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Now is the time to make drug policy reform more personal – creating an even greater sense of moral urgency, connecting the dots with more allies, and building on the common interests of everyone who chooses to join this movement. We can keep chipping away at the drug war but it won't really end until a critical mass of people, communities and elected officials demand a new way of addressing drugs in our society.

We're a diverse and growing movement, and the program reflects that. Make an effort to attend sessions on subjects about which you know the least. That's how we learn the most. It's also how we connect the dots among the many elements that make up our 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.

So throw yourself into this conference with an open mind, an open heart, and every drop of passion you can muster. Let's listen carefully, re-think what we've long thought, argue with joy, and depart Denver with the certainty that we participated in an historic moment in the growing movement to end the drug war.

Ethan Nadelmann,
Executive Director

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Getting Around

Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel

A map of the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel is on the back of this program book, which shows all of the meeting room locations. A quick reference to the meeting space is below:

Conference Registration

Plaza Building, Concourse Level

Plenary Sessions

Plaza Building, Concourse Level
Plaza Ballroom ABC

Breakout Sessions

Plaza Building, Concourse Level
Plaza Ballroom D, E & F
Governor's Square 12, 14 & 15

Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception

Plaza Building, Concourse Level
Plaza Ballroom ABC

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Denver is the "mile high" city – 5,280 feet above sea level. This makes the air thin and dry. If you're traveling from other, lower areas, please be aware you may notice the effects of this difference on arrival. You may experience a nosebleed or headache, which is not uncommon but rarely serious. For skin care, you should plan to use extra moisturizer and sunscreen. You should also be aware that this atmosphere affects intoxication levels as well – one drink will have the effect of two. The most important information to remember is to stay hydrated! This helps minimize most effects.

Water is provided in all meeting rooms and public space. The hotel sets water bubblers in large rooms and water stations with pitchers in smaller size rooms. Please use the refillable water bottle in your conference bag to help you stay hydrated throughout the day.

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At the Conference

Registration/Information

Our registration staff will be on-site to answer any questions you may have throughout the conference. The registration desk is located in the Plaza Building, Concourse Level.

Registration desk hours are:

Wednesday, October 23	4:00pm – 8:00pm
Thursday, October 24	8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday, October 25	8:00am – 5:00pm
Saturday, October 26	8:30am – 5:00pm

Exhibitors

Please visit our exhibitors located in the Plaza Building, Concourse Level, Plaza Foyer.

Exhibition hours are:

Thursday, October 24	8:30am – 5:00pm
Friday, October 25	8:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday, October 26	8:30am – 4:15pm

Exhibit breakdown begins at 4:15pm.

Name tags

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Evaluations

Please complete the individual workshop evaluations handed out in the breakout session (return to room host) and the yellow general conference evaluations (return to registration) included in your registration materials. Your valuable feedback will be helpful to the presenters and in our future planning.

Spanish Translation

Thanks to support from the Open Society Foundations, we are pleased to offer translation services for some of the conference sessions. Spanish-only speakers are encouraged to check out a headset from registration for the entirety of the conference. Two of the breakout sessions in each timeslot and all of the plenaries will offer interpretation from English into Spanish. Additionally, for the three sessions that have some presentations in Spanish, headsets will be available in the session rooms for English speakers to use for interpretation.

Receipts

If you need a receipt for your registration, you can easily print a receipt for yourself by going to the online registration site, entering your email address and following the directions.

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Any items found during the conference will be taken to the registration desk or hotel security.

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Smoking

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We recognize that everyone at the conference is working to change drug-related policies and may oppose many of the laws currently in place. However, please remember that while this conference is a forum for discussion about the widest possible range of reform efforts, when it comes to your substance use choices, the event still takes place within the context of the current legal system.

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Closest Pharmacy:

Walgreens Pharmacy
1601 E 19th Ave
Suite 4650, 4th Floor
Denver, CO 80218
Main Pharmacy Number: 303.656.4656
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closed Saturday & Sunday

Syringe and Methadone Access for Conference Attendees

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

Harm Reduction Action Center
733 Santa Fe Drive
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Phone: 303.572.7800
Syringe access hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Denver Colorado AIDS Project
2490 W. 26th Ave., Suite A300
Denver, CO 80211
Phone: 303.837.0166
Syringe access hours: Monday – Thursday, 2:00 – 6:00pm

4:00 – 8:00pm	Registration	Plaza Foyer
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Thursday

7:00 – 8:00am	Yoga in the Tower Building, Majestic Level	Majestic Ballroom
8:30 – 9:30am	Continental Breakfast & Registration	Plaza Foyer
9:30 – 11:00am	Welcome and Opening Plenary	Plaza Ballroom ABC
11:30 – 1:00pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The European Context: Moving Forward or Back? Stigma and Drug Use: From Sinner to Criminal to Sick to Human? Crisis in the Criminal Justice System Models of Marijuana Regulation Around the World Spanish translation available. Young People Challenging the Drug War Spanish translation available. Theorizing Drugs: What Can Theory & Philosophy Teach Us About Drug Policy Reform? 	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 12 Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
1:00 – 2:30pm	Lunch (On your own)	
1:00 – 2:30pm	No More Drug War: Rally and Victory Walk Where: Victory Walk on the 16th St. Mall from the Downtown Sheraton to Skyline Park (between 15th&16th) Leave Sheraton at 1:00pm.	
2:30 – 4:00pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervised Injection Facilities in the U.S.: Which City Will Open One First? Can You Hear Me Now? Speaking the Language of Reform to Faith Leaders Spanish translation available. First Contact: Confronting Racially-Biased Policing to Stem the Drug War Fundraising Tips from the Field (That's What I Want) Medical Marijuana: What Comes Next? Spanish translation available. Research Impurities: What Do Politics Have to Do With Drug Research? 	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 12 Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
4:30 – 6:00pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthcare Reform 101: ACA for Advocates Which States Will Legalize Next? Spanish translation available. The Numbers Game: Mobilizing the Political Power of Formerly Incarcerated Persons in a Democracy Naloxone Policy: Innovative Strategies for Increasing Access to the Overdose "Silver Bullet" The War on Drugs: A War on Migrants Some presentations in Spanish. English translation available. What Do Psychedelics Have to Do With Drug Policy Reform? 	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 12 Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
6:00 – 7:30pm	Community Sessions	
6:00 – 7:30pm	Yoga in the Tower Building, Majestic Level	Majestic Ballroom
7:00 – 9:00pm	Film Screening & Panel Discussion <i>The House I Live In</i> directed by Eugene Jarecki	Plaza F

7:30 – 8:30am	Yoga in the Tower Building, Majestic Level	Majestic Ballroom
8:30 – 9:30am	Continental Breakfast & Registration	Plaza Foyer
9:30 – 11:00am	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In Defense of Doctor Shoppers & Pill Mills: Harm Reduction for Prescription Drugs Hip Hop and the War on Drugs: Moving from Reference to Real Talk Spanish translation available. Latin America's Innovative Proposals For Reform Some presentations in Spanish. English translation available. It's All About the Story: Creating Compelling Advocacy Campaigns Communications Strategies: Psychedelics as the "New Pot"? Conscience Verdicts: Using Jury Nullification to Quell the War on Drugs 	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 12 Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
11:00 – 12:15pm	Lunch (On your own)	
11:00 – 12:15pm	Film Screening & Panel Discussion <i>America's Longest War</i> directed by Paul Feine	Plaza F
11:00 – 2:00pm	Mobile Workshops Buses leave from the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.	
12:15 – 1:30pm	Feature Plenary: International Innovations	Plaza Ballroom ABC
2:00 – 3:30pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Harm Reduction Behind Bars: Making the Impossible Possible Ending the International Drug War: Global Change on the Horizon? Spanish translation available. From Victims to Advocates: Parents Against the Drug War Some presentations in Spanish. English translation available. What Can Psychedelics Teach Us About Drug Misuse and Addiction? Heroes No More? Organizing with Veterans Fighting for Their Lives At Home Bailing on Justice: How Money Bail Exploits the Poor and Makes the Bond Industry Rich 	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 12 Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
4:00 – 5:30pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Marijuana Legalization Victories: How We Won, and How We Can Win Again Spanish translation available. Zombies, Mad Scientists, and Legal Highs: Harm Reduction with Emerging Drugs Connecting the Dots: Drug Laws, Mass Incarceration, Public Health, and Racial Disparities Spanish translation available. Is the Drug War Blocking the Best PTSD Treatments? View From the Right: Building the Libertarian and Conservative Presence in the Drug Policy Reform Movement How to Engage and Utilize the Ever-Changing Media World 	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 12 Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
5:30 – 7:00pm	Community Sessions	
6:00 – 7:00pm	Yoga in the Tower Building, Majestic Level	Majestic Ballroom
7:00 – 9:00pm	Film Screening & Panel Discussion <i>Code of the West</i> directed by Rebecca Richman Cohen	Plaza F

Saturday

9:00 – 10:00am	Continental Breakfast & Registration	Plaza Foyer
10:00 – 11:30am	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Care Reform on Drugs: the Affordable Care Act, Harm Reduction, and Access to Treatment• What About the Kids: How Will Legalization Affect Those Under 21? Spanish translation available.• Departing from the Criminal Paradigm: Is it Possible?• Beyond Violations: Human Rights Strategies For Challenging Drug Laws Spanish translation available.• Organizing While Criminal: Can We Build Power in the Face of Stigma and Criminalization?• The Future of Psychedelics: What's Next?	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 12 Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
11:45 – 1:15pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Heroin Assisted Treatment: Victory in Canada and What Comes Next• Marijuana and the Culture of Consumption: Is the Joint Obsolete?• Winning Drug Policy Reform in the Legislature: Elected Officials' Strategy and Vision Spanish translation available.• When the War on Drugs Becomes a War on Women: Sisterhood, Strength and the Struggle for Justice Spanish translation available.• Working with Researchers	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
12:00 – 3:00pm	Mobile Workshops Buses leave from the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel.	
1:15 – 2:00pm	Lunch (On your own)	
3:00 – 4:30pm	Breakout Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pleasure, Pain, Drugs and Addiction: What's the Connection?• What Happens Next With Marijuana? Spanish translation available.• We Can't End AIDS Until We End the Drug War• How to End Problematic Drug Use: What Works and Why?• Overlooked Punishment: The Drug War's Insidious Reach Beyond the Criminal Justice System Spanish translation available.	Plaza D Plaza E Plaza F Governor's Square 14 Governor's Square 15
5:00 – 6:00pm	Closing Plenary	Plaza Ballroom ABC
8:00 – 10:00pm	Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception Tickets are \$35 and available for purchase at the registration desk.	Plaza Ballroom ABC

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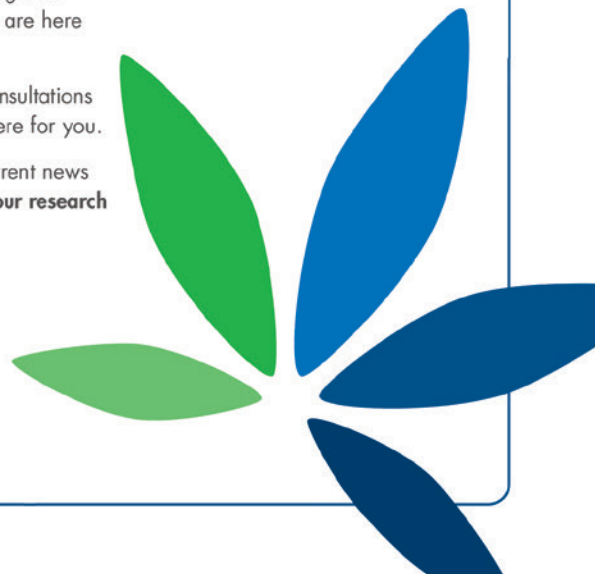


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6:00pm – 8:00pm | Plaza Foyer

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Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30am – 9:30am | Plaza Foyer



Welcome & Opening Plenary

9:30am – 11:00am | Plaza Ballroom ABC

Drug Policy Alliance event manager Stefanie Jones welcomes conference attendees, Ifetayo Harvey tells the story of how her father's incarceration for drug charges affected her life and DPA's advocacy grants director ash bandele leads attendees in a text action asking President Obama to pardon federal drug war prisoners. Then Colorado Congressman Jared Polis gives remarks, followed by DPA's executive director Ethan Nadelmann, and the Reverend Ed Sanders brings the plenary to a close with a rousing speech and leads the attendees in song.



Break

11:00am – 11:30am



Breakout Sessions

11:30am – 1:00pm

● Roundtable / The European Context: Moving Forward or Back?

Plaza D

This roundtable brings together European experts to discuss national reform initiatives, including the advancement of harm reduction schemes, while also exploring whether regressive policies are spreading throughout the region.

Facilitator:

Ann Fordham, Executive Director, International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), London, England

- Joost Breeksema, Drug Policy Researcher, Mainline, Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Heidi Horgen, Deputy Director, The Association for Humane Drug Policies, Oslo, Norway
- José Queiroz, Executive Director, Piaget Agency for Development (APDES), Porto, Portugal

- Jean-Félix Savary, Secretary General, Groupement Romand d'Etudes des Addictions (GREAA), Lausanne, Switzerland
- Jindrich Voboril, National Drug Coordinator, Prague, Czech Republic

■ Panel / Stigma and Drug Use: From Sinner to Criminal to Sick to Human?

Plaza E

How do we understand the impact of stigma on people who use drugs and on drug policy reform – and what can we do about it? Does understanding addiction as a disease or brain condition help reduce the stigma of drug use or make it worse? Is stigma ever helpful – and can it prevent harmful drug use? Can we separate stigmatized behaviors from stigmatized identities? What can effective anti-stigma campaigns look like? And what should the drug policy reform movement be doing to address stigma?

Moderator:

Meghan Ralston, Harm Reduction Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Ruth Kanaster, Syringe Access Program Director, Harm Reduction Action Coalition, Denver, CO
- Sam Liebelt, Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League, Canberra, Australia
- Sheigla Murphy, PhD, Senior Scientist, Institute for Scientific Analysis, San Francisco, CA
- Raquel Peyraube, Clinical Director, International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Bobby Tolbert, Voices of Community Activists and Leaders, New York, NY

■ Panel / Crisis in the Criminal Justice Systems

Plaza F

This panel will provide an overview of the current state of the criminal justice system, and ask “What’s your vision for the American criminal justice system in 2030? How do we get there from where we are today?” Approaching the issues from various perspectives, this panel will feature reformers and innovators in sentencing policy, law enforcement, and the growing movement to end mass incarceration and racial disparities in our criminal

justice system. Panelists will offer visions for moving out of the current crisis – and toward a more humane, rational, economical and effective approach.

Moderator:

Lynne Lyman, California State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- TJ Donovan, State's Attorney, Chittenden County, VT
- Honorable George Gascón, San Francisco District Attorney, San Francisco, CA
- Vanita Gupta, Deputy Legal Director, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington, DC
- Michael Romano, Director, Three Strikes Project, Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA
- Julie Stewart, President, Families Against Mandatory Minimums, Washington, DC

● **Roundtable / Models of Marijuana Regulation Around the World**

Governor's Square 12

Last November, Colorado and Washington became the first political jurisdictions in the world to legalize the production, distribution and sale of marijuana for non-medical adult use. How have these victories shifted the paradigm in Latin America and global drug policy? What issues do jurisdictions engaging in regulation face? And what are the strengths and weaknesses of different regulatory models for marijuana from around the world? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Graham Boyd, Counsel to Peter Lewis, Santa Cruz, CA

- Congressman Julio Bango, Represente National at Parlamento Uruguayo, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Jorge Hernandez Tinajero, President, Collective for an Integral Drug Policy, Mexico City, Mexico
- Sam Kamin, Director, Constitutional Rights & Remedies Program and Professor, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, Denver, CO
- Beau Kilmer, Co-Director of RAND Drug Policy Research Center, Santa Monica, CA

- Pat Oglesby, Founder and Director, The Center for New Revenue, Chapel Hill, NC
- Dick Reinking, Senior Policy Advisor, Gemeente Utrecht, The Netherlands
- Steve Rolles, Senior Policy Analyst, Transform, Bristol, England

● **Roundtable / Young People Challenging the Drug War**

Governor's Square 14

Young people are taking the lead on policy reform efforts for many pressing issues – especially drug policy reform – yet their contributions are often overlooked. How can young organizers make their voices heard in policy reform conversations? Too often young organizers fight for reforms that will not affect them unless they are at least 18 or 21 years old – so how does this effect young organizers? How can we include young people in the development of drug education policies? And how can youth working on related issues cross-pollinate and share strategies? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Kassandra Frederique, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Aram Barra, Drug Policy Program Director, Espolea, Condesa, Mexico
- Stacia Cosner, Deputy Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Chino Hardin, Field Coordinator, Center for NuLeadership on Urban Solutions, Brooklyn, NY
- Tanay Lynn Harris, Community Organizer, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, New York, NY
- Eduardo "LaLo" Montoya, Independent Associate, LegalShield, Denver, CO
- Jared Moffat, Director of Outreach and Planning, Protect Families First, Providence, RI
- Missi Wooldridge, Board President and Denver Director, DanceSafe, Denver, CO

● **Roundtable / Theorizing Drugs: What Can Theory & Philosophy Teach Us About Drug Policy Reform?**

Governor's Square 15

The fact that science is largely ignored in the formation of drug policy points to a philosophical undercurrent of beliefs around drug use, addiction and those who *(Continues next page)*

consume drugs. How can theory and philosophy help us understand our relationships to drugs? What philosophical ideas underlie and drive our current drug policies? And what theoretical frameworks might help us move reform forward?

Facilitator:

Amanda Reiman, PhD, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), Vallejo, CA
- Laura McTigue, PhD Candidate in Theology, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD, director emerita of the San Francisco office of the Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA
- Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, Reason.com, Dallas, TX



Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm – 2:30pm



Breakout Sessions

2:30pm – 4:00pm

● **Roundtable / Supervised Injection Facilities in the U.S.: Which City Will Open One First?**

Plaza D

Supervised Injection Facilities (SIFs) are places where people who inject drugs can connect to services such as primary health care, counseling and addiction treatment. There is overwhelming evidence that SIFs are effective in reducing new HIV infections, overdose deaths and public nuisance. Although there are 92 SIFs in 62 cities around the world, there are none in the U.S. What current efforts are underway in the race to open the

NO MORE DRUG WAR

Rally and Victory Walk

**Thursday, October 24th
1:00pm – 2:30pm**

After a banner year for drug policy reform in Colorado, the United States, and the world, we have a lot to celebrate – the legalization of marijuana in Colorado, Washington and Uruguay, as well as recent harm reduction and sentencing reform victories in Colorado and other states.

Join local, national and international advocates on Thursday, October 24 for a victory walk down Denver's famed 16th St. Mall to Skyline Park.

Buses will leave Sheraton at 1:00pm and will return for the 2:30pm sessions.

first SIF in the U.S.? What are the political and legal challenges? And what can we learn from the latest health and legal research on SIFs?

Facilitator:

Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director, California, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco

- Holly Bradford, Coordinator, San Francisco Drug Users Union, San Francisco, CA
- Robert Cordero, Executive Director, Boom! Health, The Bronx, NY
- Lindsay LaSalle, Law Fellow, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA
- Donald Macpherson, Executive Director, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, Vancouver, Canada
- Kris Nyrop, LEAD Program Director, Public Defender Association, Seattle, WA
- Olivia Sloan, Outreach & Education Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

● **Roundtable / Can You Hear Me Now? Speaking the Language of Reform to Faith Leaders**

Plaza E

Drug use and criminal conduct are often labeled as moral failures – yet similarly, mass incarceration and the drug war can also be considered immoral and unethical. What role can faith leaders play in organizing and mobilizing their congregations to end the drug war? Is the church too complacent in its efforts to include drug users and those with criminal convictions in their faith communities?

[Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Chicago, IL

- Craig DeRoche, President, Justice Fellowship, Novi, MI
- Pastor Kenneth Glasgow, Founder, The Ordinary People's Society, Dothan, Alabama
- Reverend Alvin Herring, Director of Training, Lifelines to Healing, PICO National Network, Baton Rouge, LA
- Reverend John E. Jackson, Trinity United Church of Christ, Gary, Indiana
- Reverend Peter Laarman, Co-Convener, Justice Not Jails/California Faith Action, Los Angeles, CA
- Dr. William Martin, Senior Fellow in Religion and Public Policy, Baker Institute, Rice University, Houston, TX

- Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN
- Reverend Al Sharp, Interim Executive Director, Community Renewal Society, Chicago, IL
- Dr. George Walters, Executive Director, Church and Prison Ministry, Boston, MA

● **Roundtable / First Contact: Confronting Racially-Biased Policing to Stem Drug War**

Plaza F

We know that people of color are disproportionately incarcerated or under correctional supervision. But why do they become involved in the criminal justice system in the first place? How are police taught to identify and stop citizens? How do activists begin to have a conversation with their local departments about taking a different approach? Who can activists work with to build stronger coalitions on this issue?

Facilitator:

Kassandra Frederique, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Patricia Allard, Senior Research Consultant, Justice Strategies, New York, NY
- Daryl Atkinson, Staff Attorney, Southern Coalition of Social Justice, Durham, NC
- Niamh Eastwood, Executive Director, Release, London, England
- Captain Tracie L. Keesee, Executive Director of Operations, Center for Policing Equity (CPE), Denver, CO
- Alex Landau, Organizer, Colorado Progressive Coalition, Denver, CO
- Harry Levine, Founder, Marijuana Arrests Research Project, New York, NY
- Ronald Martin, Law Enforcement Safety Advocate, North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, Durham, NC

▲ **Training Discussion / Fundraising Tips from the Field (That's What I Want)**

Governor's Square 12

Money. You need it to advance your organization's mission – but getting it is never easy. What can you do to stay competitive in a changing philanthropic environment? *(Continues next page)*

Drug policy reform funders and fundraisers share their experiences and answer your questions about individual giving, foundation grants, direct mail, events and more.

