, is a renowned ethnobotanist, an intrepid plant explorer in the Neotropics, where he is expert on rainforest ecosystems. Dr. Plotkin is an advocate for Tropical rainforest conservation. Dr. Plotkin documented the use made by Native American tribes of medicinal plants unknown to formal Western science, just at the moment when traditional shamanic wisdom was disappearing from tribal cultures. Dr. Plotkin has raised consciousness in the unsentimental appreciation of indigenous wisdom, coming into general public view first with *Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice*, (Penguin, 1993). The book has been translated into five languages and formed the theme of the IMAX film *Amazon*, which was nominated for an Academy Award.

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Joseph Spillane, PhD, is associate professor of history and criminology at the University of Florida. Dr. Spillane is author of *Cocaine: From Medical Marvel to Modern Menace in the United States, 1884-1920* (The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1999) and the co-editor of *Federal Drug Control: The Evolution of Policy and Practice* (Hawthorne Press, 2004).

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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 region 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.

Silja J.A. Talvi is a senior editor with In These Times magazine, and a multiple award-winning investigative journalist with an emphasis on criminal justice and prison issues. Her recently published book, *Women Behind Bars: The Crisis of Women in the U.S. Prison System* (Seal Press/Perseus, 2007), involved interviews with nearly 400 girls and women across the U.S., as well as visits to women's prison to the European Union and Canada.

Andrew Tatarsky, PhD, is a clinical psychologist in private practice and co-director of Harm Reduction Psychotherapy and Training Associates.

Whitney A. Taylor is the chairwoman and campaign manager for the Committee for Sensible Marijuana Policy which was created to place a marijuana decriminalization question on the November 2008 state wide Massachusetts ballot. She is on sabbatical from her nonprofit consulting firm New England Policy Advocates and remains the director of the New England Prevention Alliance.

Paul H.M. Thewissen MA, LL.M. studied at Maastricht University in the Netherlands and specialized in management of healthcare, healthcare policies, patient rights and ethical issues. He is a counselor for Health, Welfare and Sport at the Royal Netherlands Embassy in Washington, D.C.. In this position he represents the

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Dutch Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport in the United States and Canada.

Charles Thomas is the executive director of the Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative. IDPI mobilizes religious denominations, congregations, clergy, and other people of faith and goodwill to advocate for drug policy reform. IDPI believes that drug prohibition should be replaced by reasonable regulations.

Clovis Thorn is the director of development for the Drug Policy Alliance. In this position he has guided the creation of an aggressive direct mail program, planned numerous fundraising events and managed DPA's major donor program. He is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, and is seeking his Certified Fundraising Executive certificate.

Kirk Tousaw JD, LL.M. is a criminal defense lawyer based in Vancouver, BC. He has practiced in Canada and the US, and is involved in litigation related to medical marijuana and the constitutionality of marijuana prohibition (on behalf of the Vancouver Island Compassion Society), safe injection and the constitutionality of heroin prohibition (with John Conroy, QC, on behalf of the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users), and the constitutionality of Canada's solicitation laws.

Duchy Trachtenberg, MSW, serves on the Montgomery County Council on an at-large basis, representing a population of one million residents outside the nation's capitol. She also serves on the Health and Human Services Committee and chairs the Management & Fiscal Policy Committee. Ms. Trachtenberg had been an effective grassroots activist for over twenty years on women's equality, mental health concerns and public health issues.

Sanho Tree is a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies and directs its Drug Policy Project. A former diplomatic and military historian, his current work focuses on policies concerning international drug control, counterinsurgency, and counterterrorism. He has been featured in numerous documentaries and has appeared on *Politically Incorrect* with Bill Maher. He previously collaborated with Dr. Gar Alperovitz on *The Decision to Use the Atomic Bomb* and the *Architecture of an American Myth* (Knopf, 1995).

Kenneth Tupper is a PhD candidate in the Department of Educational Studies at the University of British Columbia. His dissertation proposal is to conduct a policy analysis of a Canadian federal government decision on the granting of a legal exemption to permit the sacramental use of ayahuasca in Canada by the Santo Daima church.

Cory Turner has years of experience in law enforcement, prisoner reentry, and community-building programs. He served as the regional coordinator for the Louisiana Department of Corrections' first community-based reentry initiative. Mr. Turner is active in the rebuilding of corrections and law enforcement systems in the New Orleans area, working closely with the community to introduce models based on best practices.

Bishop Joyce Lee Turner Keller, doctor of divinity, is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of Aspirations, a nonprofit faith-based organization dedicated to helping to prevent the spread of

STDs, the HIV/AIDS virus, substance abuse, and teenage pregnancy. While living with HIV/AIDS herself, she's campaigned tirelessly to support, educate, and inspire others living with HIV/AIDS.

Mason Tvert is the executive director of Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation and the SAFER Voter Education Fund. He coordinated the successful marijuana initiative in Denver in 2005, making it the first U.S. city to remove all penalties for simple adult possession, as well as the 2006 legalization initiative in Colorado, which garnered more than 41 percent of the statewide vote.

Jasmine Tyler, deputy director of national affairs of the Drug Policy Alliance, is one of DPA's federal lobbyists working to diminish the harms associated with drug use and the drug war. She has co-authored several reports, including *Higher Education Programs in Prisons: Promoting Public Safety*, and *The Consequences Aren't Minor: The Impact of Trying Youth as Adults and Strategies for Reform*.

Anjali C. Verma is the advocacy director at the American Civil Liberties Union's Drug Law Reform Project where she oversees all of the DLRP's communications and public education activities. She is a co-author of the ACLU publications, *Caught in the Net: The Impact of Drug Policies on Women & Families and Making Sense of Student Drug Testing - Why Educators Are Saying No*.

Brian Vicente, JD, is the executive director of Sensible Colorado, a nonprofit working for effective and humane drug policy in Colorado. Mr. Vicente has led the organization to become the primary resource for Colorado's licensed medical marijuana patients. In 2007, he successfully sued the state of Colorado, forcing the state to overturn a policy limiting patient choice of medical marijuana provider.

Carlie Ware, JD, is a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's Drug Reform Project. Prior to joining the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project, Ms. Ware worked in the ACLU National Legal Department as the Racial Justice Project's Marvin M. Karpatkin Fellow, where she litigated statutory and constitutional challenges to racial profiling, disparate educational opportunities and inadequate provision of legal representation to indigent criminal defendants.

Ray Warren director of state policies, manages MPP's grassroots and direct lobbying efforts in state legislatures. Before joining MPP, Mr. Warren served two terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives. He also served for seven years as a North Carolina Superior Court Judge. While serving as a judge, he realized that incarceration and prohibition are ineffective tools in controlling the use of marijuana, and that significant resources were being utilized to prosecute otherwise law-abiding citizens.

Rusty White is a speaker for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. Mr. White saw the impact of drug addiction on his community (Hamlin, Texas) and decided to make a difference. He has served as an officer for the Department of Corrections, a top K-9 narcotics dog trainer, and as a corrections officer in an Arizona maximum security prison

Mike D. Whitty, PhD, a professor at the University of Detroit, is a founding member of the Drug Policy Forum of Michigan and serves on the Advisory Board of Michigan NORML and on the board

of Green Aid. Dr. Whitty presents pro bono talks throughout the country on the business case against the drug war and the need for prison reform.

Clare Susan Wilkins is the director of Ibogaine Association in Playas de Tijuana, Mexico.

Traci L. Williams, MFT, is a licensed marriage and family therapist who serves as both staff therapist and community supervisor at the Harm Reduction Therapy Center in San Francisco. She specializes in work with varying unique and marginalized populations, including recovering and practicing drug/alcohol users, adolescents, LGBTQ-identified clients, clients in active gender transition, sex workers, professional artists, and clients involved in BDSM and/or polyamorous relationships.

Alex Wodak, MD, has been the director of the alcohol and drug Service, St. Vincent's Hospital, Darlinghurst since 1982. Major interests include prevention of spread of HIV and hepatitis C among injecting drug users, brief interventions for problem drinkers and treatment of drug users in prison. Dr. Wodak is the president of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation and the former president of the International Harm Reduction Association.

Adam Wolf, JD, is a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union's Drug Law Reform Project. Before coming to the ACLU, Mr. Wolf taught on the faculty of the UCLA School of Law, where, in his free time, he served as pro bono counsel in numerous cases.

Daniel Wolfe, deputy director of the International Harm Reduction Development program at the Open Society Institute, is an advocate whose work has included community organizing and public media campaigns to repeal discriminatory legislation, boost AIDS funding, and raise the public profile of people with HIV. Mr. Wolfe was a recipient of the Revson Fellowship awarded to individuals who have made a substantial contribution to the city of New York.