Facilitator and Presenter:

Clovis Thorn, Managing Director, Development, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- asha bandele, Director, Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Jim Gollin, Angelica Foundation, Santa Fe, NM
- Jeremy Horton, Membership Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Hilda Vega, Senior Program Manager, Partners for Change, New York, NY

● **Roundtable / Medical Marijuana: What Comes Next?**

Governor's Square 14

This roundtable will focus on the impact of legalization on medical marijuana. Has the Trojan horse been revealed? What happens to medical marijuana and the medical marijuana industry in states that legalize non-medical use? What states are next in line for medical marijuana? Would broader legalization ensure better access for patients? And which state first be the first in the U.S. South to pass medical marijuana? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Julie Netherland, Deputy State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Steve DeAngelo, Executive Director, Harborside Health Center, Oakland, CA
- Melissa Fults, Campaign Director, Arkansans for Compassionate Care 2014, Little Rock, AR
- Jodi James, Executive Director, Florida Cannabis Action Network, Melbourne, FL
- Perry Parks, Veterans' Director, North Carolina Cannabis Patients Network, Rockingham, NC
- Ben Pollara, Campaign Director, United for Care, Orlando, FL
- Henry Wykowski, Attorney, Henry G. Wykowski & Associates, San Francisco, CA

● **Roundtable / Research Impurities: What Do Politics Have to Do With Drug Research?**

Governor's Square 15

Drug research is highly politicized. The National Institute on Drug Abuse, which funds 85% of addiction research worldwide, has been accused of using its influence to advance its political agenda. How do politics influence what and who gets studied, the measures used to evaluate drug effects, and the conclusions that are drawn? What are the fundamental biases inherent in the current research environment? How do political, financial and institutional constraints create gaps in our knowledge and shape core myths that have become taken-for-granted "truths" about drugs and people who use drugs? And what can researchers do to overcome some of these problems?

Facilitator:

Carl Hart, Associate Professor, Columbia University, New York, NY

- Rick Doblin, PhD, Executive Director, MAPS, Boston, MA
- Robert Granfield, PhD, Professor, State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
- Sheigla Murphy, PhD, Senior Scientist, Institute for Scientific Analysis, San Francisco, CA
- Lynn Paltrow, JD, Founder and Executive Director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Sue Sisley, MD, University of Arizona College of Medicine and Americans for Scientific Freedom, Phoenix, AZ
- Shaquita Borden, Women with a Vision, New Orleans, LA

B Breakout Sessions
4:30pm – 6:00pm

▲ **Training / Healthcare Reform 101 – ACA for Advocates**

Plaza D

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) presents an unprecedented opportunity to transform the U.S. drug policy landscape. As it is implemented – and provider innovations are tested and expanded – drug policy reform advocates can get involved in these efforts to promote a health-based approach to drug use. This session will *(Continues next page)*

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(1) provide an overview of the ACA's provisions and their projected impact through the lens of drug policy; (2) discuss models and policy vehicles for improving care and services to people who use drugs; and (3) suggest strategies and tools for getting involved to make change happen through the ACA.

Presenter:

Daliah Heller, Project Director, Drug and Alcohol Policy Research, School of Public Health at Hunter College, City University of New York, NY

● **Roundtable / Which States Will Legalize Next?**

Plaza E

This roundtable will focus on the states that are likely to move forward with legalization in 2014 or 2016. What are the pros and cons of ballot initiatives when compared to the legislative route? What will it take to reach the national tipping point? And will any state in the U.S. South ever legalize marijuana? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Art Way, Senior Colorado Drug Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, CO

- Diane Goldstein, Executive Board Member, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Santa Ana, CA
- Allen Hopper, Criminal Justice and Drug Policy Director, American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California, San Francisco, CA
- Amber Langston, Board Member, Show-Me Cannabis Regulation, Kansas City, MO
- Travis Maurer, Founder and Advisor, New Approach Oregon, Portland, OR
- Rebecca McGoldrick, Executive Director, Putting Families First, Providence, RI
- Karen O'Keefe, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project, Los Angeles, CA

● **Roundtable / The Numbers Game: Mobilizing the Political Power of Formerly Incarcerated Persons in a Democracy**

Plaza F

Formerly incarcerated people have suffered some of the worst consequences of the drug war – and have also provided important leadership in shifting drug policy. How can formerly incarcerated people push the envelope

further, toward broad drug decriminalization? Former drug war prisoners and their advocates will explore the ways in which they can build political power.

Facilitator:

asha bandeke, Director, Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Daryl Atkinson, Staff Attorney, Southern Coalition for Justice, Durham, NC
- Susan Burton, Executive Director, A New Way of Life, Los Angeles, CA
- William Cash, Career Development Coordinator, Community Re-Entry Project
- Pamela Clifton, Colorado Criminal Justice Coalition, Denver, CO
- Pastor Kenneth Glasgow, Executive Director, TOPS, Dothan, AL
- Lorenzo Jones, Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Dorsey Nunn, Executive Director, Legal Services for Prisoners With Children, San Francisco, CA

● **Roundtable / Naloxone Policy: Innovative Strategies for Increasing Access to the Overdose “Silver Bullet”**

Governor's Square 12

What's working to get naloxone into more hands? What role should doctors be playing in this? How are people who use drugs taking responsibility for their friends, family members, and community? How can we address the legal and financial barriers to broader distribution? This session will highlight innovative naloxone distribution mechanisms and strategies: standing orders, medical education, peer delivery, formularies, pricing, pharmacy coordination, and others.

Facilitator:

Olivia Sloan, Outreach & Education Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

- Alice Bell, LCSW, Overdose Prevention Project, Prevention Point Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- Matt Curtis, Policy Director, Voices of Community Activists and Leaders (VOCAL), New York, NY
- Whitney Englander, Government Relations Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, Los Angeles, CA

- Hussein Khalid, Director, African Human Rights Centre, Nairobi, Kenya
- Ronald Martin, Law Enforcement Safety Advocate, North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition
- Lisa Raville, Director, Harm Reduction Action Center, Denver, CO
- Maya Doe Simkins, MPH, presecribetoprevent.org, Chicago, IL
- Eliza Wheeler, DOPE Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

● Roundtable / The War on Drugs: A War on Migrants

Governor's Square 14

The drug war has increasingly become a war on migrant communities. This roundtable will explore the intersection of US drug and migration policies, and their devastating impact on migrants who reside in the United States, try to enter the country, or have been deported. How does the drug war fuel racial profiling, government surveillance, widespread detentions and deportations, border militarization and prohibition-related violence? What effects do these drug war consequences have on migrants and their families? How have advocates for drug policy and migration policy reform begun to team up, and what are the next steps to deepen and strengthen this emerging coalition?

[Some presentations in Spanish.](#) [English translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Laura Carlsen, Director, CIP-Americas, Mexico City, Mexico

- Marco Antonio Castillo, Director, Popular Assembly of Migrant Families, Mexico City, Mexico
- Oscar Chacón, Executive Director, National Alliance of Latin American & Caribbean Communities, Chicago, IL
- Alissa Escarce, Rights Working Group, Washington, D.C.
- Antonio Gonzalez, President, William C. Velasquez Institute (WCVI), San Antonio, TX
- Julie Gonzales, Paralegal; Meyer Law Office, PC, Denver, CO
- Roberto Lovato, Writer; Co-founder, Presente.org, San Francisco, CA
- Hans Meyer, Attorney, Meyer Law Office, PC, Denver, CO
- Ana Morales, Student Advocate, Colorado Youth for a Change, Denver, CO
- Carlos Spector, Attorney, Law Offices of Carlos Spector; Mexicanos en Exilio (Mexicans in Exile), El Paso, TX

● Roundtable / What Do Psychedelics Have to Do With Drug Policy Reform?

Governor's Square 15

For many people in our movement, experiences with psychedelic drugs played a pivotal role in their understanding of drug policy reform. What potential avenues are available to reform psychedelic drug policies? How has the drug war hindered research and science-based public policy? Is there any hope of seeing a sensible regulation system for psychedelics in our lifetimes? And how can people working on psychedelic research and drug policy reform find more common ground and collaborative opportunities?

Facilitator:

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

- Jerome Beck, Public Health, Policy and Epidemiology Research Administrator, University of California Office of the President, Berkeley, CA
- Rick Doblin, Founder and Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Boston, MA
- Jim Fadiman, Co-Founder, Institute for Transpersonal Psychology, Palo Alto, CA
- Philippe Lucas, President, MAPS Canada, Victoria, Canada
- Jacob Sullum, Reason Foundation, Dallas, TX



Community Sessions

6:00pm – 7:30pm

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Film Screening & Panel Discussion

7:00pm – 9:00pm | Plaza F

The House I Live In Directed by Eugene Jarecki
Refer to page 38 for a full overview of the film and panelists.



Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30am – 9:30am | Plaza Foyer



Breakout Sessions

9:30am – 11:00am

● Roundtable / In Defense of Doctor Shoppers & Pill Mills: Harm Reduction for Prescription Drugs

Plaza D

With the media embracing stigmatizing language like “doctor shoppers” and “pill mills”, is it any wonder that many people agree with a punitive approach to prescription drug misuse? Join us as we discuss the health and safety of people who engage in “doctor shopping” or other means of acquiring pharmaceutical drugs, such as Silk Road. This discussion will explore a variety of harm reduction approaches to prescription drug misuse, including naloxone access and 911 Good Samaritan laws.

Facilitator:

Meghan Ralston, Harm Reduction Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Dan Bigg, Director of Harm Reduction, Chicago Recovery Alliance, Chicago, IL
- Tim Bingham, trainer and researcher, Irish Needle Exchange Forum, Dublin, Ireland
- Lee Hertel, Director of Lee’s Rig Hub, Member of INPUD, Minneapolis, MN
- John Lorenz, Certified Addiction Specialist, San Francisco Drug Users Union, San Francisco, CA
- Greg Scott, PhD, Sociologist, DePaul University; Chicago, IL

● Roundtable / Hip-Hop and the War on Drugs: Moving from Reference to Real Talk

Plaza E

More and more entertainers and artists are using their art as an instrument for change. While many artists have been deeply affected by the drug war, many of them have

yet to fully embrace drug policy reform. How can the drug policy reform movement help entertainers organize their peers and mobilize their fan bases?

[Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Tommy McDonald, Deputy Director of Media Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- andré douglas pond cummings, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Professor of Law, Indiana Tech Law School, Fort Wayne, IN
- Kassandra Frederique, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- L’Heureux Lewis-McCoy, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Black Studies at the City College of New York, NY (*Invited*)
- Dr. Donald F. Tibbs, Associate Professor of Law, Earle Mack School of Law, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA (*Invited*)
- Art Way, Drug Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, CO
- Jasiri X, Hip Hop artist, Pittsburg, PA

● Roundtable / Latin America’s Innovative Proposals for Reform

Plaza F

Media headlines continue to focus on Latin America, as its drug war carnage grows and its reform initiatives gather momentum. In what ways is Latin America leading the way on drug policy reform, and in what ways is it lagging behind? What will it mean if Uruguay legalizes marijuana? What are the strengths and vulnerabilities of different regulatory models for marijuana, such as social clubs, state-held monopolies, or medical dispensaries? And where is Latin American public opinion headed on drug policy reform?

[Some presentations in Spanish. English translation available.](#)

Co-Facilitators:

Hannah Hetzer, Policy Manager of the Americas, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

Zara Snapp, Drug Policy Consultant, Mexico City, Mexico

- Fernando Belaunzaran, Federal Congressman, Party of the Democratic Revolution, Mexico City, Mexico
- Julio Calzada, Secretary General, National Secretariat on Drugs, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Ernesto Cortes, Political Advocacy Coordinator, Costa Rican Association for Drug Studies & Intervention, San Jose, Costa Rica

- Pablo Cymerman, International Relations Coordinator, Intercambios, Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Marcela Tovar, Consultant, Acción Técnica Social, Bogota, Colombia

**▲ Training / It's All About the Story:
Creating Compelling Advocacy Campaigns**

Governor's Square 12

Great storytelling is an essential component of any successful advocacy campaign. As advocates work to promote drug policy reform, it is critical that they understand the messages that resonate best. Who needs to know about your issue and why? What actions are you asking your audience to take and what messages will move your audience from mere listeners to action takers? This workshop will use case studies of criminal justice, harm reduction and medical marijuana advocacy campaigns to illustrate the importance of compelling messaging and storytelling.

Presenter:

Roseanne Scotti, New Jersey State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ

**● Roundtable / Communications Strategies:
Psychedelics as the “New Pot”?**

Governor's Square 14

Public discourse around both marijuana and psychedelic drugs has shifted rapidly over the last decade, especially the past few years. Is that where the similarities end? In what ways have marijuana and psychedelics each been re-branded? To what extent can we draw lessons from recent marijuana reform victories when it comes to other drugs? And what are the opportunities and pitfalls for changing hearts and minds about marijuana and psychedelic policies moving forward?

Facilitator:

Brad Burge, Director of Communications, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Santa Cruz, CA

- Tom Angell, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Marijuana Majority, Washington, DC
- Jag Davies, Publications Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Aaron Houston, former Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Jason Salzman, Co-Founder, Effect Communications, Denver, CO
- Anna Szostek, Executive Secretary, Society of Cannabis Clinicians; Communications Manager, Women's Visionary Congress, Berkeley, CA
- Ted Trimpa, CEO, Trimpa Group, Denver, CO

**■ Panel / Conscience Verdicts:
Using Jury Nullification to Quell the War on Drugs**

Governor's Square 15

Nearly 250 years ago, John Adams explained that “it is not only [a juror's] right, but his duty... to find the verdict according to his own best understanding, judgment and conscience, though in direct opposition to the direction of the court.” This principle, known as “jury nullification,” is a powerful tool with which to fight the failed policies of the war on drugs. This panel will explore the history of jury nullification, its use in drug cases, how to use jury nullification as an advocacy tool, and strategies for building a jury nullification movement to stem the tide of the drug war.

Moderator:

Lindsay LaSalle, Law Fellow, Drug Policy Alliance, Office of Legal Affairs, Berkeley, CA

- Clay Conrad, Author, *Jury Nullification: The Evolution of a Doctrine*, Houston, TX
- Tim Lynch, Director, Project on Criminal Justice, CATO Institute, Washington, DC
- Steve Silverman, Executive Director, Flex Your Rights, Washington, DC
- Kirsten Tynan, National Coordinator, Fully Informed Jury Association, Helena, MT



Lunch (on your own)

11:00am – 12:15pm



Mobile Workshops

11:00am – 2:00pm

Buses for Mobile Workshops leave from the Sheraton Denver Downtown Hotel. See panel at right for a listing and description of Mobile Workshops.



Film Screening & Discussion with Director

11:00am – 12:15pm | Plaza F

America's Longest War directed by Paul Feine
Refer to page 38 for a full overview of the film and panelists.



Feature Plenary: International Innovations

12:15pm – 1:30pm | Plaza ABC

Join us to hear about drug policy reform innovations from around the world – and a discussion of what impact they may have in the United States.

Facilitator:

Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Ross Bell, Executive Director, New Zealand Drug Foundation, Wellington, New Zealand
- Diego Cánepa, President's Chief of Staff, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Fernando Carrera, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Guatemala City, Guatemala
- João Goulão, General Director, Serviço de Intervenção nos Comportamentos Aditivos e nas Dependências (SICAD), Lisbon, Portugal
- Jindrich Voboril, National Drug Coordinator, Prague, Czech Republic



Break

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Get out of the hotel and experience local Denver! For an additional fee, Mobile Workshops will be conducted on Friday, October 25 and Saturday, October 26. Buses will leave from and return to the Sheraton Denver Downtown. For more information and to sign up for these tours, please go to the registration desk.



Mobile Workshop #1 – The Marijuana Industry

Participants will get a first-hand look at the production of marijuana and marijuana-infused products. We will tour the fully-integrated, industrial grow and dispensary at River Rock Wellness, as well as the small, urban kitchen and dispensary at Good Chemistry. There will also be a presentation by Genifer Murray of Cann Labs about the emerging industry of marijuana testing.

Tour A departs Friday, October 25 at 11:30am, returns 2:00pm

Tour B departs Saturday, October 26 at 12:00pm, returns 2:30pm

Tour C departs Saturday, October 26 at 12:30pm, returns 3:00pm

Mobile Workshop #2 – Jack Kerouac, Drugs and the Five Points

This tour will focus on the neighborhood made famous by Jack Kerouac's *On the Road*. Participants will learn the history of Denver's Five Points neighborhood, which is known both for ushering in jazz to the west and for its notorious open air drug market. The tour will include a visit to Denver's Civic Center Park and a presentation by the Harm Reduction Action Center about its work in Denver.

Tour A departs Friday, October 25 at 11:00am, returns 12:30pm

Tour B departs Friday, October 25 at 12:30pm, returns 2:00pm



Breakout Sessions

2:00pm – 3:30pm

● Roundtable / Harm Reduction Behind Bars: Making the Impossible Possible

Plaza D

Harm reduction in jails and prisons might seem impossible, but innovative programs and studies around the world are showing how to reduce HIV and hepatitis risks, provide access to substitution therapy, reduce overdose risk, and organize people who are incarcerated to advocate for better health conditions. How have people made those programs happen? What strategies have worked the best? What roles can currently and formerly incarcerated people play?

Facilitator:

Glenn Backes, Lobbyist, Sacramento, CA

- Ingrid Binswanger, MD, UC Denver Associate Professor of Medicine, Denver, CO
- Susan Burton, All of Us or None, Los Angeles, CA
- Richard Elliott, Canadian AIDS Legal Network/Prison Health Now, Toronto, Canada
- Lindsay LaSalle, Law Fellow, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA
- Kate Monico-Klein, Forensic AIDS Project, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA
- Dr. Alex Wodak, Emeritus Consultant, Alcohol and Drug Service, St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia

● Roundtable / Ending the International Drug War: Global Change on the Horizon?

Plaza E

The voices calling for drug policy reform outside of the U.S. are growing ever louder and more diverse. Several Latin American countries have successfully called for a United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) to address drugs and drug policy, set to take place in 2016. How will the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

(UNODC) react? Where is there space for change within the international drug treaties? Will multilateral agencies have the proper support and will they take a stance on national efforts? How can civil society play a role within these international organizations? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director,
Open Society Global Drug Policy Program, New York, NY

- Damon Barrett, Deputy Director, Harm Reduction International, London, England
- Allan Clear, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC), New York, NY
- Rebeca Lerer, Communications Coordinator, Global Commission on Drug Policy, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Donald Macpherson, Executive Director, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, Vancouver, Canada
- Lisa Sanchez, Latin American Programme Manager for Transform Drug Policy Foundation and Mexico Unido Contra la Delincuencia, Mexico City, Mexico
- Mike Trace, Chair, International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), London, England

● Roundtable / From Victims to Advocates: Parents Against the Drug War

Plaza F

The failed war on drugs has led to millions of lives destroyed and families broken as a result of harsh prison sentences, prohibition-related violence, or preventable drug overdoses. What is the experience of mothers and fathers who have lost (or been forcibly separated from) their sons or daughters thanks to the war on drugs? *(Continues next page)*

Participants will discuss how their personal struggles have transformed them into advocates working tirelessly to ensure that no more families suffer from the failed drug war. [Some presentations in Spanish. English translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

asha bandele, Director, Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Gretchen Burns Bergman, Co-Founder and Executive Director, A New PATH; Lead Organizer, Moms United to End the War on Drugs, San Diego, CA
- Teresa Carmona, Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity, Cancún, Mexico
- Karen Garrison, Families Against Mandatory Minimums; radio host, Washington, DC
- María Herrera Magdaleno, Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity, Pajacuarán, Michoacán, Mexico
- Marilee Odendahl, Vice President, Broken No More; Communications Director, Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing (GRASP), Freeport, IL
- Araceli Magdalena Rodríguez, Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity, Mexico City, Mexico
- Joy Strickland, Founder and CEO, Mothers Against Teen Violence, Dallas, TX
- Javier Sicilia, Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity, Cuernavaca, Mexico

■ **Panel / What Can Psychedelics Teach Us About Drug Misuse and Addiction?**

Governor's Square 12

Ayahuasca, ibogaine and psilocybin are helping people face death, cope with trauma, and overcome addiction to alcohol, tobacco, opiates and other drugs. What can we learn from the growing body of scientific research? Can these drugs revolutionize addiction treatment? And how can we enhance the benefits and reduce the harms of psychedelic drug use outside of treatment settings?

Moderator:

Stefanie Jones, Event Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Albert Garcia, Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
- John Harrison, Founder and Director, Addiction Treatment Specialists, San Diego, CA

- Philippe Lucas, President, MAPS Canada, Victoria, Canada
- Linnae Ponte, Harm Reduction Coordinator, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Santa Cruz, CA
- Andrew Tatarsky, Director, Center for Optimal Living, New York, NY

● **Roundtable / Heroes No More? Organizing with Veterans Fighting for Their Lives At Home**

Governor's Square 14

Roughly 30 percent of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan report symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury, depression, mental illness or other cognitive disability. Left untreated, these medical conditions often contribute to substance misuse and addiction, fatal overdose, homelessness and suicide, as well as violations of the law, particularly nonviolent drug offenses. How do we ensure veterans have a place at the drug policy reform table? What are some of the common challenges faced by those organizing among veterans? What more can we do to support women veterans? And how does drug policy reform intersect with other priority issues for veterans?

Facilitator:

Major Neill Franklin, (Ret.), Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Baltimore, MD

- Dr. Carl Hart, Associate Professor of Psychology, Departments of Psychiatry and Psychology, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Wanda James, Veteran, Owner, James Foxx Consulting, Aurora, CO
- Michael Krawitz, Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access, Norfolk, VA
- Mary Lynn Mathre, RN, MSN, CARN, American Cannabis Nurses Association, Howardsville, VA
- Perry Parks, Veterans Director, North Carolina Cannabis Patients Network, Durham, NC

■ Panel / Bailing on Justice: How Money Bail Exploits the Poor and Makes the Bond Industry Rich

Governor's Square 15

Thousands of people – overwhelmingly poor and nonviolent – are warehoused in jail every day simply because they cannot afford to pay their often-nominal bond amounts. These people remain incarcerated at the discretion of the courts and the for-profit bond industry, creating a social justice crisis in which the constitutional guarantee of “innocent until proven guilty” is hollow rhetoric. How can we move toward a fair pretrial justice system that does not needlessly discriminate against socially marginalized populations?