Sharon L. Woo, JD, is a managing attorney, Narcotics Unit, San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

Thomas Wood is the chair of Action on Alcohol and Drugs in Edinburgh and the National Association of Alcohol and Drugs Action Teams in Scotland. Mr. Wood was formerly deputy chief constable of Lothian and Borders Police and one of Scotland's most senior and experienced police officers. He is an authority on crime, the policing of large scale events and a noted authority on police perspectives on drugs/alcohol, prostitution, domestic violence and policing the gay and lesbian community.

Gady Zabicky, PhD, was born in Mexico City in 1968. He studied medicine in México and then lived in Baja California Sur for a year where he concomitantly completed an internship and one year of social service in Chiapas during the Zapatista revolt. During this time, he also worked with *Medicins sans Frontiers* and *Medicos del Mundo*. Later, Dr. Zabicky completed research on methadone clinics and the genetics of addictive diseases in Manhattan.

Dominick V. Zurlo, BS, is the program coordinator for the Albuquerque Health Care for the Homeless Harm Reduction Outreach Program.

CONFERENCE FILM FESTIVAL

All conference attendees are welcome to the screenings.
Admission is free unless noted otherwise.

Thursday, December 06, 2007

7:30 - 8:00 pm

SNEAK PEEK

New Orleans Justice (20 min)

A new documentary about formerly incarcerated people, recovery and rebuilding lives in New Orleans.

Directed by Lauren Thompson and Chris Tetens 🎬

8:00 - 9:15 pm

FEATURE FILM

Waiting to Inhale: Marijuana, Medicine and the Law

(74 min)

Waiting to Inhale examines the heated debate over marijuana and its use as medicine in the United States. It sheds new light on this controversy and presents shocking new evidence that marijuana could hold a big stake in the future of medicine.

Jed Riffe 🎬, producer and director. Katherine Covell, writer and co-producer.

Winner, Worldfest Houston 2005, Gold Special Jury Award

9:15 - 11:15 pm

FEATURE FILM

American Drug War: The Last White Hope (120 min)

The War on Drugs has become the longest and most costly war in American history, the question has become, how much more can the country endure? American Drug War shows how money, power and greed have corrupted not just drug pushers and dope fiends, but an entire government.

Kevin Booth 🎬 - producer/director/writer/editor.

Best Documentary, Silver Lake Film Festival - Los Angeles, CA 2007



🎬 Director's clapboard indicates the director will be there in person.

Friday, December 07, 2007



7:30 - 9:00 pm

FILM FESTIVAL SPECIAL FEATURE

Cocalero (94 min)

An admission fee of \$3 will be charged for this film.

Born out of the US War on Drugs, an Aymara Indian named Evo Morales – backed by a troop of coca leaf farmers – travels the Andes and Amazon in jeans and sneakers, leading a historic bid to become Bolivia's first indigenous president.

Alejandro Landes – director.

Official Selection, 2007 Sundance Film Festival

9:00 - 9:30 pm

SNEAK PEEK

DPA offers a sneak peak at two drug policy films still in production.

The Holy Giveme (10 min)

An in-process documentary about the ritual use of ayahuasca.

Producer and director, Maxi Cohen 🎬

Psychedelic Research (12 min)

An in-process documentary about the history of psychedelic research from the 1950s to the present.

Producer and director, Nell Cox 🎬

9:30 - 10:00 pm

FEATURE FILM

Perversion of Justice (30 min)

Hamedah Hasan was sentenced to two life sentences in Federal prison for her first non-violent drug conspiracy offense. The film follows Hamedah and her three daughters over the course of four years.

Directed by Rev. Melissa Hummert. 🎬

10:00 - 11:00 pm FEATURE FILM

Damage Done: The Drug War Odyssey (54 min)

The heroes of this film are veterans of the drug war and they urge us to consider ending drug prohibition. They have had a complete revolution in their thinking. Now they are working to end the War on Drugs. Find out what happened to change their minds.

Connie Littlefield, writer and director

Introduced by Howard Woolridge of LEAP.

Bookstore

Our bookstore, operated by BET Books of New Orleans, will feature titles from many of our speakers as well as a wide variety of topics that may be of interest to conference attendees. The bookstore will be located outside of the Astor ballroom.

Booksignings will take place in front of the bank of telephones by registration. You may wish to purchase the authors' books in advance at the bookstore during the following bookstore hours:

- > Thursday, Dec. 6, 7:30 am - 3:30 pm
- > Friday, Dec. 7, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm
- > Saturday, Dec. 8, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our featured books are described below.