Moderator:

Roseanne Scotti, State Director, New Jersey, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ

- Christie Donner, Executive Director, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, Denver, CO
- Michael R. Jones, Senior Project Associate, Pretrial Justice Institute, Littleton, CO
- Zachary Dal Pra, Managing Associate, Crime and Justice Institute, Community Resources for Justice, Phoenix, AZ



Break

3:30pm – 4:00pm



Breakout Sessions

4:00pm – 5:30pm

■ Panel / Marijuana Legalization Victories: How We Won, and How We Can Win Again

Plaza D

This panel features key figures from the historic marijuana legalization campaigns in Washington, Colorado and Uruguay. What were the paths to victory in each of these jurisdictions, who supported and opposed, and what were the winning messages? Hear behind-the-scenes stories,

watch the TV ads and experience the drama of the campaigns that got there first in the struggle to end marijuana prohibition. [Spanish translation available.](#)

Moderator:

Stephen Gutwillig, Deputy Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Steve Fox, Principal, Marijuana Strategies, Washington, DC
- Hannah Hetzer, Policy Manager, the Americas, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Pete Holmes, City Attorney, Seattle, WA
- Clara Musto, Regulación Responsable, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Brian Vicente, Executive Director, Sensible Colorado, Denver, CO
- Tonia Winchester, former Outreach Director, New Approach Washington; current Director, Privateer Holdings, Seattle, WA

● Roundtable / Zombies, Mad Scientists, and Legal Highs: Harm Reduction With Emerging Drugs

Plaza E

What do we know about “new” and “emerging” drugs and how do we know it? When it comes to these drugs – some of which have been around for many years – how do we separate the science from the media panic? What role does peer-based information play? Are there better policy options than criminalizing new drugs? How can you do harm reduction when you don’t even know what drugs you’re dealing with? Learn about lessons and best practices from people who answer these questions all the time.

Facilitator:

Stefanie Jones, Event Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Ross Bell, Executive Director, New Zealand Drug Foundation, Wellington, New Zealand
- Tim Bingham, National Pharmacy Liaison Worker, HSE Addiction Services, Limerick City, Ireland
- Maria Carvalho, Lecturer, Faculty of Education & Psychology, Catholic University, Porto, Portugal
- Carissa Cornwell, National Outreach Director, DanceSafe, Madison, WI
- James Dunne, Senior Associate, Chen Palmer, Wellington, New Zealand
- Grant Smith, Federal Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

■ Panel / Connecting the Dots: Drug Laws, Mass Incarceration, Public Health and Racial Disparities

Plaza F

The war on drugs has driven mass incarceration in the U.S., with an overwhelming impact on communities of color. But what are the public health impacts of the war on drugs, including racial disparities in health outcomes? How is the criminalization of drug use a driver of the HIV epidemic in the U.S.? How is felony disenfranchisement linked to community health problems? How can the public health community be a louder and more effective voice against the war on drugs? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Moderator:

Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director, California, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA

- Robert Fullilove, Associate Dean, Community and Minority Affairs, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Tracy Pugh, Policy Associate, The New York Academy of Medicine, New York, NY
- Jonathan Purtle, Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice, Drexel University College of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
- Reverend Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN

■ ● Hybrid / Is the Drug War Blocking the Best PTSD Treatments?

Governor's Square 12

This interdisciplinary panel and discussion will focus on how psychedelic-assisted therapy, medical marijuana, and occupational therapy are helping some veterans for whom conventional treatments are not working. What does a federally-approved clinical marijuana study look like for PTSD? What does an MDMA-assisted therapy study protocol look like? How does marijuana help de-escalate PTSD triggers? And what is going on in Congress to address this issue at the federal level?

Facilitator:

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

- Dessa Bergen-Cico, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Public Health, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- Mike Liszewski, Policy Director, Americans for Safe Access, Washington, DC

- Alexander Neumeister, Director, Molecular Imaging Program, NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, NY
- Marcela Ot'abora, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Boulder, CO
- Sue Sisley, Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine/ Psychiatry, Arizona Telemedicine Program, University of Arizona College of Medicine, Phoenix, AZ

● Roundtable / View From the Right: Building the Libertarian and Conservative Presence in the Drug Policy Reform Movement

Governor's Square 14

Many libertarians have long been opposed to the war on drugs, and the current climate has increased the opportunities for them to speak out and to be part of coalitions fighting to end the drug war. Some prominent conservatives, coming from a different perspective, have also begun to speak publicly about the need for alternatives to the drug war approach. What are the messages that resonate with these two groups? What are the ways these groups can be most strategic and effective in opposing the drug war, and how do we maximize their impact?

Facilitator:

Jill Harris, Managing Director, Strategic Initiatives, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Jon Caldera, Independence Institute, Denver, Colorado (*invited*)
- Nicolette Chambery, Advocacy Coordinator, Crossroads Bible Institute, Grand Rapids, MI
- Ankur Chawla, Students for Liberty, Washington, DC
- Ann Lee, Republicans Against Marijuana Prohibition, Houston, TX
- Justin Longo, Liberty on the Rocks, Denver, CO
- Craig DeRoche, President, Justice Fellowship, Novi, MI
- Jacob Sullum, Reason Foundation, Dallas, TX

▲ Training Discussion / How to Engage and Utilize the Ever-Changing Media World

Governor's Square 15

From the downsizing of traditional media to the rise of social networking, the media landscape has changed dramatically over the last decade. The players are different and the rules of engagement are different. Hear from media and communications experts in the drug policy field on how to engage and utilize the media to make sure your work makes an impact and is heard.

Facilitator:

Tommy McDonald, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Tom Angell, Founder and Chairman of the Board, Marijuana Majority, Washington, DC
- Arturo Carmona, Executive Director, Presente.org, Los Angeles, CA
- Sharda Sekaran, Managing Director of Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Michael Skolnick, President, Global Grind.com and Political Director to Russell Simmons, New York, NY
- Sarah Solon, Communications Strategist, ACLU, Washington, D.C.



Community Sessions

5:30pm – 7:00pm

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Film Screening & Panel Discussion

7:00pm – 9:00pm | Plaza F

Code of the West directed by Rebecca Richman Cohen.
Refer to page 38 for a full overview of the film and panelists.

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Continental Breakfast & Registration

9:00 am – 10:00 am | Plaza Foyer



Breakout Sessions

10:00am – 11:30am

● Roundtable / Health Care Reform on Drugs: The Affordable Care Act, Harm Reduction, and Access to Treatment

Plaza D

The Affordable Care Act is about to transform health insurance access across the United States, creating better coverage for treatment and primary medical care for many people who use drugs. How are things going to change? Will this create better access to care? How do we ensure that the treatment getting funded is effective and evidence-based? And where do harm reduction and syringe access fit in to any of this?

Facilitator:

Daliah Heller, PhD, MPH, Drug and Alcohol Policy Research, CUNY School of Public Health, New York, NY

- Vitka Eisen, CEO, HealthRIGHT360 (merger of Walden House and Haight Ashbury Free Clinic), San Francisco, CA
- LaResse Harvey, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Rachel McLean, MPH, Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator, California Department of Public Health, Sacramento, CA
- Lorez Meinhold, Deputy Executive Director/ Community Partnerships Office Director of the Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, Denver, CO
- Daniel Raymond, Policy Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Kellen Russoniello, Health Policy Fellow, ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, San Diego, CA

● Roundtable / What About the Kids: How Will Legalization Affect Those Under 21?

Plaza E

This roundtable will explore the issue of legalization and how it impacts people under age 21. During the 2012 election, college students were instrumental in calling on voters in Colorado to enact a law that does not apply to them. What is the role of campaigns that try to equalize penalties for marijuana and drinking? How must drug education change to reflect changing policies? What role do young people play in advocating for decriminalization for people age 18-20? And how will legalization impact youth more broadly? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Aaron Houston, former Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC

- Romain Bonilla, Founding Director, Portland State University SSDP
- Frances Fu, Founder and Co-President, Northwestern University SSDP, Chicago, IL
- Alec Foster, Founder and Chairman, New York University SSDP, NY
- Evan Nison, Executive Director, NORML New Jersey, New York, NY
- Sam Tracy, Chairman of the Board, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Mason Tvert, Director of Communications, Marijuana Policy Project, Denver, CO

● Roundtable / Departing from the Criminal Paradigm: Is it Possible?

Plaza F

Reliance on criminal sanctions for nonviolent drug offenses is detrimental to our public health and safety, disparately impacts communities of color, and significantly burdens our public coffers. This roundtable will compare and contrast a growing body of public policy research and public health interventions both in the U.S. and abroad. Are these reforms possible on a wider scale? Do these new approaches treat people who use drugs with a public health approach or are

they continuing to stigmatize and punish individuals?
Do these programs need to reside outside the criminal justice system to be effective, health-focused and fair?

Facilitator:

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Senior Policy Advocate, ACLU of California, American Civil Liberties Union, San Diego, CA

- TJ Donovan, State's Attorney, Chittenden County, VT
- Niamh Eastwood, Executive Director, Release, London, England
- Andy Ko, Campaign Manager, Campaign for New Drug Policy, New York, NY
- Leigh Maddox, Adjunct Professor, University of Maryland School of Law, Baltimore, MD
- Kris Nyrop, Project Director, Racial Disparity Project, The Defender Association, Seattle, WA

■ **Panel / Beyond Violations: Human Rights Strategies for Challenging Drug Laws**

Governor's Square 12

Name a human right, and you can guarantee that somewhere in the world it's been violated in the name of the drug war. The same is true for many constitutional rights in the U.S. Identifying those violations, however, is just the first step. This session considers human rights strategies from around the world, and on an international level, for challenging abusive drug laws. It presents an opportunity to learn about and discuss the application of human rights law to drug laws and policies, and the opportunities and challenges this presents. Speakers from the U.S., India

and Russia will present their experiences alongside a discussion of international human rights law and the UN drugs conventions. [Spanish translation available.](#)

Moderator:

Richard Elliot, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto, Canada

- Damon Barrett, Deputy Director, Harm Reduction International, London, England
- Maria McFarland Sanchez-Moreno, Deputy U.S. Program Director, Human Rights Watch, Washington, DC
- Anya Sarang, President, Andrey Rylkov Foundation for Health and Social Justice, Moscow, Russia
- Tripti Tandon, Indian Lawyers Collective, New Delhi, India

● **Roundtable / Organizing While Criminal: Can We Build Power in the Face of Stigma and Criminalization?**

Governor's Square 14

What does it take for organizers who are labeled as "criminal" to build power when they've been deemed powerless by society? How can they develop a shared identity and meaning, when they've already been defined? How does one build power to change a system from the margins? And what would it take to move from the margins to the center of advocacy for drug policy reform?

Facilitator:

LaResse Harvey, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT

- Deon Haywood, Executive Director, Women with a Vision, New Orleans, LA
- Donald Anthonyson, Organizer, Families for Freedom, New York, NY
- Lorenzo Jones, Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Manuel Fontaine, Organizer, All of Us or None, Oakland, CA
- Pete White, Executive Director, CANGRESS, Los Angeles, CA
- Ronald Hampton, Retired Washington DC. Police Officer, Washington, DC
- Shilo Murphy, Executive Director, Urban Survivors, Seattle, WA

■ Panel / The Future of Psychedelics: What's Next?

Governor's Square 15

We are now in the midst of a psychedelic research renaissance, with clinical studies under way at top medical schools and research institutes worldwide. How might psychedelics redefine medicine and science, and how can we effectively reintegrate them into contemporary society? What new directions will the future hold? And what are some post-prohibition models for regulation that are already being envisioned and implemented?

Moderator:

Jag Davies, Publications Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Gabby Agin-Liebes, Research Project Manager, NYU Psilocybin Cancer Anxiety Study, New York, NY
- Rick Doblin, Founder and Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Boston, MA
- Albert Garcia, Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD
- Ingmar Gorman, MA, Research Study Assistant, Sloan Kettering Institute, New York, NY
- Joshua Wickerham, Ethnobotanical Stewardship Council

:15 Break
11:30am – 11:45am

B Breakout Sessions
11:45am – 1:15pm

■ Panel / Heroin Assisted Treatment: Victory in Canada and What Comes Next

Plaza D

Heroin assisted treatment (HAT) may be a feasible and cost-effective strategy for reducing drug use and drug-related harm among long-term heroin users for whom other treatment programs have failed. Studies have shown that those enrolled in HAT demonstrate a reduction in drug use and an improvement in overall physical and mental health. For the first time in history, Health Canada recently approved requests for injectable heroin for patients exiting the SALOME trial, so participants can continue to receive injectable heroin even though they

are no longer in a clinical trial. Members of the SALOME/NAOMI Association of Patients (SNAP) will present via Skype about this recent victory, the importance of HAT, and their plans for future actions. They will be joined by panelists who will discuss legal strategies and put this victory in the context of other drug policy reform efforts in Canada.

Moderator:

Donald Macpherson, Executive Director, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, Vancouver, Canada

- Scott E. Bernstein, Lawyer, Pivot Legal Society, Vancouver, Canada
- Susan Boyd, PhD, Professor, University of Victoria, Victoria, Canada
- Dave Murray, Founder and facilitator, SALOME/NAOMI Patients Association (SNAP), Vancouver, Canada [via Skype]

● Roundtable / Marijuana and the Culture of Consumption: Is the Joint Obsolete?

Plaza E

This roundtable will focus on the evolution of marijuana consumption from a cultural and demographic context. New ways of ingesting, such as “dabbing”, are surfacing among youth along with milder products often targeted at older generations. Additionally, topical creams and gourmet edibles are being tailored to new groups of marijuana consumers. What is the role of these new products in the emerging marijuana industry? And how can these various products best be regulated?

Facilitator:

Amanda Reiman, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Dale Gieringer, Executive Director, California NORML, San Francisco, CA
- Mara Gordon, Aunt Zelda's Collective, Walnut Creek, CA
- Wanda James, Principal and Owner, James Foxx Consulting (JFC)/Simply Pure Edibles, Denver, CO
- Christie Lunsford, Marketing Director, Dixie Elixirs & Edibles, LLC, Arvada, CO
- Ean Seeb, Co-founder/Partner, Denver Relief, Denver, CO
- James Slatic, CEO, O Pen Vape, San Diego, CA
- Allen St. Pierre, Executive Director, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML), Washington, DC



● **Roundtable / Winning Drug Policy Reform in the Legislature: Elected Officials' Strategy and Vision**

Plaza F

State legislators are at the front lines of drug policy reform. They have the opportunity to dismantle harsh sentencing laws, pioneer innovative harm reduction strategies, and determine marijuana policy for their states. But changing state law is no easy feat. It requires strategy, resources, grassroots support, and champions in the legislature who are willing to take on the war on drugs for the long haul. In this panel, state legislators will discuss their commitment to drug policy reform, the challenges they face and how advocates can work with them for legislative change.

[Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Jill Harris, Managing Director, Strategic Initiatives, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Senator Larry Crowder, Colorado State Senate, Alamosa, CO
- Representative Mark Dion, Maine State Senate, Portland, ME
- Representative Roger Goodman, Washington House of Representatives, Kirkland, WA
- Senator Constance Johnson, Oklahoma State Senate, Oklahoma City, OK
- Senator David Haley, Kansas State Senate, Kansas City, KS
- Representative Dianne Russel, Maine House of Representatives, Portland, ME
- Senator Pat Steadman, Colorado State Senate, Denver, CO

● **Roundtable / When the War on Drugs Becomes a War on Women: Sisterhood, Strength and the Struggle for Justice**

Governor's Square 14

Women are fighting on the front lines of the drug war, working every day in communities to reduce the harms of both drug addiction and drug prohibition. Yet the role of women in the drug policy reform movement has often been marginalized. How can we ensure that we include the perspectives and interests of women?

Facilitator:

Yolande Cadore, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Gretchen Bergman, Executive Director, A New PATH, San Diego, CA
- Cecilia Chung, Just Detention International, San Francisco, CA
- Susan Burton, Executive Director, A New Way of Life, Los Angeles, CA
- Lisa Calderon, Director, Community Reentry Project, Denver, CO
- Deon Haywood, Executive Director, Women With a Vision, New Orleans, LA
- Miss Major, Executive Director, TGI Justice, Oakland, CA
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY

▲ **Training / Working with Researchers**

Governor's Square 15

This training session will focus on how to work effectively with researchers to achieve your advocacy goals. The goal of the session is to improve the ability of advocates to effectively employ data and evidence in their work and to find, engage with, and mobilize relevant researchers. Drawing on case studies from local and international advocacy efforts, the session will cover examples of how to include research(ers) in a variety of advocacy activities, including sign-on petitions, media releases, litigation, media and social media campaigns, report writing, public polling and more.

Presenters:

- Michaela Montaner, Research Assistant, Urban Health Research Initiative, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Vancouver, Canada
- Dan Werb, Research Coordinator, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy, Vancouver, Canada



Lunch (on your own)

1:15pm – 3:00pm



Breakout Sessions

3:00pm – 4:30pm

● **Roundtable / Pleasure, Pain, Drugs and Addiction: What's the Connection?**

Plaza D

Both pain and pleasure have long been thought to be at the root of much substance use – both medicinal and non-medicinal. However, our ideas about “pain” and “pleasure” and their relationship to substance use often lack nuance. What kinds of pain – physical, psychological, spiritual, or existential – drive drug use? Why is speaking about the pleasure derived from drugs so taboo and how do our attitudes toward pleasure (and our desire to control it) influence drug use and drug policy? How might broader historical, social, cultural and political forces help us better understand the relationships between pain, pleasure, drug use and addiction?

Facilitator:

Greg Scott, PhD, Associate Professor, DePaul University, Chicago, IL

- Stefanie Jones, Event Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Craig Reinerman, PhD, Professor, UC Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz CA
- Deborah Petersen Small, JD, Founder and Executive Director, Break the Chains, New York, NY
- Andrew Tatarsky, PhD, Founder and Director, Center for Optimal Living, New York, NY

● Roundtable / What Happens Next With Marijuana?

Plaza E

This roundtable will focus on what happens next after Washington and Colorado. What does the federal government's response thus far mean for states that want to legalize marijuana and move forward with a regulatory model? How do we resolve outstanding issues regarding the industry, taxes, and banking? Is legalization inevitable? What does legalization mean for the political context that we live in? What about the criminal justice context? What will the landscape look like ten years from now?

Facilitator:

Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director,
Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Graham Boyd, Counsel to Peter Lewis, Santa Cruz, CA
- Ezekiel Edwards, Director, Criminal Law Reform Project, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY
- Major Neill Franklin (Ret.), Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Baltimore, MD
- Peter Holmes, Seattle City Attorney, Seattle, WA
- Rob Kampia, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- Rob MacCoun, Professor of Law and Public Policy, University of California at Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
- Ted Trimpa, Principal Founder, Trimpa Group, Denver, CO

● Roundtable / We Can't End AIDS Until We End the Drug War

Plaza F

The criminalization of people who use drugs is driving the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Yet in countries where addiction is treated as a health issue, the fight against AIDS is being won. We know how to virtually eliminate new transmissions, so why aren't we there yet? What are the barriers to ending HIV, and what are researchers and advocates doing to get there?

Facilitator:

Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director, California,
Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA

- Cecilia Chung, Chair, National People Living with HIV Caucus, San Francisco, CA
- Richard Elliott, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto, Canada

- Deon Haywood, Executive Director, Women with a Vision, New Orleans, LA
- Derek Hodel, Consultant, American Foundation for AIDS Research (amfAR), Toronto, Canada
- Daniel Raymond, Policy Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Mike Siever, former director of Behavioral Health Services, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA

● Roundtable / How to End Problematic Drug Use: What Works and Why?

Governor's Square 14

What is the latest research on substance use treatment? What works and what doesn't? And how can you tell the difference? What are the best treatments that you've ever heard of? Will we ever have substitution treatment for stimulants? Is harm reduction treatment? What does the science really say about your brain and drug addiction? And how can we get the media – not to mention the treatment industry – to accept new treatment modalities?

Facilitator:

Roseanne Scotti, State Director, New Jersey, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ

- Patt Denning, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA
- Mike Discepola, Director, The Stonewall Project, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- Gantt Galloway, PharmD, Executive and Research Director, New Leaf Treatment Center, Lafayette, CA
- Carl Hart, Associate Professor, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Scott Kellogg, PhD, Department of Psychology, New York University, New York, NY
- Dan Werb, Research Coordinator, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy, Vancouver, Canada

● **Roundtable / Overlooked Punishment:
The Drug War's Insidious Reach Beyond the
Criminal Justice System**


Governor's Square 15

This session will explore the history and expansion of civil laws and policies that act as a vector for drug prohibition. In what ways are child welfare laws a mechanism for the war on drugs? What drives racial disparities in the child welfare system? How do Family Drug Courts reinforce myths about drug use and parenting? After legalization in Colorado & Washington, in what ways will abstinence-only ideology continue to be used to punish people? And what are some successful challenges to the expansion of drug war policies in the child welfare system? [Spanish translation available.](#)

Facilitator:

Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY

- Sara Arnold (aka Sahra Kant), Co-Founder, Family Law & Cannabis Alliance; SSDP Outreach, Recruitment & Diversity Committee, Clinton, MA
- Jess Cochrane, JD/MPH Candidate, Family Law & Cannabis Alliance, Boston, MA
- Carl Hart, PhD, Associate Professor, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Emma Ketteringham, Managing Attorney, Bronx Defenders, New York, NY
- M. Kay Teel, PhD, LCSW, Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, University of Colorado School of Medicine, Aurora, CO

 **Break**
4:30pm – 5:00pm



Closing Plenary

5:00pm – 6:00pm | Plaza ABC

In a format now well-known to the Reform Conference Closing Plenary, DPA's executive director Ethan Nadelmann lines up the "most buzzed about" speakers from the event, and each gives a short, impromptu speech on their key take-aways from the meeting.

- Jasiri X, hip hop artist and community activist, Pittsburgh, PA
- Lisa Maria Ortega Sanchez, Latin American Programme Manager for Transform Drug Policy Foundation and Mexico Unido Contra la Delincuencia, Mexico City, Mexico
- Lisa Raville, Director, Harm Reduction Action Center, Denver, CO
- Tripti Tandon, Indian Lawyers Collective, New Delhi, India
- Karen Garrison, Families Against Mandatory Minimums; radio host, Washington, DC and Dorothy Gaines, former drug war prisoner who received a pardon from President Clinton
- Ira Glasser, Board President, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Cassandra Frederique, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY



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Wednesday, October 23

LEAP Training Session

Plaza D | 4:00pm – 7:00pm

Organized by LEAP

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition utilizes a diverse array of speakers who work to educate the public, the media and policy makers about the failure of current drug policies. This workshop will provide training for our speakers and volunteers.

Thursday, October 24

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meeting

Plaza Court 7 | 7:30am – 8:30am

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance

Cocaine Harm Reduction: Developing Peer Educator-Based Interventions

Plaza Court 1 | 8:30am – 9:30am

Organized by VOCAL New York

Join drug policy reform activists and health care professionals to learn about peer educator-based cocaine harm reduction interventions. This will be an informal gathering focused on generating new ideas and brainstorming strategies for future work in the field of cocaine harm reduction.

Involving Law Enforcement and Conservatives in Drug Policy Reform

Governor's Square 9 | 12:30pm – 2:00pm

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance

This meeting will bring together active and retired law enforcement officials to answer questions and discuss effective ways to engage law enforcement officials in organizing and advocacy campaigns. A large part of this conversation will focus on the U.S. South.

Grief Recovery After a Substance Passing

Governors Square 10 | 12:30 – 2:00

Organized by Broken No More and GRASP

A peer support group for those who have lost a loved one, most commonly to overdose.

Colorado Syringe Access Providers Coalition Meeting

Plaza Court 2 | 2:00pm – 4:30pm

Organized by the Harm Reduction Coalition and the Colorado Syringe Access Providers Coalition

The Colorado Syringe Access Providers Coalition is a newly formed statewide group of health departments, AIDS service organizations, and advocates who either currently provide syringe access services to people who inject drugs or who plan to offer syringe access services in the future, as well as allies who want to promote drug user health and harm reduction in the state of Colorado. Please join us for a meeting in which we will network, discuss our respective programs' successes and challenges, and explore the coalition's strategic priorities in the coming year.

Drug Policy and Civil Rights

Plaza Court 4 | 4:00pm – 6:00pm

Organized by the NAACP Colorado/Wyoming/Montana State Conference

This convening will address challenges among people of color and the faith based community to fully address drug policy as a current impediment to civil rights and opportunity. Can we engage in ending mass incarceration without also reforming drug laws?

Gearing Up: The 2016 United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs

Governor's Square 16 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Organized by Harm Reduction International and the International Drug Policy Consortium

This workshop will help prepare reform organizations for the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on Drugs to be held in New York in 2016, by 1) providing an overview of the international drug treaties and the UN drug control system,

2) discussing progress made by civil society in recent years at the UN, and 3) considering ways in which the reform community can maximize its influence on drug policy and develop a workplan to engage with their own government officials and the UN in preparation for the UNGASS.

Issues Affecting Today's Cannabis Consumer

Plaza Court 7 | 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Organized by NORML and Colorado NORML

This educational Q&A session will discuss drug policy issues affecting marijuana consumers and patients.

Arizona NORML Meet & Greet

Plaza Court 2 | 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Organized by Tucson NORML

Join other Arizonans as we discuss the efforts to legalize marijuana in 2014 and 2016. Help us plan for additional harm reduction strategies throughout the state and network with like-minded folks concerned about Arizona's drug policies.

Building a Global Network Around Nightlife Issues

Governor's Square 10 | 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Organized by DanceSafe

Come connect with other individuals interested in the nightlife community and the drug policies shaping it. We'll talk about what it would take to build support for safer nightlife initiatives in the U.S. and consider models from Europe and the U.K. as possible guides.

Drug Researchers and Academics Meet-and-Greet

Plaza Court 3 | 6:15pm – 7:45pm

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance, JustPublics@365, and the International Centre for Science in Drug Policy

Come meet drug researchers and academics from across disciplines to discuss how we can better influence drug policy reform efforts. This is an informal gathering to talk to one another about our current research and advocacy efforts as well as to discuss effective strategies for academics interested in having their research reach a broader audience to impact policy change.

Harm Reduction Psychotherapy for Medical Marijuana and Other Drug Users

Governor's Square 16 | 6:15pm – 7:45pm

Organized by the Center for Optimal Living

This workshop will provide harm reduction psychotherapy and counseling skills (engagement, assessment and supporting positive change) for people working with people who use medical marijuana and other drugs.

Helping Jurors "Just Say No" to Unjust Laws

Governor's Square 11 | 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Organized by Fully Informed Jury Association

We invite activists to this session to develop effective outreach campaigns to take back to our communities to inform jurors of their right to conscientiously acquit defendants. Share ideas and techniques for effectively communicating the importance of the independent juror in ensuring justice in our communities. Let's guarantee EVERY defendant is protected by fully informed jurors willing to deliver a Not Guilty verdict. Complementary outreach materials will be available.

Immigration and the Drug War: See You at the Intersection

Governor's Square 17 | 6:15pm – 9:00pm

Organized by American Friends Service Committee

How have the drug war and immigration enforcement impacted our communities? To what extent are drug policy reformers and immigrant rights advocates working together? Join us to get a deeper understanding of how we can be in solidarity to push back on the criminalization of our lives and families. Our session will be interactive so come ready to share!

Sex Work: Shifting Paradigms, Working Toward Decriminalization

Plaza Court 1 | 6:15pm – 7:45pm

Organized by HartCore

Current policies around prostitution greatly harm and disproportionately affect women, transgender people, people of color, people in poverty, and people who use drugs. Join us to discuss national and local policies related to solicitation, sex work and trafficking. We will discuss the parallels between the war on trafficking and the war on drugs, and brainstorm ways to change policies and reduce harm.

Recovery Support Group

Plaza Court 6 | 6:15pm – 7:30pm

Organized by SMART Recovery

Participants in this addiction recovery support group learn tools based on the latest scientific research and participate in a worldwide community that includes free, self-empowering, science-based mutual help groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meeting

Plaza Court 8 | 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Organized by Drug Policy Alliance

Community Sessions (continued)

Friday, October 25

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meeting

Plaza Court 7 | 7:30am – 8:30am

Organized by Drug Policy Alliance

Ayahuasca, Peyote, Iboga, and Beyond: Toward a Community-led Approach to Traditional Plant Medicine Safety and Sustainability

Plaza Court 5 | 8:00am – 9:30am

Organized by the Ethnobotanical Stewardship Council

As the use of traditional plant medicine grows, safety and sustainability are crucial. The Ethnobotanical Stewardship Council is stewarding “Ayahuasca Dialogues”, a community-led safety and sustainability standard-setting process. After a short presentation, you will be invited to share your thoughts on the best ways that we can achieve our goals.

www.ethnobotanicalcouncil.org

Parent Advocates Building a Movement to End the Drug War

Governor's Square 10 | 8:00am – 9:30am

Organized by Moms United to End the War on Drugs

Join us in a casual setting for a strategy and base-building session with mothers (and others) affected by the drug war who are demanding an end to the violence, mass arrest, incarceration and accidental overdose deaths that are the result of prohibitionist policies.

Open Discussion: Diversity in Our Movement

Plaza Court 1 | 8:30am – 9:30am

Organized by the Outreach, Recruitment & Diversity Committee of Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Join members of SSDP's Outreach, Recruitment & Diversity Committee for an open conversation about broadening perspectives in the drug policy reform movement. All are welcome.

Gender and Drugs in Africa

Plaza D | 11:30am – 12:30pm

Organized by Students for Sensible Drug Policy Nigeria

This meeting will focus on how drugs affect women in Africa.

A Tale of Three Cities: Organizing Justice Collaboratives to Build Local Support for Drug Policy Reform

Governor's Square 11 | 11:30am – 1:00pm

Organized by Institute of a Black World 21st Century

Representatives from Baltimore, Pittsburgh and Washington D.C. Justice Collaboratives will share their experiences promoting drug policy reform and raising awareness of the emerging movement to stop mass criminalization and the New Jim Crow. The three Justice Collaboratives are a coordinated project of the Institute of the Black World 21st Century.

SSDP Congress

Governor's Square 15 | 11:30am – 1:30pm

Organized by Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Students for Sensible Drug Policy is the only youth-led international grassroots organization dedicated to ending the destructive and disproportionate effects that the war on drugs has on students. At the annual Congress, chapters elect new members to SSDP's Board of Directors and vote on resolutions to guide the growth of our growing organization.

Drug Policy in Small Island Developing States

Governor's Square 9 | 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Organized by Caribbean Harm Reduction Coalition

There are a number of processes taking place on the international stage that will affect small island developing states. If you are interested in the Caribbean, small island issues, or come from a small island state and wish to update us on what is going on in your country (Caribbean or not) please come.

Latin America in the Context of Global Drug Policy Reform

Plaza Court 1 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Organized by Intercambios Civil Association

This meeting will further strengthen the dialogue within Latin American civil society, promoting drug policy reform at local, regional and international levels. El objetivo de esta reunión fortalecer el diálogo entre los actores y organizaciones de la sociedad civil de América Latina, promoviendo la articulación de iniciativas que sigan impulsando la reforma de las políticas de drogas a nivel local y regional.

Social Workers and Drug Policy

Governor's Square 10 | 5:30pm – 7:00pm

Organized by A Better Way Foundation

Social workers can do more than counsel, direct or advise clients on substance use and treatment -- they can move, create and change policies in every system to provide universal support for clients. Let's talk about creating a holistic approach to systemic change in the era of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).

Strategic Communication & Information Skills Through New Media

Plaza D | 5:30pm – 6:30pm

Organized by Students For Sensible Drug Policy Nigeria

This meeting is a platform to strengthen information and communication strategies for people working on youth-related issues.

Rhymes & Reality: A Hip Hop Summit

Plaza Court 6 | 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance

Though drugs and the drug war are common themes in hip hop culture and the broader entertainment industry, there has been little conversation on ways to address the failures of the drug war. Join us for an open and honest conversation on drugs and drug policies in the hip hop industry featuring artists, scholars, advocates and fans.

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meeting

Plaza Court 8 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance

Recovery Support Group

Plaza Court 7 | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Organized by SMART Recovery

Participants in this addiction recovery support group learn tools based on the latest scientific research and participate in a worldwide community that includes free, self-empowering, science-based mutual help groups.

Saturday, October 26

Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) Meeting

Plaza Court 8 | 8:00am - 9:00am

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance

Drug Testing: What Can We Do to Stem the Tide?

Governor's Square 9 | 8:00am – 10:00am

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance (Yolande Cadore)

Organizers and advocates from across the country will gather to discuss the ongoing trend in local politics to drug test Americans applying for public assistance. We will discuss strategies and identify tools to facilitate an effective and immediate response to legislation aimed at drug testing those most in need of government aid.

Recovery Support Group

Governor's Square 16 | 8:30am – 9:30am

Organized by SMART Recovery

Participants in this addiction recovery support group learn tools based on the latest scientific research and participate in a worldwide community that includes free, self-empowering, science-based mutual help groups.

The Marijuana Industry's Role in Policy Reform

Plaza Court 4 | 8:30am – 9:30am

Organized by National Cannabis Industry Association

The adult-use and medical cannabis industry will inevitably influence marijuana policy reform, both through direct lobbying and by shaping public opinion. What is the appropriate role and responsibility of cannabis business in marijuana policy reform, and how do we best collaborate with advocates and elected officials?

Narcotics Anonymous (NA) Meeting

Plaza Court 7 | 9:00am – 10:00am

Organized by the Drug Policy Alliance

SSDP Congress

Governor's Square 15 | 1:15pm – 3:00pm

Organized by Students for Sensible Drug Policy

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Making the Case: Regulation of Drug Markets in Latin America and Beyond

Governor's Square 14 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Organized by Transform Drug Policy Foundation and Mexico Unido Contra La Delincuencia

Join us to learn and share experiences on how to meaningfully engage with the drug policy reform debate, how to talk about regulation models, messaging and framing arguments for different audiences, and how to respond to common concerns. The focus will be on the debate in Latin America, but the themes will be relevant for all reformers.

Veterans: Building a National Peer Support Network

Plaza Court 6 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Organized by Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access

Veterans are emerging as effective drug policy reform leaders now more than ever before. Join us as we gather to lay the foundation for a national peer support network to support veterans and military families affected by the drug war.

What Does Colorado Mean for You?

Plaza Court 2 | 1:30pm – 3:00pm

Organized by Vicente Sederberg LLC

Colorado now has the most permissive marijuana laws in world. This did not happen by accident. Come join a bring-your-own-lunch discussion with individuals who shaped Colorado's laws and talk about how you can affect change in your state.

Each year the Reform Conference selects films – in-progress or already released – that show how people have been profoundly affected by the drug war. Introductions to the films will be provided and question & answer sessions will be held following each film.



Thursday, October 24



The House I Live In

Directed by Eugene Jarecki

Plaza F

For over 40 years, the War on Drugs has accounted for 45 million arrests, cost over \$1 trillion, has made America the world's largest jailer and damaged poor communities at home and abroad. Yet, drugs are cheaper, purer and more available today than ever. Where did we go wrong and what is the path toward healing? Brought to you by award-winning filmmaker Eugene Jarecki and executive producers Brad Pitt, John Legend, Russell Simmons and Danny Glover, *The House I Live In* examines the effects of drug laws on everyone from the dealer and the grieving mother to the jailer and the federal judge inside America's longest war.

7:00pm – 7:10pm | Introduction to film

Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary,
Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference

7:10pm – 8:00pm | Screening

8:00pm – 8:10pm | Thank you to Nannie Jeter

Presented by Yolande Cadore, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Drug Policy Alliance

A panel discussion will follow on the complexities of advocacy work for people of color, specifically women of color, when working in communities that are directly impacted by failed drug policies. Advocates will discuss some of the challenges they face in their work, including working with members of the community who may hold conservative values, and may even be supportive of the war on drugs. It will focus on questions and solutions around how women and mothers deal with blame and stigma from their community around personal or family drug use, arrest, and incarceration.

Thursday, October 24



America's Longest War

Directed by Paul Feine

Plaza F

This powerful new documentary by Reason.tv reveals the human cost of the war on drugs. America's Longest War provides a brief history of drug prohibition, beginning with Nixon's declaration of war in 1971 and ending with the escalating battles for sensible drug policies during the Obama administration. The hour-long film chronicles how, over the past 40 years, the drug war has ballooned from a small domestic program to the multi-billion dollar international debacle it is today. America's Longest War prominently features interviews with Ethan Nadelmann (Drug Policy Alliance), Neill Franklin (Law Enforcement Against Prohibition), Alice Huffman (California NAACP), Gretchen Burns Bergman (Moms United to End the War on Drugs) and former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson.

11:00pm – 11:05pm | Introduction to film

Paul Feine, Director

11:05pm – 12:00pm | Screening

12:00pm – 12:15pm | Discussion led by Paul Feine



Code of the West

Directed by
Rebecca Richman Cohen

Plaza F

At a time when the world is rethinking its drug policies large and small, one state rises to the forefront. Once a pioneer in legalizing medical marijuana, the state of Montana may now become the first to repeal its medical marijuana law. Set against the sweeping vistas of the Rockies, the steamy lamplight of marijuana grow houses, and the bustling halls of the State Capitol, Code of the West follows the political process of marijuana policy reform – and the recent federal crackdown on medical marijuana growers across the country. This is the story of what happens when politics fail, emotions run high and communities pay the price.

7:00pm – 7:05pm | Introduction to film

Jessica Gelay, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance

7:05pm – 8:20pm | Screening

8:20pm – 9:00pm | Panel Discussion

A panel discussion will follow discussing the film against the backdrop of historic developments, such as Attorney General Eric Holder's announcement that the Justice Department will not challenge state marijuana laws and the recent Senate Judiciary Committee hearings about federal and state marijuana laws.

- Rebecca Richman Cohen, Director
- Ezekiel Edwards, Director, Criminal Law Reform Project, ACLU
- Chris Lindsey, Legislative Analyst, Marijuana Policy Project

Author Book Signings

The book signings will take place at the Book Store in the Plaza Foyer.



Thursday, October 24

High Price: A Neuroscientist's Journey of Self-Discovery That Challenges Everything You Know About Drugs and Society

11:00am – 11:30am

Carl Hart

War and Drugs: The Role of Military Conflict in the Development of Substance Abuse

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Dessa K. Bergen-Cico

Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know

1:30pm – 2:30pm

Beau Kilmer

Marijuana is Safer: So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?

4:00pm – 4:30pm

Mason Tvert and Paul Armentano

Friday, October 25

The Cornbread Mafia: A Homegrown Syndicate's Code of Silence and the Biggest Marijuana Bust in American History

11:00am – 12:15pm

Jim Hidgon

Judging Addicts: Drug Courts and Coercion in the Justice System

1:30pm – 2:00pm

Rebecca Tiger

Jury Nullification: The Evolution of a Doctrine

3:30pm – 4:00pm

Clay Conrad

About the Presenters

Pedro Vieira Abramovay is the Open Society regional director for Latin America and the Caribbean. Abramovay was previously a professor of criminal law and campaign director for Avaaz, leading campaigns for the promotion of human rights. Abramovay has held key posts within Brazil's Ministry of Justice, as Special Advisor to the Minister of Justice from 2004-2006, as the Ministry's Secretary for Legislative Affairs from 2007-2010, and as Secretary of Justice from 2010-2011.

Patricia Allard is a Senior Research Consultant with Justice Strategies, where she has conducted research and co-authored several major reports, including a soon-to-be-released report on policing practices in four major U.S. cities. For the past fifteen years she has worked in the United States and Canada advocating for criminal justice and drug policy reform – with a particular emphasis on the needs of low-income women and women of color.

Tom Angell founded Marijuana Majority to help more people understand that marijuana reform is a mainstream, majority-supported issue and that no one who wants to change these laws should be afraid to say so. Marijuana Majority led the effort to get the U.S. Conference of Mayors to pass a resolution telling the federal government to respect state marijuana laws. Previously, Tom worked for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition and Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

Paul Armentano is the Deputy Director of NORML. His writing and research have appeared in over 750 publications and in more than a dozen textbooks and anthologies. Mr. Armentano serves on the faculty of Oaksterdam University and he is a past recipient of the 'Project Censored Real News Award for Outstanding Investigative Journalism.' He is co-author of *Marijuana is Safer: So Why Are We Driving People to Drink?*, which has been licensed and translated internationally.

Sara Arnold is an advocate and activist committed to ending the persecution of pregnant women and parents for cannabis use. A dual-citizen from Massachusetts, she has been active in global drug policy since her teens. She is currently on the board of SSDP's Outreach,

Recruitment & Diversity Committee, writes as family issues columnist for *Mass Grass*, and is co-founder of the Family Law & Cannabis Alliance. Sara is a mother of two.

Daryl Atkinson is a staff attorney at the Southern Coalition for Social Justice focusing on drug policy and criminal justice reform issues. In 1996, Daryl pled guilty to a nonviolent drug crime and served 40 months in prison. He considers himself a casualty of America's ill-conceived and immoral "War on Drugs". Since his release from prison in 2000, he has become a champion for formerly incarcerated people, drug policy reform and criminal justice reform.

Glenn Backes has worked in drug policy and harm reduction for over 25 years. He is currently a lobbyist, researcher and consultant specializing in health, criminal and juvenile justice policy, based in Sacramento, California. If you want to know about medical cannabis, drug laws, syringe access, etc, in California, Glenn would be a good person to call.

asha bandele is director of the advocacy grants program for the Drug Policy Alliance. In this capacity, she works with and learns from an incredible array of drug policy reformers across the United States. A former Columbia University Revson Fellow who earned her B.A. at The New School and her M.F.A. at Bennington College, bandele has spent much of her career documenting issues of social concern through her work as a journalist. She has published a wide range of stories in outlets as diverse as *The New York Times*, *Family Circle*, *Essence* and *Vibe*, among others. She 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.

Julio Bango is a congressman for the governing Frente Amplio party in Uruguay. He co-drafted the historic marijuana regulation bill and was one of its two main promoters in parliament. Bango teaches Social and Economic Sciences at the University of the Republic of Uruguay and has specialized in the design and evaluation of social policies, primarily relating to childhood, adolescence and youth.

Aram Barra is an advocate of the human rights framework as a tool for development. During the last ten years he has worked on issues such as employment, sexual and reproductive rights, drug policy and migration from a youth perspective. He currently serves as Projects Director at Espolea, a youth-for-youth, Mexico-based organization where he seeks to empower young people in their own communities.

Damon Barrett is Deputy Director and head of research and advocacy at Harm Reduction International, based in London, where he has worked since 2007. In 2009 he co-founded the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy (HR-DP), now based at the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex, and he has lectured on international law and drug policies in universities around the world. He is an editor-in-chief of *Human Rights and Drugs* (the official journal of HR-DP) and has authored multiple reports and academic articles on various human rights issues relating to drug policy. Damon was a civil society member of the UK delegation to the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs from 2008-2011. He lives in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Fernando Belaunzarán Méndez holds a Bachelor's degree in philosophy from the National Autonomous University of Mexico. He is currently a federal Congressman in Mexico and sits on the Governance Commission, the Transparency and Anti-Corruption Commission, and the Radio and Television Commission. He is also a representative of the legislative branch in the Federal Election Institute. He is a leader in drug policy reform, introducing a bill on regulating cannabis in Mexico and opening the debate.