Thursday, December 6

10:30 am Booksigning

Using Women: Gender, Drug Policy and Social Justice

(Routledge, 2000) by Nancy Campbell
From the 1950s 'girl junkie' to the 1990s 'crack mom', Using Women investigates how the cultural representations of women drug users have defined America's drug policies in this century. In analyzing the public's continued fear, horror and outrage wrought by the specter of women using drugs, Nancy Campbell demonstrates the importance that public opinion and popular culture have played in regulating women's lives.

12:45 pm Booksigning

Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice: An Ethnobotanist Searches for New Medicines in the Amazon Rain Forest

(Penguin, 1993) by Mark Plotkin
This is the stuff of adventure movies. Like Russ Mittermeir and Wade Davis, Mark Plotkin is the student of the extraordinary Richard Schultes at Harvard University, a pioneer in the field of ethnobotany. In this marvelous book Plotkin recounts his work documenting the use of medicinal plants among remote tribes in the Northwest Amazon of Suriname, Venezuela, Guyana and French Guiana. The book is a portrait of people and their environment, a tale of adventure and — most of all — a moving example of science in the service of preservation. He reminds us, "every time a shaman dies, it is as if a library burned down." Tales of a Shaman's Apprentice has been translated into five languages and formed the theme of the IMAX film "Amazon" which was nominated for an Academy Award.

12:45 pm Booksigning

Creating the American Junkie: Addiction Research in the Classic Era of Narcotic Control

(The Johns Hopkins University Press, 2005) by Caroline Jean Acker
"Acker presents a fascinating account of how addicts' negative image came to dominate public and official perceptions, as well as how it forced some users into the mold. Her careful analysis of research findings will make this book of interest to historians, drug-abuse workers, and anyone else who wants to examine the origins of American drug policy." — David F. Musto, MD, New England Journal of Medicine.

5:00 pm Booksigning

Policing the Globe

(Oxford University Press, 2006) by Ethan Nadelmann

In this illuminating history that spans past campaigns against piracy and slavery to contemporary campaigns against drug trafficking and transnational terrorism, Peter Andreas and Ethan Nadelmann explain how and why prohibitions and policing practices increasingly extend across borders. The internationalization of crime control is too often described as simply a natural and predictable response to the growth of transnational crime in an age of globalization. Andreas and Nadelmann challenge this conventional view as at best incomplete and at worst misleading. The internationalization of policing, they demonstrate, primarily reflects ambitious efforts by generations of western powers to export their own definitions of "crime," not just for political and economic gain but also in an attempt to promote their own morals to other parts of the world. A thought-provoking analysis of the historical expansion and recent dramatic acceleration of international crime control, Policing the Globe provides a much-needed bridge between criminal justice and international relations on a topic of crucial public importance.

Friday, December 7

1:00 pm Booksigning

Women Behind Bars

(Seal Press/Persaus, 2007) by Silja Talvi
More and more women — mothers, grandmothers, wives, daughters, and sisters — are doing prison time all across the United States. In Women Behind Bars (Seal Press), investigative journalist Silja Talvi travels across the country to weave together interviews with inmates, correctional officers, and administrators, providing readers with a glance at the impact incarceration has on our society. With a combination of compassion and critical analysis, Talvi delivers a timely, in-depth study of a growing and extremely complicated issue.

1:00 pm Booksigning

Over The Influence

(The Guilford Press, 2004) by Patt Denning
Twelve-step programs that insist on abstinence are beneficial to many—but what about the millions of Americans who try to quit and fail, just want to cut down, or wish to work toward sobriety gradually? This groundbreaking book presents the Harm Reduction approach, a powerful alternative to traditional treatment that helps users set and meet their own goals for gaining control over drinking and drugs. The expert, empathic authors guide readers to figure out which aspects of their own habits may be harmful, what they would like to change, and how to put their intentions into action while also dealing with problems that stand in the way, such as depression, stress, and relationship conflicts. Based on solid science and 40+ years of combined clinical experience, the book is packed with self-discovery tools, fact sheets, and personal accounts. It puts the reader in the driver's seat with a new and empowering roadmap for change.

4:00 pm Booksigning

Harm Reduction Psychotherapy: A New Treatment for Drug and Alcohol Problems

(Jason Aronson, 2002) by Andrew Tatarsky
"This ground-breaking volume provides readers with both an overview of harm reduction therapy and a series of ten case studies, treated by different therapists, that vividly illustrate this treatment approach with a wide variety of clients."

4:00 pm Booksigning

Mothers and Illicit Drugs

(University of Toronto Press, 1999) by Susan Boyd
During the past decade, media and medical forces have combined to create an alarming view of pregnant mothers who use illicit drugs. The result has been increased state control of these women and their infants. This in-depth study is the first in Canada to look at how mothers who use illicit drugs regard the laws, medical practices, and social services that intervene in their lives.

4:00 pm Booksigning

The Ibogaine Story: Report on the Staten Island Project

(Autonomedia, 1997) by Dana Beal
A fascinating account of the discovery and development of ibogaine as a powerful treatment of hard-drug addiction.

4:00 pm Booksigning

How to Stop the Next War Now: Effective Responses to Violence and Terrorism

(New World Library, 2005) Jodie Evans
Violence begets violence—so believes the majority of people around the world who have stood up in protest against war. Stop the Next War Now is a reflective look and call to action to end violence, by acclaimed peace activists, experts, and visionaries, including Eve Ensler, Arianna Huffington, Janeane Garafalo, Nancy Pelosi, and many more. A powerful, smart, and passionate work, this book aims to educate and reflect on the effectiveness of peace movement activities and offer hope—through shared ideas, action steps, and checklists—to transform a culture of violence to a culture of peace. With vitality, joy, and a dash of CODEPINK-style humor, Stop the Next War Now insists that the time is ripe for the first-ever global movement to put an end to war—and tells readers what they can do about it.

Saturday, December 8

11:30 am Booksigning

Snitch: Informants, Cooperators, and the Corruption of Justice

(Public Affairs) by Ethan Brown
By the author of the hip hop cult classic Queens Reigns Supreme: A glimpse behind the scenes of a criminal justice system dependent on—and corrupted by—its use of cooperators investigates the growth of the "Stop Snitching" movement, presents a compelling array of case profiles, and examines the implications of the justice system in terms of wrongful convictions, harsh sentencing guidelines for drug-related crimes, and the release of violent offenders who cooperated with authorities. This book is being released in December and may not be available in time for the conference. We are working directly with the author on a special distribution.

11:30 am Booksigning

Down in New Orleans: Reflections from a Drowned City

(University of California Press, 2007) by Billy Sothorn
Sothorn, an attorney, focuses on New Orleans stories that have been largely overlooked by the mainstream press. Everyone saw the chaos at the Superdome, but Sothorn talks to people who were there, and refutes count by count the many crimes reported to have occurred inside it. He eloquently and angrily shows how devastatingly easy it can be for those in power to cast aside the rule of law our society relies on.

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American Civil Liberties Union Drug Law Reform Project, Santa Cruz, CA (CO-HOST)

AmericanCivilLibertiesUnion.org/drugpolicy
Founded in 1998, the Drug Law Reform Project is a division of the national American Civil Liberties Union. 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. The Project plays a unique role as the only national litigation program addressing the broad range of civil rights and civil liberties violations arising from America's drug policies.

Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA
www.americansforsafeaccess.org
Americans for Safe Access (ASA) is the largest national member-based organization of patients, medical professionals, scientists and concerned citizens promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic uses and research. ASA works in partnership with state, local and national legislators to overcome barriers and create policies that improve access to cannabis for patients and researchers.

Campaign to End AIDS c/o Housing Works, Washington, DC

www.campaigntoendaids.org
The Campaign to End AIDS (C2EA) is a diverse, exciting coalition of people living with HIV/AIDS, their advocates and their loved ones. Together, they are demanding that leaders exert the political will to stop the epidemic, in the U.S. and abroad, once and for all. C2EA mobilizes around the country to ensure the best treatment and care for all HIV-positive people, HIV prevention methods backed by good science, research for a cure as well as improved prevention and to end HIV/AIDS stigma.

Cannabis Action Network, Berkeley, CA
www.cannabisactionnetwork.org
Cannabis Action Network is a non-profit organization. It focuses on education, outreach, and legislation centered on ending marijuana prohibition.

Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY (SPONSOR)

www.drugpolicy.org
DPA is the nation's leading organization working to end the war on drugs. We envision new drug policies based on science, compassion, health and human rights and a just society

in which the fears, prejudices and punitive prohibitions of today are no more.

Free State Project, Keene, NH
www.freestateproject.org
The Free State Project is an effort to recruit 20,000 liberty-loving people to move to New Hampshire, where they will exert the fullest practical effort toward the creation of a society in which the maximum role of government is the protection of life, liberty and property. They will also be sharing information about SendTheRightMessage.com, a grassroots New Hampshire campaign to raise drug policy issues with the presidential primary candidates.