Alice Bell, LCSW, is Project Coordinator for Prevention Point Pittsburgh's Overdose Prevention Project. She implemented overdose prevention training in the Allegheny County Jail in 2002, naloxone prescription at Prevention Point's syringe exchange in 2005, and physician/pharmacist co-prescribing of naloxone. She is facilitator for the Naloxone and Overdose Prevention Education Working Group (NOPE) and also provides outpatient psychotherapy in a community mental health setting.

About the Presenters (continued)

Ross Bell is Executive Director of the New Zealand Drug Foundation, a position he's held since 2004. He's a board member of the International Drug Policy Consortium. Ross has worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, where he tried to sell the benefits of free trade to non-government organisations, trade unions, church groups, and human rights advocates. He has also been an orange juice squeezer and a pizza delivery boy.

Mark Bennett is the Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court's Northern District of Iowa, where he has served since 1994. Judge Bennett has spoken at more than 350 seminars and CLE programs across North America and published extensively on a broad range of legal issues, including the vanishing civil jury trial and the shocking problems of mass incarceration. Recently, Judge Bennett appeared in the Sundance Award-winning documentary *The House I live In*.

Dessa Bergen-Cico, PhD, is an assistant professor in the Department of Public Health and lead faculty of Addiction Studies at Syracuse University. Dr. Bergen-Cico is a Certified Addiction Specialist and has worked in the field of addictions and drug policy for over twenty years. She recently published *War and Drugs: The Role of Military Conflict in the Development of Substance Abuse*, exploring intergenerational trauma and substance abuse among veterans and the impact of the drug war.

Dan Bigg is a founder and the director of the Chicago Recovery Alliance. Since 1991, in daily harm reduction outreach, CRA has served the health promotion needs of 250,000 unique individuals injecting drugs in Chicagoland. CRA assists any positive change as a person describes it for him/herself. CRA developed the nation's first overdose prevention program with naloxone. To date, CRA reached 32,000 people with overdose prevention and received 4,300 reports of overdose reversal by laypeople.

Tim Bingham is National Pharmacy Liaison Worker for the Pharmacy Needle Exchange Programme in Limerick City, Ireland. He holds a BA Honours in Applied

Addiction Studies, a Diploma in the Psychology in Criminal Behaviour and a Diploma in Youth and Community Work. He is a representative for the European Harm Reduction Network and the European Hepatitis C Correlation Network working group, and has published a number of journal articles, particularly on the online drug commerce site Silk Road.

Ingrid Binswanger, MD, MPH, MS conducts research on health and the criminal justice system. She has conducted research to understand trends in overdose and other causes of death after release from prison, chronic disease in inmates, and medical complications of drug use. She sees primary care patients and opioid-dependent patients in Denver and Aurora. She is an Associate Professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

Romain Bonilla is a French communications student and founding director of Portland State SSDP. Romain took interest in drug policy shortly after moving to the United States in 2008, and has since been an advocate for worldwide sensible reform. Romain has organized several events with SSDP, such as a panel on Oregon's Measure 80 and a Drug Policy Film Festival. Romain is also a skilled online activist and created numerous websites devoted to drug policy.

Shaquita Borden, MPH, CHES, is the Director of Program Development for Women With A Vision, a community-based organization of black women providing HIV/AIDS and substance abuse prevention services and resources to communities of color to address individual risk behaviors and social vulnerabilities. She is currently a PhD student at the University of Alabama-Birmingham's School of Public Health, with research interests including women's health, HIV/AIDS, sexual and reproductive health, and advocacy.

Graham Boyd is counsel and advisor to the philanthropist Peter B. Lewis and was the founding director of the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project. He plays a guiding role in opinion research, legal drafting and campaign design for marijuana reform measures in a number of states.

Susan Boyd, PhD, is a professor at the University of Victoria. She is a drug policy researcher, community activist, and author of numerous journal articles and books, including *Hooked: Drug War Films from Britain, Canada, and the U.S.*; *From Witches to Crack Moms: Women, Drug Law, and Policy*; *Mothers and Illicit Drugs*, and co-editor of *With Child: Substance Use During Pregnancy: A Woman-Centered Approach*.

Holly Bradford is an adopted, left-handed, lesbian, tattooed, educated, HCV+, dope-fiend, felon, activist with an attitude. Formally kicked out of Cambodia, now serving people who use drugs in San Francisco.

Joost Breeksema holds a Master's degree in Philosophy and has worked as drug policy researcher at the Addiction Research Centre (CVO) since 2007. He has conducted social scientific research on the Dutch coffee shop system, co-authored a 2013 review of Dutch drug policy, and lectures on these topics at the University of Amsterdam. Presently he works as project leader and trainer for Mainline, a Dutch harm reduction organization. As president and co-founder of the OPEN Foundation he actively dedicates himself to stimulating scientific research into psychedelics.

Brad Burge is Director of Communications and Marketing at the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). He earned his BA in Communication and Psychology from Stanford University in 2005 and his M.A. in Communication from the University of California, San Diego in 2009. His professional life is dedicated to changing public perceptions around psychedelics and marijuana; and to helping people develop honest, responsible relationships with themselves, each other, and their pharmacological tools.

Gretchen Burns Bergman is Executive Director and Co-Founder of A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing). She served as State Chairperson for Proposition 36 in 2000 and is currently leading the Moms United to End the War on Drugs campaign. She is Owner/Director of Gretchen Productions, a fashion show production company. Her articles on

therapeutic justice have been published nationwide. She has two grown sons who have struggled with addictive illness.

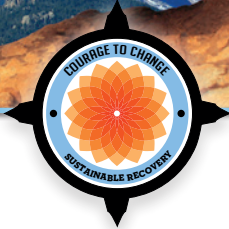

Susan Burton is the founder and executive director of A New Way of Life Re-entry Project. After Susan's five-year-old son was killed in an accident, she numbed her grief through substance abuse that resulted in almost two decades of incarceration. After receiving treatment in 1997, she began offering housing/supportive services for women returning home after periods of substance abuse and/or incarceration. Susan also speaks out to raise awareness about failed drug policies.

Yolande Cadore is the Director of Strategic Partnerships at the Drug Policy Alliance. She has served as the Director of Community Organizing at WE ACT for Environmental Justice in New York City and as the National Field Director for the Praxis Project, based in Washington, DC. Yolande understands the idiosyncrasies of disenfranchised and marginalized communities and believes that the strategic alignment of individuals and organizations is an important catalyst to effecting long-term social change.

Jon Caldara has been the President of the Independence Institute, Colorado's free-market think tank for 15 years. He also hosts a radio talk show on 630 KHOW. His current affairs television program airs Friday nights at 8:30pm. He started his political career in 1994 when he was elected to the Regional Transportation District Board. For years Caldara was a columnist for the *Boulder Daily Camera*.

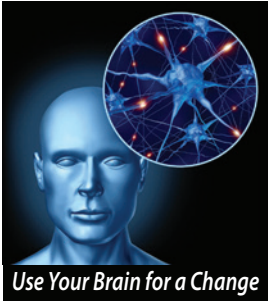
Laura Carlsen is Director of the Mexico City-based Americas Program of the Center for International Policy. She holds a B.A. in Social Thought and Institutions from Stanford University and a Master's degree in Latin American Studies, also from Stanford. In 1986 she received a Fulbright Scholarship to study the impact of the Mexican economic crisis on women and has lived in Mexico City since then. As program director, she is responsible for writing and editing materials; representing the organization in public forums; seeking out and maintaining collaborative relationships; and administering the Mexico City office and staff.

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Arturo Carmona is the Executive Director of Presente.org, the largest national Latino online organization. Presente seeks to amplify the political voice of Latino communities, to serve as a centralized organizing hub for issues impacting Latinos, and to activate their members to take action. Arturo has been organizing Latino and immigrant communities for over 10 years. Prior to joining Presente, he held positions with the California State Legislature, the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and as founding Executive Director of the Consejo de Federaciones Mexicanas en Norteamérica, the largest immigrant-led organization in the nation.

Teresa Carmona's son was murdered on Aug 7th, 2010 in prohibition-related violence. She writes: "He was 21, talented, gorgeous – what can I say, he was my firstborn and, yes, he smoked cannabis and it cost him his life. The whole political, financial, social system is so incredibly devoid of any human concern yet I believe in human goodness, kindness and compassion as means for transformation."

About the Presenters (continued)

Dr. Iva Carruthers is General Secretary and charter trustee of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference. Dr. Carruthers is Professor Emeritus and former Chairperson of the Sociology Department of Northeastern Illinois University. She has served as Executive Director of The Black Theology project, and a delegate to the 2001 U.N. World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in Durban, South Africa.

Maria Carvalho has been a psychologist and lecturer at the Catholic University of Portugal in Porto since 2005, and is primarily interested in psychoactive substance use research and crisis intervention in recreational settings. Since 2009 she has also been Vice President of the International Center for Ethnobotanical Education Research and Service (ICEERS.org), and since 2010 she has coordinated Project Kosmicare, a partnership between Boom Festival organizers, her university, and the Portuguese General Directorate for Drug Addiction and other Dependencies.

Oscar Chacón serves currently as Executive Director of the National Alliance of Latin American & Caribbean Communities. Until 2006, Mr. Chacón served as director of Enlaces América, a project of the Chicago-based Heartland Alliance for Human Needs and Human Rights. Mr. Chacón served for many years as executive director of Centro Presente, Inc., in Cambridge, Massachusetts, as well as president of the Salvadoran American National Network. Mr. Chacón is a frequent lecturer in national and international conferences, as well as a media spokesperson on Latino immigrant issues in the U.S.

Inimai Chettiar is the Director of the Brennan Center's Justice Program. Chettiar is an adept in applying economics and cost-benefit analysis to criminal justice reform efforts; through this she demonstrates that helping struggling communities can help the whole country achieve economic and social prosperity. She has published extensively on economic policy, criminal law reform, and racial inequalities in the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Atlantic*, *Guardian*, *Forbes*, and others.

Cecilia Chung is Senior Strategist at the Transgender Law Center and is an internationally recognized advocate for human rights, people living with HIV, and LGBT equality. Cecilia is currently a Health Commissioner at the San Francisco Department of Public Health and serves as the President of the U.S. PLHIV Caucus, a group of organizations and individuals with HIV who advocate for people with HIV in the U.S. Cecilia has also been recently appointed to the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS.

Allan Clear, Executive Director of Harm Reduction Coalition since 1995, has been a passionate advocate for social inclusion, self-representation, and social services for drug users, marginalized populations, and people living with HIV since 1990. Under his leadership, Harm Reduction Coalition has become the preeminent U.S.-based organization promoting harm reduction as a mode of working with drug users and noted for its capacity building, national conferences, resource development, and policy work.

Jess Cochrane is a second-year law student at Northeastern University and a Master's in Public Health candidate at Tufts University in Boston. She is an alumna of AmeriCorps NYC Community HealthCorps, and SSDP chapter co-founder and president at Northeastern University. Jess recently completed her MPH capstone, "Mandated Reporting of Substance-Exposed Newborns in an Era of Changing Marijuana Laws," under the supervision of National Advocates for Pregnant Women.

Clay S. Conrad is the author of the leading academic work on jury nullification, *Jury Nullification: The Evolution of a Doctrine*, first published in 1999, and recently re-released by the Cato Institute. He is a lawyer in private practice with the law firm of Looney & Conrad (www.looneyconrad.com) and is involved in all stages of criminal defense representation.

Robert Cordero serves as President and Chief Program Officer of BOOM!Health, a newly merged and rebranded Bronx-based \$12 million nonprofit agency comprised of CitiWide Harm Reduction and Bronx AIDS Services. BOOM!Health delivers a full range of prevention, syringe access, harm reduction, health care coordination, behavioral health, housing placement,

legal, advocacy and wellness services to over 8,000 individuals in the hardest to reach communities in the Bronx. Robert previously served as Executive Director of CitiWide Harm Reduction since 2009.

Carissa Cornwell is a board member and National Outreach Director of DanceSafe, the United States' only harm reduction group providing services to the electronic dance music community. In 1999 she started a DanceSafe chapter in Madison, Wisconsin, which expanded into Midwest DanceSafe, the organization's most active chapter. In her current role, Carissa is responsible for overseeing all DanceSafe's volunteers and chapters and develops training curriculum and outreach strategies.

Stacia Cosner loves her job working as Deputy Director for Students for Sensible Drug Policy in Washington, DC. Her areas of responsibility include management, finances, administration, event planning, program implementation, development, communication and data. On Wednesdays during the summer, you can find Stacia playing softball on the national mall as co-captain of the One Hitters, a co-ed congressional league softball team comprised of DC drug policy reformers and friends.

Larry Crowder was elected to the Colorado Senate in 2012. Senator Crowder serves on the Health and Human Services Committee, as well as the State, Veterans, and Military Affairs Committee. Beginning in 2004, he was also elected to serve as the Alamosa County Land Use Board Chair, a position that he continues to serve. Crowder also serves on the Alamosa County Draft Board (2008-present) and acted as the Alamosa County GOP Chair from 2004-2010.

Pablo Cymerman is a psychologist and founding member and coordinator of the Advocacy and Institutional Relations Department of Intercambios Civil Association. He is also a professor and researcher at the Social Science and Psychology school at Buenos Aires University. He has authored of numerous national and international publications on HIV / AIDS and problems related to drug use and drug policy. He has been the Coordinator of the organization committee of the Argentinean and Latin American Conferences on Drug Policy since 2003.

Jag Davies is publications manager for the Drug Policy Alliance, where he manages the content and production of the organization's branded materials and literature. Davies has worked in the drug policy reform movement for more than a decade, previously serving as director of communications for MAPS and as policy researcher for the ACLU Drug Law Reform Project. He grew up in Miami and lives in Brooklyn.

Steve DeAngelo has almost four decades of activism and advocacy in the cannabis reform movement. His landmark Harborside Health Center has been featured by news teams from around the globe including major news outlets in the United States, Canada, Japan, Germany, Brazil and the United Kingdom. Harborside is a place where safe access, compassionate and responsible use, and lab-tested, high-quality medicine is offered to patients in great need of relief from a wide range of medical conditions.

Dr. Patt Denning is one of the primary developers of harm reduction treatments. She is the Director of Clinical Services and Training at the Harm Reduction Therapy Center, which provides a full range of mental health services to dually diagnosed individuals. She is a Diplomate-Fellow in Psychopharmacology and a certified addiction specialist through the American Psychological Association's College of Professional Psychology.

Craig DeRoche is a former Michigan state Speaker of the House who, at age 34, became the youngest statewide Republican leader in the country. Craig admitted to being a full-blown alcoholic since age 14. After giving a speech at a national forum on addiction Craig was introduced to Justice Fellowship, the public policy affiliate of Prison Fellowship that advocates for criminal justice reform. He was named President of Justice Fellowship earlier this year.

Mark Dion currently serves as Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Maine Legislature. Dion previously served three terms as Sheriff for Cumberland County and is the former Deputy Police Chief for the City of Portland. He has been a medical marijuana advocate since 1999 and currently works in private practice as a criminal defense lawyer.

Rick Doblin, Ph.D., is the founder and executive director of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). He received his doctorate in Public Policy from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, where he wrote his dissertation on the regulation of the medical uses of psychedelics and marijuana. His professional goal is to help develop legal contexts for the beneficial uses of psychedelics and marijuana, primarily as prescription medicines but also for personal growth for otherwise healthy people.

Thomas Donovan was elected to his current position, Chittenden County State's Attorney, in 2007. Donovan was born and raised in Burlington, Vermont, and is a member of several community boards. He currently resides in South Burlington with his family.

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli is Senior Policy Advocate with the ACLU of California, where she focuses on criminal justice and drug policy – including an historic campaign to revise state drug penalties. She is co-author of "Public Safety Realignment: California at a Crossroads," the first in-depth look at California's historic shift of criminal justice responsibility from state to county authority. Before joining the ACLU, she was California deputy state director with the Drug Policy Alliance.

James Dunne is New Zealand's leading private sector legal specialist in the regulation of new psychoactive substances. He has advised two of the largest manufacturers, distributors and retailers of new psychoactive substances and represented industry participants during the two-year policy development that led to the Psychoactive Substances Act and appeared at the Select Committee considering the Psychoactive Substances Bill during its enactment in 2013. He also heads the legal team advising the STAR Trust, the industry's representative body in New Zealand.

Rep. Harold V. Dutton, Jr. is a native of Houston, Texas, and a lifelong Democrat. In the Texas legislature, Rep. Dutton serves as Chairman of the Urban Affairs Committee and as a member of the Sunset Advisory Commission. Rep. Dutton also serves on the Public Education Committee, where he is currently the longest serving member on this committee in Texas' History. He is currently serving his fifteenth term in the Texas House of Representatives.

Niamh Eastwood is the Executive Director of Release, the UK's centre of expertise on drugs and drug laws. She is the co-author of "A Quiet Revolution: Drug Decriminalisation Policies in Practice across the Globe" and "Ethnic Disparities in the Policing and Prosecution of Drug Offences in England and Wales". Since 2002 Niamh has provided legal representation to people who use drugs – this experience drives and informs her and the organization's advocacy and campaigning work.

Ezekiel Edwards is the director of the ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project. He has worked on cases and campaigns on a variety of issues, including defending medical marijuana laws, ending overincarceration and excessive sentencing, challenges to juvenile life without parole, reforms of unconstitutional police practices and drug law reform. He is a primary author of the ACLU's 2013 report, "The War on Marijuana in Black and White: Billions of Dollars Wasted on Racially Biased Arrests".

Richard Elliott is the Executive Director of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, a founding member organization of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition. He has appeared before all levels of Canadian courts and guides the Network's research and advocacy. He appears regularly in the media as an expert human rights advocate on HIV, has authored numerous publications, appeared before legislative committees, served as an expert resource to UN agencies, and presented extensively on HIV and human rights.

About the Presenters (continued)

James Fadiman, PhD, has held teaching, consulting, training, counseling and editorial positions. He has taught in psychology departments, design engineering – and for the past three decades, at Sofia University (formerly known as the Institute for Transpersonal Psychology), which he co-founded. His latest book is *The Psychedelic Explorer: Safe, Therapeutic and Sacred Journeys*. He is currently researching microdosing with psychedelic substances and student drug use.

Mary Fan is currently an associate professor at the University of Washington. She previously was a federal prosecutor in the Southern District of California. She also was an Associate Legal Officer at the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in the Hague. Author of numerous articles,

Professor Fan also has been quoted by an array of news organizations. Links to her publications and commentary are available at www.crossbordercrim.com.

Ann Fordham is Executive Director of the International Drug Policy Consortium. She leads international advocacy efforts on drug policy and human rights, specifically calling for reform of laws and policies that have proven ineffective in reducing the scale of the drug market and have negatively impacted vulnerable population groups such as people who use drugs and growers of illicit crops. She works with policy makers and civil society partners around the world to review and shape drug control policies towards more humane, effective approaches that are based in principles of human rights and public health.

Alec Foster is studying political communications and cybersecurity at New York University, where he serves as Chairman of SSDP and the Health Advisory Board. He discovered his passion for harm reduction as an attorney for an Oakland youth court in 2007. Alec's combined social media following grew to 30,000 when he started promoting fundraisers for California's Proposition 19. Today he leverages his online networks to raise awareness of internet transparency, Good Samaritan policies, and stop-and-frisk.

Steve Fox is principal at Marijuana Strategies, a marijuana policy consulting firm. Over the course of time, he has played a significant role in reshaping the marijuana movement. In 2005, he co-founded SAFER in Colorado and later, for MPP, served as the de facto campaign manager of the Amendment 64 campaign. He also co-founded the National Cannabis

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Industry Association, which currently represents more than 250 state-legal businesses, and serves as a strategic advisor to the organization.

Major Neill Franklin, executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), is a 33-year police veteran who led multi-jurisdictional anti-narcotics task forces for the Maryland State Police and ran training for the Baltimore Police Department. After seeing several of his law enforcement friends killed in the line of fire while enforcing drug policies, Neill realized he needed to work to change these laws that cause so much harm but do nothing to reduce drug use.

Kassandra Frederique is New York Policy Coordinator at the Drug Policy Alliance. Kassandra works to build powerful coalitions in communities devastated by drug misuse and the war on drugs. Her passion for challenging social oppression and inequalities led her to work on ending the drug war.

Frances Fu is a junior at Northwestern University studying Social Policy with a minor in Business Institutions. She re-founded the Northwestern chapter of SSDP during her freshman year in 2011. Since then, she has devoted her Northwestern career to harm reduction & health and wellness issues. She is an active member of SHAPE (Sexual Health and Assault Peer Educators), has served on the Associated Student Government Alcohol Policy & Culture Working Group, and just finished her term as the Vice President of Risk Management for her sorority, Alpha Chi Omega. When she's not reading about drugs and sex, she likes dance and rap music.

Melissa Fufts is Campaign Director for Arkansans For Compassionate Care and has been a political activist for most of her adult life. She became involved in cannabis reform in 2010 while searching for a way to help save her son's life. She and husband Gary decided to help bring medical marijuana to Arkansas. She and her team are looking forward to the 2014 election, hoping to finally see their dream become a reality.

Gantt Galloway, PharmD, has worked in addiction treatment since 1987, when he started at Haight Ashbury Free Clinics. He is Executive Director of New Leaf Treatment Center and Senior Scientist at California Pacific Medical Center Research Institute. His principal area of research is developing improved pharmacologic and behavioral treatments for drug dependencies. His other interests include novel technologies for treating addiction, psychiatric comorbidity, psychedelics, methamphetamine, and MDMA.

Albert Garcia-Romeu, PhD is a postdoctoral fellow at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, where he is currently researching the effects of psychedelic compounds in human subjects, with a focus on psilocybin as a potential aid in the treatment of addiction. He received his doctorate at the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology, studying the measurement and experience of self-transcendence in healthy adults. Other research interests include clinical applications of mindfulness and altered states of consciousness, and their underlying psychobiological mechanisms.

Karen Garrison is the proud mother of Lawrence and Lamont Garrison, who were incarcerated under mandatory minimum sentencing guidelines. For the past 14 years she has worked to end the war on drugs. She now co-hosts the *Mommie Activist and Sons* radio show to assist prisoners and their families. Karen has lobbied elected officials to reform mandatory minimum laws, and her story has been featured in national and international media, as well as public events around the country.

George Gascón is the first Latino District Attorney for the City and County of San Francisco. Gascón has earned a national reputation as a criminal justice visionary and leader who uses evidence-based practices to make communities safer by lowering crime without over-relying on incarceration. He created the nation's first Alternative Sentencing Program, and launched the first Sentencing Commission in California in an effort to reform sentencing practices by applying evidence-based practices to prosecution.

Dale Gieringer, PhD, is the Director of California NORML, co-sponsor of Proposition 215 (California's medical marijuana law), and author of *Marijuana Medical Handbook* and *NORML Guide to Drug Testing*. He is also an author and researcher on medical marijuana usage and harm reduction, as well as a member of the Oakland Cannabis Regulatory Commission.

Kenneth Glasgow is an advocate for social justice issues in and around the southern region. His work consists of networking and strategizing with local and national organizations such as the NAACP, The Alabama, Florida and Georgia Democratic Conferences, Southeast Alabama District of A.M.E Churches, Formerly Incarcerated People's Movement, and many other organizations.

Diane Goldstein is a 21-year veteran of law enforcement who retired as the first female lieutenant for the Redondo Beach Police Department. During her career she worked and managed a variety of patrol and investigative units. She is recognized as a subject matter expert and trainer in the area of crisis negotiations and critical incident management. She is both a speaker and Executive Board Member for Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, a guest columnist for *Ladybud Magazine* and the Huffington Post and has appeared on radio and television as a commentator.

James D. Gollin sits on the boards of and advises many non-profits and foundations, including the Angelica Foundation, which funds extensively in Mexico, the Democracy Alliance, which funds progressive political infrastructure, Rainforest Action Network, a preeminent corporate campaigning organization, and most recently the Richardson Center for Global Engagement. He was a long-time board member of the Drug Policy Alliance and currently lives in Santa Fe, NM.

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Julie Gonzales is a paralegal at the Meyer Law Office, PC, where she supports noncitizens with criminal convictions in deportation proceedings. She has a decade of experience engaging grassroots communities around immigrant justice, education reform, and workers' rights. She received her undergraduate degree in History and Ethnicity, Race, and Migration from Yale University in 2005. Born on the San Carlos Apache Reservation in Arizona and raised in the borderlands of south Texas, Julie has lived in Denver for the past eight years and is proud to call Colorado home.

Mara Gordon is a cannabis alchemist and process engineer with Aunt Zelda's, Inc., in the San Francisco Bay Area. She brings her two passions together – integrated medicine and data – helping patients individualize and customize their cannabinoid and terpene intake. Her involvement with cannabis began as a patient after a painful disability necessitated leaving her career as head of Methodology at a Fortune 500 company. Helping other patients is her commitment.

Ingmar Gorman, MA, is a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at the New School for Social Research. He has studied the therapeutic alliance in MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and is currently launching a protocol examining broader psychotherapy processes. He has presented at conferences such as the World Psychedelic Forum and Psychedelic Science. Previously, Ingmar Gorman interned at the Prague Psychiatric Center, and currently serves as Research Study Assistant at the Sloan-Kettering Institute.

Robert Granfield is Professor of Sociology and Director of the Civic Engagement and Public Policy initiative at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He has authored/co-authored several books including, *Making Elite Lawyers: Visions of Law at Harvard and Beyond*, *Coming Clean: Overcoming Addiction without Treatment*, and *Recovery From Addiction: A Practical Guide to Treatment Self-Help and Quitting on your Own*. A forthcoming book on critical addiction studies will be published next year.

George Greer, MD, is a psychiatrist in private practice in Santa Fe, NM. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and Past President of the Psychiatric Medical Association of New Mexico. He was also the Clinical Director of Mental Health Services for the New Mexico Corrections Department during the 1990s. He has evaluated over 100 patients with PTSD for medical cannabis.

Vanita Gupta is Deputy Legal Director of the American Civil Liberties Union and Director of the ACLU's Center for Justice, which houses the organization's criminal justice reform, prisoners' rights, and capital punishment work. In addition, Vanita teaches a racial justice litigation clinic at NYU School of Law. Vanita previously worked for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, where she led the effort to overturn the wrongful drug convictions of 38 individuals in Tulia, Texas.

Stephen Gutwillig leads DPA's public policy program, which includes seven offices across the country. Based in Los Angeles, Gutwillig served as DPA's California director until 2012, overseeing the organization's statewide legislative agenda, "model city" initiative in San Francisco, and marijuana reform efforts, including advocacy on behalf of Proposition 19 on the 2010 ballot. He has more than 25 years' experience working for community-based, cultural and social change organizations in Boston, New York and Los Angeles.

Senator David Haley is in his 18th year in the Kansas Legislature and serves as the Ranking Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senator Haley is a graduate of Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA and Howard University Law School in Washington, DC. A former Wyandotte County Assistant District Attorney, Sen. Haley also worked in legal capacities at every level of government as well as in a prominent private law firm.

Ronald E. Hampton is the Washington, DC Representative for Blacks in Law Enforcement of America. He is former Executive Director of the National Black Police Association and a retired twenty-three year veteran of the DC Metropolitan Police Department. Additionally, he serves as a Law Enforcement Fellow at the University of the District of Columbia.

Chino Hardin has worked on youth leadership development and gang prevention/intervention for 13 years. Chino is committed to developing and elevating youth leadership and civic engagement in communities that are hardest hit by crime, violence and incarceration. Chino's expertise stems from direct, on-the-ground apprenticeship with youth development trainers and practitioners from across the country – as well as from Chino's personal experience in the streets and within the juvenile/criminal justice system.

Tanay Lynn Harris is a Community Organizer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund's Criminal Justice Project. In that role, she works to increase and support the organizing capacity of communities of color. Tanay participates in organizing criminal justice reform campaigns focused on the school-to-prison pipeline, police misconduct, and mass incarceration. Tanay is a person dedicated to the defense, protection, nurturance and development of the young through various community organizations.

John Harrison, MA, PsyD (cand.), is and has been a psychedelic researcher, addiction treatment therapist, anti-Drug War activist, Zen Buddhist practitioner, Gestalt group leader, and mountaineer, among several other incarnations. John was Principal Investigator for MAPS' long-term research study examining the efficacy of ibogaine in the treatment of opiate addiction.

Carl Hart is an Associate Professor of Psychology in both 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. He is the author or co-author of dozens of peer-reviewed scientific articles in the area of neuropsychopharmacology, co-author of the textbook, *Drugs, Society, and Human Behavior*, and author of *High Price: A Neuroscientist's Journey of Self-Discovery*.

LaResse Harvey is the director of strategic relations at A Better Way Foundation. Over the past 8 years Ms. Harvey led ABWF's successful efforts in Connecticut to pass marijuana decriminalization and medical marijuana legislation; pass and implement the state's 911 Good Samaritan law; expand access to naloxone; and establish Racial Ethnic Impact Statements.

Daliah Heller works on public health approaches to substance use. Her interests include health care integration, social program innovations, surveillance methods, and policy research on drug and alcohol use. Over the past two decades, she served in leadership roles in both the governmental and not-for-profit sector in New York City. Daliah holds a graduate degree in public health and a doctorate in social policy, and is currently based at the CUNY School of Public Health.

Emmet Helrich is a longtime resident of Burlington, Vermont. He is a 31-year veteran of the Burlington Police Department and current Director for the Community Rapid Intervention Community Court.

Jorge Hernandez was born in Mexico City in 1970. He was trained as a political scientist and internationalist. He has been involved in cannabis and drug policy reform for over 15 years and has made many friends along the way. He is currently a Latin American IDPC Steering Group member and has served as the Executive Director at CuPIHD since 2009.

Reverend Alvin Herring brings a long career as an activist pastor and grassroots leader to the PICO National Network's Lifelines to Healing work in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He sees his work as a ministry that allows him to turn his faith into the kind of action that will help build Baton Rouge into a community of justice and opportunity. Alvin is the newly appointed executive director of the Working Interfaith Network (WIN), and is the former lead community organizer in West Contra Costa County for CCISCO (the Contra Costa Interfaith Supporting Community Organization). CCISCO and WIN are members of the PICO National Network.

Cipriana Jurado Herrera is a longtime human rights activist from Juarez, Mexico, who was forced to flee her home in the summer of 2010. On June 8, 2011 she became the first Mexican human rights activist to gain asylum in the United States. She currently serves as President of the Board of Mexicanos en Exilio (Mexicans in Exile).

María Elena Herrera is a widow from Pajacuarán, Michoacán, and has seven children who have primarily worked in the gold business. In August 2008, two of her sons disappeared in Guerrero, Mexico. In September 2010, two more of her sons disappeared in Veracruz, Mexico. Both of these instances occurred after her sons went through military checkpoints. Since then, Doña Mari continues to bring her case to the authorities, without results. She continues to seek justice.

Lee Hertel has been using injection drugs for the past 10 years. He has lived with HIV since 1987 and hep C since 2004. Lee entered activism only in the past couple of years when he began handing out sterile syringes on the streets to men and women who inject drugs. He is a member of the International Network of People who Use Drugs.

Hannah Hetzer is policy manager of the Americas at the Drug Policy Alliance, serving as DPA's liaison for Latin American and broader international issues. She has previously worked with the Latin America Unit of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, the Americas Division at Human Rights Watch, and the Human Rights Foundation. Hannah just returned from Uruguay, where she spent the past nine months working with the campaign to legally regulate marijuana.

Derek Hodel has held a range of senior positions at HIV and drug policy organizations, including Deputy Executive Director for the Drug Policy Alliance, Interim Executive Director for the International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, and currently, Interim Executive Director for the Canadian Treatment Action Council. In addition to amfAR, his recent consulting clients include the M•A•C AIDS Fund, the NY Academy of Medicine, Physicians for Human Rights, and Trust for America's Health.

Pete Holmes graduated from Yale in 1978, working for the Natural Resources Defense Council before earning his JD at Virginia in 1984. Pete was elected City Attorney in 2009. As City Attorney he has worked to make the office more transparent and advance the cause of social justice.

Allen Hopper is the Criminal Justice and Drug Policy Director of the ACLU of Northern California, where he develops and implements strategies to reduce over-reliance upon the criminal justice system as a mechanism for addressing social issues. Specific areas of focus include drug law enforcement; medical marijuana implementation issues and broader marijuana law reform; and creative alternatives to incarceration. Previously, Mr. Hopper was the Litigation Director for the National ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project.

Geoffrey P. Hunt, PhD, is a social and cultural anthropologist who has 30 years of experience in planning, conducting, and managing research in the field of youth studies, youth cultures and drug and alcohol research. Currently Dr. Hunt is Professor at the Centre for Alcohol and Drug Research (CRF) at the University of Aarhus, and a Senior Research Scientist at the Institute for Scientific Analysis. Dr. Hunt is Principal Investigator on a National Institutes on Health project on Asian-American men who have sex with men. A book based on this research, *Youth Drugs and Nightlife* was published in 2009 by Routledge.

Reverend John E. Jackson, Sr. is the Senior Pastor of Trinity United Church-Gary, where the motto is "We are not just another church but a culturally conscious, Christ-centered church committed to the community." Pastor Jackson is married to Janiece N. Jackson and they have 3 adult children and 5 grandchildren. Pastor Jackson's favorite scripture is Proverbs 3:5-6.

Jodi James has served over 20 years on the front line of the war on drugs. She is an accomplished writer and speaker, project organizer and campaign strategist. Her work includes time with Florida Cannabis Action Network, Coalition Advocating Medical Cannabis, The American Cannabis Society and Law Enforcement Against Prohibition. Her accolades include two- unsuccessful runs for Florida House and the 2000 Critical Resistance award for the Journey for Justice IV Texas Style.

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Wanda James is the principal and owner of James Foxx Consulting (JFC), a marketing and consulting firm that specializes in results-oriented, political and strategic positioning. JFC specializes in campaign management, advocacy and political outreach for both candidates and organizations. The company is dedicated to consistently providing innovative solutions through strategic alliances, research, message development and media planning.

Constance Johnson is an Oklahoma State Senator who has been an avid drug policy reformer and introduced legislation on medical marijuana and graduated sentencing for drug offenses in a formidable, far-right atmosphere. Her legislation has resulted in diversion and harm reduction programs and has raised awareness about drug usage being a health and human services issue rather than a prosecutable offense.

Dr. Michael Jones is a senior project associate for the Pretrial Justice Institute. He assists dozens of states and local jurisdictions in understanding and implementing more legal and empirically-based pretrial justice policies and practices. Prior to PJI, he worked as a criminal justice planner and manager for a local criminal justice coordinating committee. He has also worked as a technical resource provider for the National Institute of Corrections. Mike has a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology.

Stefanie Jones is event manager at the Drug Policy Alliance. In her seven years with the organization, she has produced four progressively larger editions of the biennial International Drug Policy Reform Conference, as well as numerous local policy conferences, fundraisers and coalition-building meetings. Motivated by her roles as drug policy reformer, event planner, and avid nightlife participant, Stefanie seeks to introduce harm reduction principles and drug policy alternatives to partygoers, public health officials and city nightlife regulators across the U.S.

Sam Kamin is Professor and Director of the Constitutional Rights and Remedies Program at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law, where he has taught since 1999. He writes and researches in the areas of criminal procedure, federal courts, and the regulation of marijuana.

Rob Kampa is the executive director of the Marijuana Policy Project (MPP). A high school valedictorian, he served three months in prison for growing marijuana for personal use at Penn State University and was elected as the school's student body president two years later. He co-founded MPP in 1995; MPP quickly established itself as the leading organization on Capitol Hill to call for the repeal of marijuana prohibition. In 2012, MPP made history by legalizing marijuana in Colorado.

Ruth Kanatser started her love affair with harm reduction in 2000 when fate gave her the opportunity to become a peer educator. She was hooked. After years of volunteering as a peer educator she got an outreach position at the Harm Reduction Action Center, and the rest is history. She received the Inaugural Josephine Roche award in 2011 for outstanding innovation and commitment in direct service.

Tracie L. Keese is a Denver native and 24-year veteran with the Denver Police Department. She is currently the Deputy Director of the Colorado Information Analysis Center (CIAC) and the co-founder and Director of Outreach for the Center for Policing Equity. She is currently assigned as the Department of Homeland Security/ UASI Director for Denver. She is the co-founder and Executive Director of Operations for the Center for Policing Equity.

Dr. Scott Kellogg is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychology at New York University, the Director of the Chairwork/Schema Therapy Treatment Project, a past President of the Division on Addictions of the New York State Psychological Association, and a co-director of the Harm Reduction and Mental Health Project at New York University. His work includes a central focus on Gradualism, Contingency Management, and Progressive Addiction Treatment Reform.

Beau Kilmer codirects the RAND Drug Policy Research Center. His research has been published in leading journals including *American Journal of Public Health*, *Foreign Policy*, and *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. His essays have appeared in *Los Angeles Times*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *USA Today*. His co-authored book, *Marijuana Legalization*, was published by Oxford (marijuanalegalization.info). Beau earned his BA from MSU, MPP from Berkeley, and PhD from Harvard.

Kate Monico Klein is director of the Forensic AIDS Project (FAP), a program of San Francisco's Department of Public Health Jail Health Services division. She has implemented innovative jail-based HIV prevention and care-related programs ranging from condom distribution to integrated HIV/hepatitis/STD testing and linkages. In collaboration with the DOPE Project, FAP is piloting a Narcan distribution project to prepare prisoners for the overdose danger re-entry can trigger.

Arild Knutsen is a former drug addict, now running The Association for Humane Drug Policies, a drug users' union. He has been awarded prizes for his work for drug users' rights and for his harm reduction efforts. He was appointed "Oslo Citizen of the Year" by newspaper readers in 2009, and won another top award from a different newspaper in 2010. He was also given The Tolerance Prize by a leading group of journalists in 2010.

Andy Ko manages the Campaign for a New Drug Policy at the Open Society Foundations. Ko previously worked with the ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project, the Drug Policy Project at the ACLU of Washington, and Columbia Legal Services. Ko began his career as a Skadden Fellow and staff attorney with the Homeless Rights Project of the Legal Aid Society of New York City. He attended Tufts University and NYU School of Law.

Michael Krawitz has been Executive Director of Veterans For Medical Cannabis Access since 2008. A disabled United States Air Force Veteran, Krawitz served in the eighties and was injured in an accident

in Guam that was deemed “in the line of duty” although not in any way combat-related. In 2010 Mr Krawitz’s decade-long fight inside the VA for adequate access to pain management paid off when he negotiated the VA’s first-ever national medical cannabis policy.

Alex Landau is currently attending the University of Colorado-Denver for a degree in Social Justice and Communication. He is a 24-year-old domestic adoptee, a spoken word artist, a survivor of extreme police brutality, and currently works as a human rights activist with many organizations who seek justice for human rights violations. Landau’s primary focus has been police accountability and he has been at the frontlines of such activist work for the past four years.

Amber Langston is the Secretary of the Board of Directors for Show-Me Cannabis Regulation. After leading a successful marijuana decriminalization effort in Columbia, Missouri in 2004, Amber has worked as a national/international outreach director for Students for Sensible Drug Policy, as field support for Americans for Safe Access, and as media liaison for California’s Proposition 19. Amber is currently working to involve more women in drug policy through her organization Women Against Prohibition.

Lindsay LaSalle is a law fellow in DPA’s Office of Legal Affairs, where she engages in litigation, legislative drafting, and public education in support of drug policy reform. Lindsay is particularly active in the area of harm reduction, working on issues of overdose prevention, access to medication-assisted treatment, and supervised injection, among others. She previously worked in private legal practice for three years. Lindsay received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley.

Rev. Peter Laarman is executive director of Progressive Christians Uniting, a network of individuals and congregations in Southern California concerned with public justice and leadership formation. PCU is also the administrative center for an interfaith initiative against racialized mass incarceration in California called Justice Not Jails. Prior to training for the ministry in 1990, Peter Laarman spent

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20 years as a community organizer and as a communications specialist with the American Federation of Teachers and the United Auto Workers. In 2010 the Yale Divinity School honored him with its William Sloane Coffin Peace & Justice Ward.

Ann Edwards Lee grew up in Ponchatoula, Louisiana, a small town north of New Orleans. She finished high school in 1946 and entered the University of Texas in Austin. There she met Bob Lee, who made her a Texan and a Republican. They were married in 1951 and have five sons, three granddaughters and 2 great-grandchildren. In 1990, Richard, their fourth son, told

them that marijuana was good for him. From then on their purpose has been to repeal marijuana prohibition.

Harry Levine is Professor of Sociology at Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York. His current research examines the epidemic of marijuana possession arrests throughout the U.S. – disproportionately of young blacks and Latinos who use marijuana at lower rates than young whites. In partnership with the ACLU, NAACP, Drug Policy Alliance, and Latino civil rights groups, he has issued reports on the costs, damaging consequences, and racial disparities of lowest-level marijuana possession arrests.

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Sam Liebelt has been involved in the drug users' movement in Australia and internationally for over 13 years. He currently works for the Australian Injecting and Illicit Drug Users League (AIVL). Sam's role at AIVL primarily focuses on social networking, website development and resource/policy development. Sam is also the Editor of *Junkmail*, Australia's only national magazine by users for users.

Kali Lindsey joined the National Minority AIDS Council as Director of Legislative and Public Affairs in 2011. Prior to joining the NMAC, Lindsey served as the Senior Director of Federal Policy for Harlem United Community AIDS Center, Inc. Prior to that, he also served as the Vice President of Federal Government Affairs at the National Association of People with AIDS.

Justin Longo is the web, media, and public relations guy at Colorado's free market think tank, The Independence Institute. He also co-owns and edits the Colorado news website, CompleteColorado.com. Additionally, he's a co-founder and director of the international social networking organization, Liberty on the Rocks. Justin graduated from George Mason University in 2004 and 2007 with Bachelors of Science degrees in business management and economics.

Roberto Lovato is a writer, commentator, and strategy consultant, as well as the co-founder of Presente.org, the country's pre-eminent online Latino advocacy organization. Roberto has written and spoken extensively about many critical issues including climate change, national politics, immigration, Latin American politics, national security, race, and the drug war. He is a frequent contributor to *The Nation*, the Huffington Post and other media outlets. In 2011, Roberto was awarded a crisis reporting grant from the Pulitzer Center and voted one of the country's "Most Influential Progressives" in media by readers of AlterNet.

Christie Lunsford is the marketing director at Dixie Elixirs and Edibles. Christie has 20 years of experience in corporate branding, cannabis therapeutics, uptake systems, consumer and legislative relations. She also serves as a consultant for the cannabis

industry. She has served as a board member of the Women's CannaBusiness Network, a project of NCIA, and has worked to lobby Congress in the areas of fair taxation and banking laws for state-legal medical marijuana businesses.

Lynne Lyman is the California state director for the Drug Policy Alliance, where she leads the organization's criminal justice reform work. A native of Los Angeles with an MPA from Harvard, Lyman joined DPA in 2012, after working with government and civil rights organizations in California and Massachusetts on policy, political advocacy, and capacity building to address social problems confronting inner city communities, particularly issues relating to racial justice, youth violence and criminal justice system reform.

Tim Lynch is the director of Cato's Project on Criminal Justice, which has become a leading voice in support of the Bill of Rights and civil liberties. His research interests include the war on terrorism, overcriminalization, the drug war, the militarization of police tactics, and gun control. Since joining Cato in 1991, Lynch has published articles in the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *ABA Journal*, and the *National Law Journal*. He has appeared on *The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer*, *NBC Nightly News*, *ABC World News Tonight*, Fox's *The O'Reilly Factor*, and C-SPAN's *Washington Journal*.

Robert MacCoun, a social psychologist, is Professor at the Goldman School of Public Policy and the Law School at UC Berkeley. He was a Behavioral Scientist at RAND for 7 years, and has been a Visiting Professor at Princeton and Stanford. He has published numerous articles and monographs on drug policy, including the book *Drug War Heresies: Learning from Other Vices, Times, and Places* (Cambridge). His recent drug research examines marijuana laws and markets in Washington, California, and the Netherlands, as well as the psychology of harm reduction.