Green Earth Ministries, Robertsdale, AL,
www.greenearthministries.org
EM is a cannabis sacrament ministry. They use the Holy Anointing Oil of Moses, which contains cannabis, in their worship. They believe that cannabis is the "Tree of Life" and its leaves are "for the healing of nations."

Haight-Ashbury Publications, San Francisco, CA
www.drddave.org/journal
Publishes books and articles relevant to drug policy reform.

Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative, Washington, DC, www.idpi.us
The Interfaith Drug Policy Initiative mobilizes religious leaders and other people of faith and goodwill to promote drug policy reform.

LEAP - Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA (CO-HOST)
www.leap.cc
LEAP is an organization of former and current criminal justice professionals and concerned citizens who believe that the War on Drugs has failed. LEAP members believe that the only way to reduce the multitude of harmful consequences associated with the War on Drugs is to legalize all drugs and develop a system of control and regulation to manage the marketplace.

Louisiana CURE, Baton Rouge, LA
www.curelouisiana.org
CURE (Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants) is an international criminal justice reform nonprofit working for social change through legislation and advocacy.

MAPS - the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Ben Lomond, CA, www.maps.org
MAPS conducts clinical research with psychedelics and marijuana.

Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC (CO-HOST) www.mpp.org
With more than 23,000 dues-paying members and more than 100,00 email subscribers, the Marijuana Policy

Project is the largest marijuana policy reform organization in the United States. Incorporated as a nonprofit organization in 1995, MPP works to minimize the harm associated with marijuana - both the consumption of marijuana and the laws that are intended to prohibit such use.

NORML, Washington, DC, www.norml.org
NORML is America's oldest and largest pro-marijuana law reform organization.

Safe Streets/Strong Communities, New Orleans, LA, www.safestreetsnola.org
Safe Streets/Strong Communities is a community group made of those targeted and most impacted by the criminal justice system. They strive to create strong communities so that the streets will be safe for everyone - regardless of race or economic status.

SAFER, Denver, CO, www.saferchoice.org
Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER) is a Colorado-based organization dedicated to educating the public about the relative harms of marijuana and alcohol. The organization was behind the successful marijuana legalization initiative in Denver in 2005, as well as the statewide initiative in Colorado that garnered 41 percent of the vote. SAFER's work in Colorado and with college students around the country has made it one of the most successful and well-known marijuana policy reform organizations in the nation.

StoptheDrugWar.org, The Drug Reform Coordination Network (DRCNet), Washington, DC, www.stopthedrugwar.org
The Drug Reform Coordination Network (DRCNet) is a major educational and advocacy group raising awareness of the drug war and the consequences of prohibition worldwide, while working for reform of drug laws and the justice system in the U.S. Behind the scenes for much of their 14 years, DRCNet is now stepping out as a campaigning organization coordinating some of the most promising national and international reform efforts. DRCNet is the only leading drug policy reform organization in the U.S. that advocates a full and unequivocal end to the drug war and adoption of a legalization model.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC (CO-HOST)
www.schoolsnotprisons.com
SSDP is an international grassroots network of students who are concerned about the impact drug abuse has on communities, but who also know the War on Drugs is failing their generation and society. SSDP mobilizes and empowers young people to participate in the political process, pushing for sensible policies to achieve a safer and more just future, while fighting back against counterproductive drug war policies, particularly those that directly harm students and youth.

Award Winners

Please join us as we recognize the accomplishments and commitment of individuals and organizations responsible for outstanding drug policy reform work at an awards dinner on Saturday, December 8, 2007. The awards ceremony sponsored in part by the Criminal Justice Policy Foundation. Tickets, if still available, are \$100 and can be purchased through Friday at 5 pm from the registration desk.

Congratulations to the following 2007 Award Recipients:

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

Rev. Howard Moody

The Edward M. Brecher Award for Achievement in the Field of Journalism **Alan Bock** and **AlterNet**

The Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for Achievement in the Field of Scholarship **Harry Levine, PhD**

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

The Norman E. Zinberg Award for Achievement in the Field of Medicine **Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, MSN**

The H.B. Spear Award for Achievement in the Field of Control and Enforcement **Norm Stamper, PhD**

The Justice Gerald Le Dain Award for Achievement in the Field of Law **Libby Davies, MP**

The Dr. Andrew Weil Award for Achievement in the Field of Drug Education **Rodney Skager, PhD**



FRED TOMASELLI | Gravity's Rainbow | Courtesy of the artist and James Cohan Gallery, New York | leaves, pills, photocollage, flowers, acrylic, resin on wood panel

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