Donald Macpherson is Executive Director of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition and one of Canada's leading figures in drug policy. He advocates policies based on principles of public health, human rights, social inclusion, and scientific

evidence and moving away from a criminal justice paradigm where people are criminalized. Macpherson worked for the City of Vancouver for 22 years, as Director of the Carnegie Community Centre in the Downtown Eastside and as Drug Policy Coordinator for the City.

Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch directs the Global Drug Policy program at the Open Society Foundations, which funds initiatives advocating an evidence-based approach to drug policy worldwide. Kasia has helped formulate policy at the Global Fund, the WHO, the Millennium Challenge and other bodies through membership of various expert boards and committees. She has authored or co-authored dozens of policy and scientific papers for scientific journals and book chapters, as well as articles for the international press.

Ron Martin works as one of the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition's Law Enforcement Safety Advocates. He is a former Detective Sergeant and is a dedicated law enforcement professional with over 20 years of experience in the New York City Police Department. At NCHRC, he advocates for needle stick prevention measures for officers in North Carolina and for more dialogue between drug users, sex workers, and law enforcement to create safer communities.

William Martin is the Harry and Hazel Chavanne Senior Fellow at Rice University's Baker Institute, where he directs the Drug Policy program as well as the program in Religion and Public Policy. He received his PhD from Harvard in 1969 and was an award-winning professor in Rice's sociology department for thirty-eight years. He has written seven books and numerous articles that have appeared in *Texas Monthly*, *The Atlantic*, *Harper's*, and *Esquire*, in addition to professional journals.

Mary Lynn Mathre, RN, MSN, CARN, is the President/Co-founder of Patients Out of Time and the President and Founding member of the American Cannabis Nurses Association. She is a former lieutenant in the Navy Nurse Corps and a board member of

Veterans for Medical Access. Mathre has written extensively on medical cannabis and is the editor of *Cannabis in Medical Practice* (1997) and co-editor of *Women and Cannabis* (2002).

Travis Maurer is an activist and entrepreneur based out of Portland, Oregon. After experiencing the inhumanity of American drug policy firsthand, Travis was emboldened to help form American Victory Coalition, National Cannabis Coalition, Show-Me Cannabis, and New Approach Oregon to ensure that future generations will be spared the blight of the drug war. He is also Chairman of the Board for The Weed Blog, and founder and CEO of Maurer Growth Strategies, a cannabis industry consulting company.

Julio Calzada Mazzei is the Secretary General of the National Drug Secretariat in Uruguay. He has a degree in Sociology from the University of the Republic of Uruguay and worked for years at the Institute of Popular Education, "El Abrojo". Calzada originally joined the National Drug Secretariat to focus on social, occupational and educational inclusion. He has received numerous prizes and acknowledgements, both nationally and internationally.

Tommy McDonald is the deputy director of media relations for the Drug Policy Alliance.

Rebecca McGoldrick is a co-founder and the executive director of Protect Families First, where she works to include family and youth voices in programs and policies in Rhode Island, primarily regarding marijuana regulation and overdose prevention efforts. As a student activist, she worked on harm reduction education campaigns and international drug war awareness projects. She is a graduate of Brown University.

Rachel McLean is Viral Hepatitis Prevention Coordinator for the California Department of Public Health. Previously, she worked on criminal justice policies at the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights and the Council of State Governments Justice Center. While completing her Masters of Public Health at Johns Hopkins, she conducted a needs assessment with women at the Baltimore City jail. She has also served homeless youth and founded the Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project in San Francisco.

Laura McTighe has been working as an organizer, communications strategist, and writer on issues at the intersection of HIV/AIDS, prisons, gender and religion for more than fifteen years. Since 2008, her work has been centered in the South at Women With A Vision in New Orleans. She is currently a PhD candidate in Theology at Columbia University, and holds an M.T.S. in Islamic Studies from Harvard Divinity School and a B.A. in Religion from Haverford College.

Lorez Meinhold serves as the Deputy Executive Director and Director of Community Partnerships for Colorado's Department of Health Care Policy and Financing. In this capacity she helps establish and advance the work of the Department, and focuses on building and managing community partnerships and relationships that integrate Department strategy and activities with statewide and national health reform initiatives. Prior to joining the Department, Lorez served as the Senior Policy Director for Health, Human Services, Education, and Economic Development in the Office of Policy and Research for Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. Lorez previously served as Senior Health Policy Analyst for Governor Ritter and worked on state and federal policy for the Colorado Health Foundation.

Hans Meyer specializes in immigration law, criminal defense of immigrants, and the immigration consequences of criminal convictions. He is a former trial attorney with the Colorado State Public Defense, where he trained and advised defense attorneys regarding the immigration consequences of crimes. He continues to serve as an expert on immigration issues for indigent defense counsel and the private bar. Hans also works in public policy impacting immigrant communities, with an emphasis on immigration enforcement and the criminalization of immigrants.

Jared Moffat is an up-and-coming drug policy reformer, youth advocate, and community organizer from Providence, Rhode Island. In 2013 Jared graduated from Brown University where he was twice elected president of the Students for Sensible Drug Policy chapter. Dedicated to exposing the negative impacts of the drug war on young people, Jared now serves as Director of Outreach and Planning for Protect Families First.

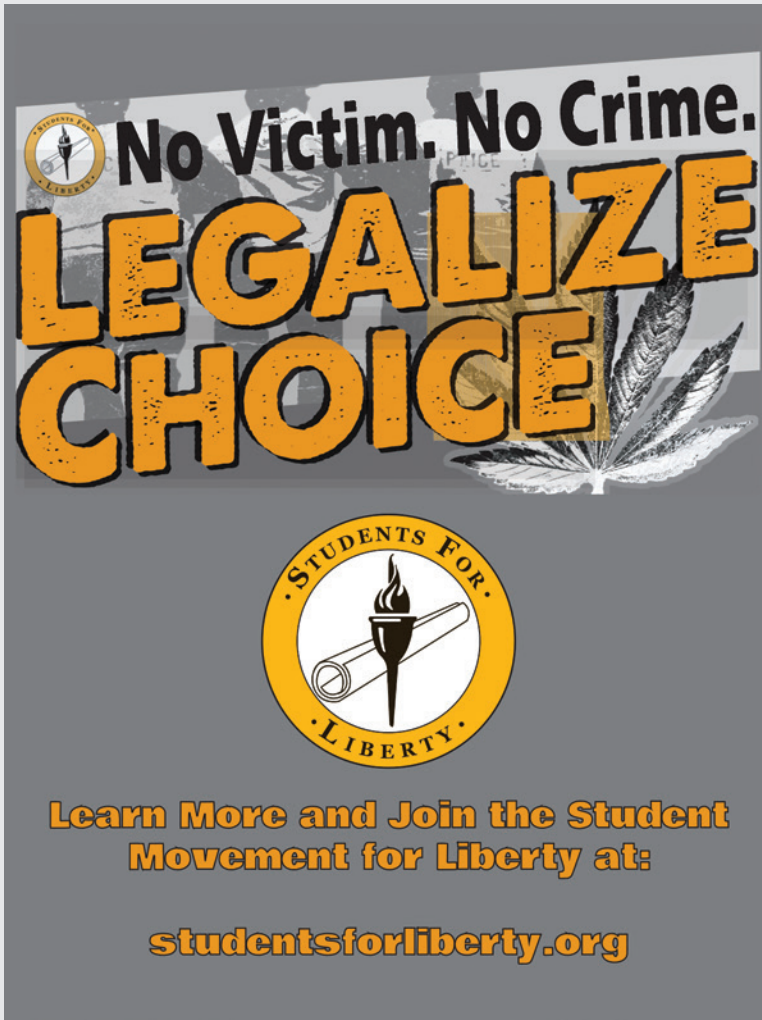
Eduardo "LaLo" Montoya has served as a community organizer leading campaigns to end the criminalization of youth, fighting for college preparation for all and immigrant student rights. LaLo Montoya trained youth on how to speak truth to power, develop strategic campaign plans, create power analyses and build powerful bases and leaders that earn their seat at the decision making table to improve the lives of the community through fighting for real long-term systemic change.

Judge Truman A. Morrison III attended University of Wisconsin Law School. He clerked in the U.S. District Court in Wisconsin. Judge Morrison was a trial lawyer at the District of Columbia Public Defender Service, later becoming trial chief. He was appointed to the bench by President Jimmy Carter in 1979. As a Superior Court judge, Judge Morrison hears family, domestic violence, civil and criminal cases. He has been a judicial educator for more than twenty-five years. Judge Morrison speaks widely to judges, prosecutors, defenders, pretrial service providers and others on pretrial justice issues. He is on the faculty of the Harvard University Law School Trial Advocacy Workshop.

Sheigla Murphy, PhD, is the director of the Center for Substance Abuse Studies at the Institute for Scientific Analysis and a sociologist who has been researching various types of illicit drug use, sales and treatment for more than thirty years. She is the coauthor of *Cocaine Changes: The Experience of Using and Quitting* and *Pregnant Women on Drugs: Combating Stereotypes and Stigma*.

Dave Murray is the founder of the NAOMI Patients Association (NPA) and a volunteer at Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU). In January 2011 he organized a group of former participants from the NAOMI heroin-assisted treatment clinical trial in the Downtown Eastside of Vancouver. In 2013, the NPA changed its name to SALOME/ NAOMI Association of Patients (SNAP). Dave is also a board member of the Downtown Eastside Neighbourhood Council, BC Yukon Association of Drug War Survivors, PIVOT Legal Society, Pacific Hepatitis C Network, and Acting Secretary for the Canadian Association of People who use Drugs.

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Ethan Nadelmann is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance, the leading organization in the U.S. promoting alternatives to the war on drugs. Nadelmann received his B.A., J.D., and Ph.D. in Political Science from Harvard as well as a Masters' degree in International Relations from the London School of Economics, and taught at Princeton University for seven years. Nadelmann and his colleagues have played pivotal roles in most of the major drug policy reform ballot initiative

campaigns in the U.S. on issues ranging from medical marijuana and marijuana legalization to prison reform, drug treatment and reform of asset forfeiture laws. They also have reformed state and federal laws involving drug sentencing, access to sterile syringes to reduce HIV/AIDS, access to drug treatment, prevention of overdose fatalities, and all aspects of marijuana policy.

Julie Netherland, PhD, is the Deputy New York State Director for the Drug Policy Alliance. Previously, she served as Deputy Director of Health Policy at the New York Academy of Medicine. In 2011, she completed her PhD in Sociology

at CUNY-Graduate Center, focusing on the role of addiction pharmaceuticals in shaping understandings of addiction. Dr. Netherland is the editor of the recently published book, *Critical Perspectives on Addiction* (Emerald Press, 2012).

Dr. Alexander Neumeister is a researcher who aims to better understand the environmental and genetic contributions to the etiology of stress-related disorders. His studies aim to provide a new understanding of the impact of stress on brain function, with the ultimate goal to stimulate a better means of prevention and treatment. His research has been published in leading scientific journals, and he has been awarded national and international awards for his work.

Tony Newman is director of media relations for the Drug Policy Alliance, a position he has held since 2000. Newman has more than 15 years of public relations experience. Before joining the organization, he was the media director for the human rights organization Global Exchange and co-founded the public relations firm Communication Works. Newman received his B.A. from the University of California Santa Cruz.

Evan Nison is the Executive Director of NORML New Jersey, Co-Founder and Director of the NY Cannabis Alliance, and ran the college outreach effort for Prop 19 in California. He was President of Ithaca College SSDP for 4 years, which was rated the #1 drug law reform chapter in the country in 2011. Evan also received the 2011 NORML Student Activism Award and High Times Freedom Fighter Award.

Dorsey Nunn is the executive director of Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, an organization engaging in advocacy and organizing work with communities impacted by the criminal justice system. The first formerly incarcerated person to hold the position, he is also a co-founder of All of Us or None, a civil and human rights organization comprised of formerly incarcerated people, prisoners and their allies. He speaks extensively on issues relating to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, their children and their family members.

Marilee Odendahl is a writer, poet and artist whose son, Ian, died from heroin overdose in 2007. She works to raise awareness about overdose, harm reduction and drug policy through sister organizations Broken No More & GRASP. She is a committed activist who uses writing and speaking to connect with the public on a personal level and to raise awareness about the issues surrounding addiction, harm reduction and the unimaginable loss of a child.

Patrick Oglesby is the former Chief Tax Counsel of the United States Senate Committee on Finance. Oglesby has written extensively on marijuana tax and revenue policy. He is a North Carolina lawyer and founder of the Center for New Revenue, a nonprofit policy organization.

Karen O’Keefe is the Marijuana Policy Project’s director of state policies. She manages grassroots and direct lobbying efforts in state legislatures. Since 2003, she’s played a significant role in MPP’s successful medical marijuana campaigns. She managed MPP’s state legislative department during the medical marijuana victories in Delaware, New Hampshire and Illinois, and during successful decriminalization campaigns in Rhode Island and Vermont. She is responsible for updating MPP’s model legislation, which formed the basis for medical marijuana laws in seven states.

Congressman Beto O’Rourke was elected to represent the 16th District of Texas in 2012. As an El Paso City Council Representative, Beto asked for a national debate over the consequences of the drug war for Mexican cities like Juarez, El Paso’s neighbor, which was destabilized by terrifying and daily drug war violence starting in 2007. He co-authored the book, *Dealing Death and Drugs: The Big Business of Dope in the U.S. and Mexico*.

Marcela Ot’alora was born and raised in Colombia and has a MA in Transpersonal Psychology and a MFA in Fine Arts. Marcela is an installation artist and has an innovative private psychotherapy practice incorporating somatic and visualization techniques to help process and integrate traumatic experiences. Marcela was a co-therapist in the first

government-approved MDMA-assisted psychotherapy study in Spain and is currently Principal Investigator of MAPS’ Phase 2 MDMA-assisted psychotherapy study in Boulder, Colorado.

Lynn M. Paltrow, JD, is the Founder and Executive Director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women. Paltrow is a graduate of Cornell University and New York University School of Law. As Executive Director of NAPW, she engages in research, legal advocacy, public education and grassroots and national organizing. She is a frequent guest lecturer and writer for popular press, law reviews and peer-reviewed journals.

Perry Parks is a disabled veteran, a professional member of the American Society of Safety Engineers, and past President of North Carolina Cannabis Patients Network (nccpn.org). He also serves on the board of Veterans for Medical Cannabis Access. He wears his military uniform as a symbol of distress for the veterans who are being denied equal medical treatment for war wounds because of the state in which they live.

Deborah Peterson Small is the Executive Director of Break the Chains, a public policy research and advocacy organization committed to addressing the disproportionate impact of punitive drug policies on poor communities of color. Break the Chains was founded in the belief that community activism and advocacy is an essential component of progressive policy reform. Break the Chains works to engage families and community leaders in promoting alternatives to the failed “war on drugs” by adopting public health approaches to substance abuse and drug-related crime.

Raquel Peyraube is a doctor who has been working on issues related to drug misuse and addiction for twenty-six years. She works on training, prevention, harm reduction, and treatment of problematic drug use. In addition to advocacy and clinic work, she also serves as supervisor. She currently advises on drug policy reform in Uruguay and is a member of advisory committees.

Bill Piper is the Director of National Affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance. His work includes campaigns to prohibit the White House from using federal prevention dollars to defeat medical marijuana initiatives, stop the State Department from unleashing dangerous mycoherbicides in Latin America, repeal the federal syringe funding ban, reform the crack/powder cocaine sentencing disparity, and cut drug war funding. Recently he worked with members of Congress and other reform groups to introduce historic legislation to legally regulate marijuana.

Ben Pollara is the campaign manager for United for Care, People United for Medical Marijuana in Florida. He is committed to getting this issue on the ballot and passed in 2014. Prior to joining this campaign, Ben has been in democratic fundraising for the past 12 years.

Linnæ Ponté is harm reduction coordinator and clinical research assistant at the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). Linnæ started working in harm reduction as an undergraduate at New College of Florida, and has since traveled internationally to coordinate and train volunteers to offer skilled and compassionate care to individuals having difficult psychedelic experiences. For Linnæ, psychedelic harm reduction is an essential service for festivals, capable of transforming potentially traumatic experiences into opportunities for growth and showing that safe, expansive experiences are possible without the need for law enforcement-based policies.

Jonathan Purtle is a Research Associate with Drexel University’s Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice and is currently a DrPH candidate in the Department of Health Management & Policy at the Drexel School of Public Health. He is the co-creator and a contributor to “The Public’s Health”, a public health blog and column with The Philadelphia Inquirer.

About the Presenters (continued)

Jose Queiroz is a founding member of the Piaget Agency for Development, and, since 2004, the executive director of this NGO. Among others, he is chair of the International CLAT Conference, member of the European Civil Society Forum, coordinator of the Southern sub-region of the European Harm Reduction Network and represents the Portuguese Harm Reduction Network. He is an expert in project methodology and training, and has designed several community-based interventions targeting vulnerable populations.

Meghan Ralston is the Harm Reduction Manager for the Drug Policy Alliance in Los Angeles, California. Meghan's work with DPA since 2006 has included implementing California's pharmacy syringe sale law throughout LA County and helping to pass California's 911 Good Samaritan overdose prevention law. She has presented on a variety of harm reduction topics across the U.S. and around the world.

Lisa Raville is the executive director of the Harm Reduction Action Center in Denver. She began her career in nursing home administration, where she had the ability to participate with AmeriCorps at a syringe exchange in California. After Colorado passed syringe access legislation in 2010, HRAC worked for 21 months to finally become a certified County of Denver syringe access program. Lisa is the Secretary on the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition Board of Directors. Lisa holds a BA in Communications & Women's Studies from DePaul University.

Daniel Raymond is the Policy Director for the Harm Reduction Coalition, a national organization working at the intersection of substance use and health. His work focuses on advancing policies to address the health needs of current and former substance users on a range of issues, including overdose, HIV and hepatitis C, and access to health care and drug treatment. He is based in New York City.

Amanda Reiman, PhD, MSW, is the California policy manager for the Drug Policy Alliance and leads the organization's marijuana reform work in California. She is also currently a lecturer in the School of Social Welfare at the University of California-Berkeley. Reiman earned her BA in psychology from the University of Illinois-Chicago, her MSW from the Jane Addams College of Social Work, her PhD in Social Welfare from the University of California-Berkeley and was previously a marijuana researcher.

Craig Reinerman is Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He has been active in drug policy reform since 1974 and is the co-author of *Cocaine Changes* and *Crack In America*.

Dick Reinking is program manager on addiction policy, public mental health, and homelessness at the municipal health center for the city of Utrecht in the Netherlands. His work has covered the following topics over the last decade: heroin treatment, housing for homeless people who use drugs, safe injection facilities, cannabis clubs. He contributed to the development and implementation of policy outlines for Utrecht and the four largest cities in the Netherlands on homelessness and alcohol and drugs prevention programs.

Araceli Magdalena Rodriguez Nava is the mother of Luis Angel Leon Rodriguez, a federal police officer who disappeared on November 16th, 2009. She writes: "I've been an activist and advocate ever since. In Mexico, prohibition has caused organized criminal groups to fight over control of trafficking routes to the U.S. This has led the government to enforce a failed strategy that has taken away many of our family members, killing or disappearing them."

Stephen Rolles is the senior policy analyst at Transform Drug Policy Foundation, a UK based charity, think tank and campaign working to end the war on drugs and replace it with just and effective market regulation models. Steve is author of Transform's 2009 'After the War on Drugs: Blueprint for Regulation' and lead author of Transform's 2013 'How to Regulate Cannabis: A Practical Guide'.

Michael Romano is the director of the Three Strikes Project at Stanford Law School. The Three Strikes Project is the country's only organization dedicated to representing prisoners sentenced to life for nonviolent crimes. Romano co-authored the Three Strikes Reform Act of 2012 ("Proposition 36"), which was enacted by over 69% of California voters in November. Romano was a John Knight Fellow at Yale Law School and graduated with honors from Stanford Law School.

Marsha Rosenbaum is a former National Institute on Drug Abuse grantee, founder of the Safety First drug education project and Director Emerita of the Drug Policy Alliance's San Francisco office. Currently, Dr. Rosenbaum works to reform America's marijuana policies and continues to write, as a parent advocate, about teens and drugs. She is President of the JK Irwin Foundation, a San Francisco based non-profit dedicated to criminal justice, prison and drug policy reform.

Rep. Diane Russell was born and raised in Western Maine and is currently serving her third term in the legislature representing the Downtown Portland area. An advocate for working families and economic security, Rep. Russell was named "Most Valuable State Representative" in the country by *The Nation* magazine in its 2011 Progressive Honor Roll. Her primary issue areas include: expanding access to the ballot and protecting voter rights; getting money out of politics; and ending drug prohibition.

Lisa Sanchez has previously worked for a range of organizations, including the International AIDS Society and the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission of the Organization of American States. She is also co-founder of the Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Program of Espolea, a youth-lead organization based in Mexico City. Lisa has a degree in international relations from Tec de Monterrey and Sciences-Po Paris and a graduate degree in political science from Sorbonne University in France.

Jean-Félix Savary has studied politics and sociology. After a career in international development, mainly in Africa, he joined the GREA in 2004, the association of Swiss professionals working in the drug and alcohol field. As general secretary, he is mainly involved in the political processes that deal with psychoactive substances in Switzerland, where votes often take place on these subjects. He fights for a coherent and humane drug policy, which includes drug market regulation and harm reduction.

Gregory Scott is a sociologist, documentary filmmaker, harm reduction outreach specialist, and drug user activist. Since January 2001 he has served as the director of research for the Chicago Recovery Alliance. At DePaul University in Chicago he is an associate professor of sociology and director of the Social Science Research Center.

Ean Seeb is a 3rd generation Denver native. He is a founder of a local non-profit and holds multiple leadership and board positions throughout the city in civil rights, community and cultural organizations. Recognizing the opportunity to combine business acumen along with a passion for helping others, he co-founded Denver Relief and Denver Relief Consulting, both known nationally as strong medical marijuana community leaders. Ean currently serves as Board Chair for the National Cannabis Industry Association.

Sharda Sekaran is the managing director of communications for the Drug Policy Alliance. Sharda originally joined DPA in 2000 to produce programming for Arianna Huffington's Shadow Conventions, which mirrored the Republican and Democratic Conventions in 2000 and helped put criticism of the drug war in the national spotlight. She served for several years as Associate Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach at DPA. Subsequently, Sharda co-founded a human rights group that works to combat poverty in the U.S. called the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative, and served as Associate Director. She also served as Director of News and Field Media at GLAAD and Director of Marketing and Communications at Citymeals-on-Wheels. Sharda holds an MBA from Emory University with concentrations in strategy and marketing.

Reverend Alexander E. Sharp is the Acting Executive Director of The Community Renewal Society and Executive Director Emeritus of Protestants for the Common Good, which he led from May 1996 through June 2012. He graduated from Princeton University with a Master of Public Affairs in 1969 and received his Master of Divinity Degree from the University of Chicago in 1996. He was ordained in the United Church of Christ in January, 2007. He served as Commissioner of the Department of Public Welfare during the first term of Governor Michael Dukakis from 1975-79 and in 1980 was appointed the chief financial officer of The University of Chicago.

Steph Sherer is the founder and Executive Director of Americans for Safe Access. She has become the foremost international leader and expert on medical cannabis patient advocacy. Her highly acclaimed strategic ability to keep patients' needs at the forefront of the medical marijuana debate has brought safe and legal access to medical cannabis to millions of Americans. Steph is a medical cannabis patient with over seventeen years of experience servicing and managing non-profit businesses and community organizations.

Javier Sicilia is a poet, essayist, novelist, and journalist in Mexico. He contributes to print media such as *La Jornada* and *Proceso*. In 2011, Sicilia's son, Juan Francisco Sicilia Ortega was murdered in prohibition-related violence. As leader of the Movement for Peace with Justice and Dignity, Sicilia has led marches and caravans across Mexico and the U.S., calling for an end to the drug war, de-militarization in Mexico, and the legal regulation of currently-illegal drugs.

Steve Silverman is the founder and executive director of Flex Your Rights, a civil liberties organization laser-focused on improving the constitutional literacy of all Americans. Since 2002, Flex produced the popular educational movies, *BUSTED: The Citizen's Guide to Surviving Police Encounters* and *10 Rules for Dealing with Police*. The Flex YouTube channel has surpassed 31 million views. Flex is developing a new movie called *Jury Duty: What the Government Doesn't Want You to Know*.

Dr. Suzanne Sisley practices internal medicine and psychiatry. She is Clinical Faculty at University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix Campus. Among her many academic pursuits at the UA, she serves as Principal Investigator for a marijuana research clinical trial examining the safety and efficacy of marijuana in the treatment of PTSD. She has transitioned to a full-time telemedicine practice, using an array of telecommunications technologies to deliver quality medical care to Arizona's rural and underserved communities.

James Slatic has been a "serial entrepreneur" since 1984, starting 13 companies in all. On March 28, 2008 he started PotBottles.com for packaging and Med-West, LLC. Med-West has over 100 active dispensary clients across California. James is active in the cannabis movement, is a co-founder of the California affiliate of NCIA, a board member of the San Diego-based United Patients Alliance, and is a frequent speaker at industry events.

Olivia-Belen H. Sloan, RN, MPH, is the New Mexico Outreach and Education Associate for the Drug Policy Alliance. She has been working in health policy and research since 2003. She joined DPA in 2011, where her work focuses on harm reduction and evidence-based public health interventions. Prior to DPA, Olivia worked at both the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, in the areas of reservation-based research and tribal health policy. Olivia became a Registered Nurse in July 2013.

About the Presenters (continued)

Grant Smith is the policy manager in the Drug Policy Alliance's office of national affairs. He works both in Congress and within the District of Columbia to advance more effective drug policies. Grant recently coordinated a campaign opposing legislation in Congress that banned synthetic drugs. The campaign sparked prominent debates in the U.S. House of Representatives about the futility of the war on drugs and the need for a new policy approach to dealing with drugs.

Zara Snapp was born in Mexico and raised in the United States. Currently based in Mexico, she consults with international organizations on drug policy. Zara holds a Political Science degree from the University of Colorado at Denver and a Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Zara has worked for organizations including Kellogg Foundation, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, the National Democratic Institute and Mi Casa Resource Center.

Sarah Solon is the Communications Strategist for the American Civil Liberties Union's work on criminal justice. She produces public education products challenging the failed war on drugs and outlining solutions to the mass incarceration crisis.

Carlos Spector is an immigration attorney from El Paso, TX, who along with his wife, Sandra Spector, a veteran activist, formed Mexicanos en Exilio (Mexicans in Exile) in 2012 as an organization dedicated to helping Mexican refugees petition for political asylum – including reporters, human rights defenders, political activists, businessmen, and former law enforcement who have been displaced by the Mexican government's failed war on drugs. The organization began as a legal aid project and has transformed into a network for displaced Mexicans who continue to demand justice from abroad.

Allen St. Pierre is the executive director of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) in Washington, D.C. With the organization since 1991, St. Pierre is an expert on marijuana policy who is frequently interviewed in the national

media representing the interests and concerns of marijuana consumers. Since its inception in 1997, St. Pierre has also been the executive director of the NORML Foundation.

State Senator Pat Steadman represents portions of Denver in the Colorado legislature, and serves as Chair of the Joint Budget Committee. A member of the Drug Policy Task Force of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, Sen. Steadman has successfully sponsored a series of bills to reform sentencing for drug offenses in Colorado.

Julie Stewart founded Families Against Mandatory Minimums over 22 years ago and continues to lead the organization in its mission to provide fairer sentencing. As an expert in the field, Julie served on the DC Sentencing Advisory Commission and has testified before Congress and the U.S. Sentencing Commission about mandatory sentences and prison overcrowding. Prior to founding FAMM, Julie was Director of Public Affairs at the Cato Institute. She graduated *summa cum laude* from Mills College in Oakland, California.

Joy Strickland is founder and CEO of Mothers Against Teen Violence in Dallas, Texas. Her work in drug policy reform began in 2008, as she led the rebranding of MATV (then a fourteen-year-old social services group) into an organization dedicated to rethinking drug policy in Texas. In 2012, Joy created and led MATV's premiere project: the first biennial Texas Conference on Drug Policy, featuring 24 speakers and 14 sessions over two and a half days. Her work grew out of the tragic experience of losing a son in a random, drug-related crime. Winning hearts and minds for the reform movement is her way of transforming a tragedy into a triumph.

Jacob Sullum, a senior editor at Reason magazine and a nationally syndicated columnist, is the author of *Saying Yes: In Defense of Drug Use* (Tarcher/Penguin) and *For Your Own Good: The Anti-Smoking Crusade and the Tyranny of Public Health* (Free Press). His work has appeared in *Cigar Aficionado*, *National Review*, *The New York Times*, and many other publications.

Iлона Szabo de Carvalho is an international and public security specialist and the founder of the Igarape Institute. She serves as the co-coordinator of the Global Commission on Drug Policy and formerly served as the secretariat of the Latin American Commission on Drugs and Democracy. She is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Drug Policy Alliance.

Andrew Tatarsky holds a doctorate in clinical psychology from the City University of New York. He is Director of the Center for Optimal Living in NYC, founding member and President-elect of the Division on Addictions of New York State Psychological Association, Chairman of the board of Moderation Management Network, Inc., and founding board member of the Association for Harm Reduction Therapy. His book, *Harm Reduction Psychotherapy: A New Treatment for Drug and Alcohol Problems*, has been translated into Polish and Spanish. Dr. Tatarsky trains nationally and internationally.

M. Kay Teel, PhD, LCSW, is Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Colorado. Dr. Teel is a researcher and clinician with twenty years' experience in social work, including program development and community organization. Her work focuses on early intervention for children with special needs, and she served as the Program Coordinator for the Child Find Project. Dr. Teel is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work, and is the Social Work Discipline Director for the LEND Program.

Laura Thomas is the Deputy California State Director of the Drug Policy Alliance, based in San Francisco. She has been advocating on HIV and public health for twenty-five years, since first becoming involved in AIDS activism through ACT UP in San Francisco. She worked for community-based organizations and the San Francisco Department of Public Health. She holds a Masters in Public Health and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of California, Berkeley.

Clovis Thorn is the Managing Director of Development at the Drug Policy Alliance. Since 2003 he has led DPA's fundraising program, which includes major donor, event, foundation, direct mail and internet fundraising. Prior to his current position, Mr. Thorn was DPA's membership coordinator and the conference coordinator for the 2001 International Drug Policy Reform Conference. Mr. Thorn received his B.A. in sociology from the University of New Mexico. Prior to joining DPA, he was the correspondence manager for U.S. Senator Pete Domenici (R-NM). He is a member of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Robert "Bobby" Tolbert has been HIV-positive since 1995 and became a member of VOCAL-NY in 2005. He was formerly homeless in the NYC shelter system and has worked for much of the past decade as a peer health educator in the Bronx and Brooklyn. A long-time activist for social justice, he has led VOCAL-NY campaigns to expand syringe access, prevent overdose deaths, and hold Wall Street accountable for the financial crisis. As a member of an expert panel convened by the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene (DOHMH), he helped develop the "Recommended Best Practices for Effective Syringe Exchange Programs in the United States" in 2010 and continues to serve as an advisor to DOHMH.

Marcela Tovar is a philosopher with expertise in project management and education. She has been working on drug policy reform in Colombia for the last four years, beginning with the the evaluation and monitoring of pilot projects, and now with public relations and advocacy. Acción Tecnica Social currently works with harm reduction programs and the Bogota government in the implementation of some innovative approaches to drug policies.

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Mike Trace is the current Chairman of the International Drug Policy Consortium. Following 12 years working in drug support services, he was appointed Deputy UK Drug Czar by Tony Blair. Having overseen the UK drug strategy, he moved to senior roles in the European Union and United Nations. Consistently a critic of the war on drugs, he has worked to promote reform in a variety of roles since leaving the United Nations in 2003.

Sam Tracy is Chairman of the Board at Students for Sensible Drug Policy, an international grassroots network of students working to end the war on drugs. Before graduating from the University of Connecticut in May 2013,

he organized many successful drug policy reform campaigns at the campus and state level as an SSDP chapter leader and as President of the student body. He now lives in DC, where he manages communications for a technology policy think tank.

Ted Trimpa is the Principal and President of Trimpa Group, a national political consulting and government relations firm specializing in public policy advocacy and political strategy at the state and federal levels. Trimpa brings more than a decade of government relations and political consulting experience with a proven record of results.

About the Presenters (continued)

Mason Tvert is director of communications for the Marijuana Policy Project, co-founder of Safer Alternative For Enjoyable Recreation (SAFER), and co-author of *Marijuana Is Safer: So why are we driving people to drink?* He co-directed the campaign in support of Amendment 64, the successful 2012 ballot initiative to regulate marijuana like alcohol in Colorado, and *The Denver Post* named him the state's "Top Thinker" of the year in the category of politics and government.

Kirsten C. Tynan is National Coordinator for the Fully Informed Jury Association. She has been a grassroots pro-liberty activist for more than twenty years, dating back to college when she helped organize the first Million Marijuana March in Tucson. After working more than a decade as a reliability engineer, she retired from corporate America and moved to Montana, where she started a second career and has been working with FIJA for the last six years.

Hilda Vega is a Senior Program Manager at Partners for Change, an international consultancy working with philanthropists, social investors, and business executives. She has over 10 years of experience promoting social change and consulting with individual donors and foundations. Hilda has content expertise in drug policy reform, women's rights, sustainable development, environmental justice, and human rights. She has a B.A. from Brown University and an M.A. from the University of Miami.

Eduardo Vergara, MPA, is founding director of Asuntos del Sur, a Latin American think tank specializing in drug policy, international security and human rights. He participates in permanent working commissions at the Observatory on Organized Crime for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Inter-American Dialogue.

Brian Vicente, Esq., served as the co-director of the Amendment 64 campaign and was one of the primary authors of this historic measure. Brian also serves as executive director of Sensible Colorado, the state's leading non-profit working for sensible marijuana policy. Brian is also a founding member of Vicente Sederberg LLC, the first national medical marijuana law firm.

Jindřich Vobořil is the National Drug Coordinator for the Czech Republic. He is also the director of drug policy and director of the secretariat of the Government Council for Drug Policy Coordination. Vobořil is one of the leading Czech experts on drug issues, which is evidenced by his nearly 20-year experience with the leadership and development of health care and social services and programs related to the topic.

Rev. J. George M. Walters-Sleyon is the Founder and Executive Director of the Center for Church and Prison, a resource and research center working toward community revitalization through prison reform.

Joshua Wickerham advises the Ethnobotanical Stewardship Council, a nonprofit devoted to assuring the safety and sustainability of traditional medicinal plants and bringing benefits to communities who work with them. Joshua specializes in designing and implementing transparent and credible international governance systems that balance economic growth with social and environmental sustainability. He works with governments, corporations, and NGOs, offering clients research and advisory services such as stakeholder engagement, sustainability strategy design, organizational governance, and related services.

Dr. Alex Wodak has been Director of the Alcohol and Drug Service at St. Vincents Hospital in Sydney, Australia since 1982. Dr. Wodak is also President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation and was President of the International Harm Reduction Association from 1996-2004. He helped establish the first syringe access program and the first medically supervised injecting center in Australia

(when both were pre-legal) and often works in developing countries on HIV control among people who inject drugs.

Missi Wooldridge is the founder and director of Denver DanceSafe and the President of the DanceSafe Board of Directors. She earned her B.S. in Community Health at the University of New York at Potsdam and her Master's in Public Health focused on Social Behavior and Community Health from the University of New York at Albany. Her background is in health behavior theory, program planning and evaluation, drug studies, and addiction as a public health concern.

Henry Wykowski is widely regarded as one of the leading trial attorneys in the cannabis industry, with offices in San Francisco and Seattle. Henry has been the lead attorney in the cannabis industry's most important cases, including the landmark case of *Champ v. Commissioner* and the recent forfeiture actions filed by the federal government against Harborside Health Center, Berkeley Patient's Group, and Shambhala.

American Academy of Cannabinoid Medicine (AACM)

The American Academy of Cannabinoid Medicine (AACM) is a clinical medicine and scientific association composed of clinicians and researchers active in the field of cannabinoid medicine; setting high standards for cannabinoid medicine practice, providing professional education and support for those in the cannabinoid medicine field.

American Victory Coalition

The American Victory Coalition is a 501(c)(4) nonprofit fighting for our civil liberties and environmentally sustainable policies. We are a coalition of civil libertarians seeking to improve Americans' quality of life by promoting freedom and true equality for all citizens.

Americans for Civil Liberties Union Foundation

The ACLU is a nationwide, nonprofit, non-partisan organization with more than a half million members, countless additional activists and supporters, and 53 affiliates nationwide dedicated to the principles of liberty and equality embodied in our Constitution and our civil rights laws. The ACLU's Criminal Law Reform Project focuses on reforming the front end of the criminal justice system, from policing to sentencing, with an emphasis on ending mass incarceration and our nation's failed War on Drugs.

Association Book Exhibit

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Cannabis Business Alliance

The Cannabis Business Alliance (CBA) is the chamber of commerce for the cannabis industry. We are the premiere voice in Colorado designed to be a resource and founded to advance the interests of our business owners, employees and clients before local, state and federal government officials.

Cato Institute

The Cato Institute is a public policy research organization dedicated to the principles of individual liberty, limited government, free markets and peace. In an era of sound bites and partisanship, Cato remains dedicated to providing clear, thoughtful, and independent analysis on vital public policy issues.

Coalition for Cannabis Policy Reform

CCPR is a nonpartisan organization dedicated to ending the discrimination and criminalization against adults who choose cannabis, and to properly regulate the production, trade, and use of cannabis along regulatory models based on science, compassion, and the respect of civil rights.

Courage to Change

Courage to Change addiction recovery program is state of the science. We rebalance the brain with neurofeedback and nutrition.

DanceSafe

DanceSafe is a nonprofit, harm reduction organization promoting health and safety within the rave and nightclub community. Our volunteers staff harm reduction booths at dance events where they provide information on drugs, safer sex, and other issues concerning the electronic dance community (like driving home safely and protecting one's hearing).

Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps

Dr. Bronner's Magic Soaps are synonymous with Old-World quality and time-honored simplicity, which can be traced back to the family's German-Jewish soapmaking tradition. The 4th and 5th generations of the Bronner family who run the company today continue to make our unsurpassed soaps with care and integrity. We strive to honor our heritage with progressive business practices, while devoting profits to worthwhile causes and charities worldwide.

The Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA)

FIJA is a non-profit educational association dedicated to informing the general public about their full rights, powers, and responsibilities in delivering just verdicts as trial jurors, including the right to refuse to enforce unjust or unjustly applied law even if the law has technically been broken. The volunteer-driven organization publishes and distributes educational literature and maintains a web site at FIJA.org to inform the general public of their Constitutional authority to protect human rights by refusing to enforce bad laws.

Good Chemistry

Good Chemistry is guided by four core principles: Science, Access, Dignity and Compassion.

Harborside Health Center

Harborside is a place where safe access, compassionate and responsible use, and lab-tested, high-quality medicine is offered to patients in great need of relief from a wide range of medical conditions.

Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC)

Harm Reduction Coalition is a national advocacy and capacity-building organization that promotes the health and dignity of individuals and communities impacted by drug use. Our efforts advance harm reduction policies, practices and programs that address the adverse effects of drug use including overdose, HIV, hepatitis C, addiction, and incarceration.

Housing Works

Housing Works is a healing community of people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. Our mission is to end the dual crises of homelessness and AIDS through relentless advocacy, the provision of lifesaving services, and entrepreneurial businesses that sustain our efforts.

Exhibitors (continued)

International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC) and Release

IDPC is a global network that advocates for humane and effective drug policies. Release – the UK centre of expertise on drugs and drugs law – campaigns for drug law reform and provides free services and publications to the public.

Intervention, Inc.

Intervention, Inc. is a Colorado nonprofit private court services organization. We have four main programs, including field services (private probation), community corrections, victim services, and clinical treatment. Intervention, Inc. also provides specific programming for monitoring technology, substance testing, re-entry, life skills, and restorative justice.

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP)

LEAP believes existing drug policies have failed to address the problems of crime, drug abuse, addiction and the flow of illegal drugs. This group of international law enforcement professionals and concerned citizens agree that by fighting a war on drugs, governments have increased the societal problems associated with drug abuse. LEAP believes a system of regulation is less harmful, more ethical and a more effective policy than prohibition.

Legalize Canada

Legalize Canada is the first cannabis legalization campaign in Canada to be run by seasoned campaign professionals. With over 200 campaigns worth of experience, Legalize Canada will run a sophisticated, data-driven campaign that makes cannabis legalization the ballot question of the 2015 Federal election.

Marijuana Policy Project

The Marijuana Policy Project, the nation's largest marijuana policy organization, is working to end marijuana prohibition, regulate and tax marijuana similarly to alcohol, and ensure those who use it for medical purposes can access it safely and legally. It has been responsible for changing most state-level marijuana laws since 2000.

Moms United to End the War on Drugs (A project of A New PATH)

Moms United to End the War on Drugs is a national campaign to end the violence, mass arrest and accidental overdose deaths that are the result of punitive prohibitionist policies. It is a project of A New PATH in partnership with other organizations and individuals.

Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)

MAPS is a non-profit research and educational organization that explores health and consciousness through innovative clinical studies and scientific analysis. MAPS' mission is to develop psychedelics and marijuana into legal prescription medicines, to create a network of therapeutic clinics, and to educate the public honestly about the risks and benefits of these drugs.

National Cannabis Industry Association

The National Cannabis Industry Association (NCIA) is the largest cannabis trade association in the U.S. and the only organization representing cannabis-related businesses at the national level. NCIA promotes the growth of a responsible and legitimate cannabis industry and works toward a favorable social, economic, and legal environment for that industry in the United States.

National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) is America's oldest and largest marijuana law reform organization that has a popular webpage, Facebook presence, a 600 lawyer network and 150 local chapters.

Open Society

Global Drug Policy Program

Launched in 2008, the Open Society Global Drug Policy Program aims to shift the paradigm of drug policies around the world from today's punitive approach to one rooted in public health and human rights. Some of the objectives of the grant making program include supporting the drug policy reform movement and maximizing impact through collaboration.

Practical Recovery

Practical Recovery, in San Diego, offers harm reduction oriented, self-empowering, fully personalized addiction treatment in two residential facilities, a sober living home, and an outpatient center. Our core service is individual sessions conducted by primarily doctoral level staff, supplemented by holistic, medical and other services.

Psychedelic Society of San Francisco

Psychedelic Society of San Francisco is a safe place to discuss entheogens and the expansion of consciousness in San Francisco.

Students For Liberty

Students For Liberty is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide a unified, student-driven forum of support for students and student organizations dedicated to liberty.

Students for Sensible Drug Policy

Students for Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) is an international network of students dedicated to ending the war on drugs. We create change by bringing young people together and creating safe spaces for students of all political and ideological stripes to have honest conversations about drugs and drug policy.

United Patients Group

UPG is known as the WebMD of the cannabis industry and is here to help guide families and loved ones through some of the most difficult times of their lives. We are thrilled to be here to help you navigate the process from diagnosis to treatment through one-on-one phone consultations, emotional support, up to date studies, products, patient's blogs and more. The United Patients Group team prides itself on being THE medical advocate in the cannabis industry.

University of Colorado (Strong Start Wraparound Program)

The Strong Start Wraparound program is a team-based approach for supporting young families affected by substance use that helps pregnant and parenting women, and their partners, to 1) develop their support network during early recovery, and 2) meet requirements of the child welfare system.



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