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# International Drug Policy Reform Conference Program & Agenda

Hosted by the Drug Policy Alliance  
November 18 – 21, 2015  
Crystal Gateway Marriott  
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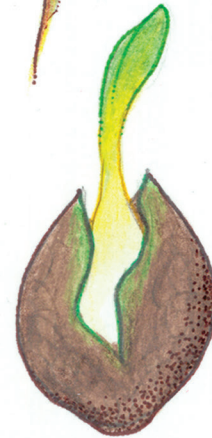
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There are people here from all around the world who come from across the political spectrum, whose life experiences vary dramatically. But what we share is more important than anything that separates us: a passion for uprooting the fears, ignorance and prejudices that fuel the drug war, and a yearning for a more compassionate, just and effective way of dealing with drugs in our lives and in our communities.

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 makes up 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 dealing with 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 seriously challenged 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 this gathering with the certainty that we participated in a historic moment in the growing movement to end the drug war.

Ethan Nadelmann  
Executive Director

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## Getting Around

### **Crystal Gateway Marriott**

A map of the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel is on page 66 of this program book, which shows all of the meeting room locations. A quick reference to the meeting space is below:

*Conference Registration:* Arlington Registration (located outside the Arlington Ballroom), First Level

*Plenary Sessions:* Arlington Ballroom, First Level

*Breakouts:* Grand Ballroom A, B, C, H, J, K, First Level

*Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception:* Arlington Ballroom

The Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel is a smoke free hotel.

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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### **Maryland**

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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 outside the Arlington Ballroom on the First Level.

Registration desk hours are:

Wednesday, November 18 5:00pm – 8:00pm  
Thursday, November 19 8:30am – 5:00pm  
Friday, November 20 8:30am – 5:00pm  
Saturday, November 21 9:00am – 5:00pm

### **Exhibitors**

Please visit our exhibitors located in the Sky View Terrace and Grand Ballroom Foyer (both located on the First Level). See page 64 for our full list of exhibitors.

Wednesday, November 18 Set up starting at 1:00pm, complete by 5:00pm  
Thursday, November 19 9:00am – 4:30pm  
Friday, November 20 8:30am – 4:00pm  
Saturday, November 21 9:30am – 3:00pm

### **Name tags**

Please wear your nametag at all times when entering conference sessions. This is proof that you have paid registration and are eligible to attend the sessions. There is a \$3 charge to reprint lost badges. (However, remember to take your badge off when you leave the hotel.)

### **Room Hosts**

All of the breakout sessions will have room hosts to assist the speakers, hand out evaluations, etc. Please note that to comply with fire code, the room hosts have been instructed to close the door once all seats are taken. We request that you please respect room host requests if you are asked to select another session. Also, if your room is full, please be sure to place your personal items on the floor and not on the chair next to you.

### **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 Interpretation**

Thanks to the 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 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.

### **Lost and Found**

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

### **Cell Phones/Electronics**

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## **Conference Policies and Services**

### **Emergencies**

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Sun: 10:00am – 6:00pm

### **Substance Use**

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.

### **Harm Reduction and Other Services for People Who Use Drugs**

This year, the Reform Conference is going further than ever before to provide information and initiate several new harm reduction services to protect the health and safety of people who use drugs that attend our meeting.

Please refer to the handout in your conference bag to find more information about methadone dosing, syringe access, accurate and non-biased drug information, onsite mental health, and other harm reduction services available at the Reform Conference.

### **Community Art Space and Exhibition**

Stop by the Community Art Space in Salon D to reflect upon your experiences at Reform and with drugs and the war on drugs and create art, which can be taken home or displayed in the exhibition space. Art making is a dynamic means of expression that can help us reflect upon our circumstances and create a narrative for our experiences. For those of us who have lost a loved one, faced incarceration, or otherwise been harmed by the war on drugs, making art can help us to make sense of difficult experiences. Supplies will be provided for conference attendees to make and display their own artwork. The Community Art Space will also feature "The Drug War," a multi-media art installation curated by Anthony Papa, the Drug Policy Alliance's Manager of Media Relations. Stop by November 19, 20, or 21 between 9:30am-6:00pm to make art or view exhibited artwork.

### **Child Care**

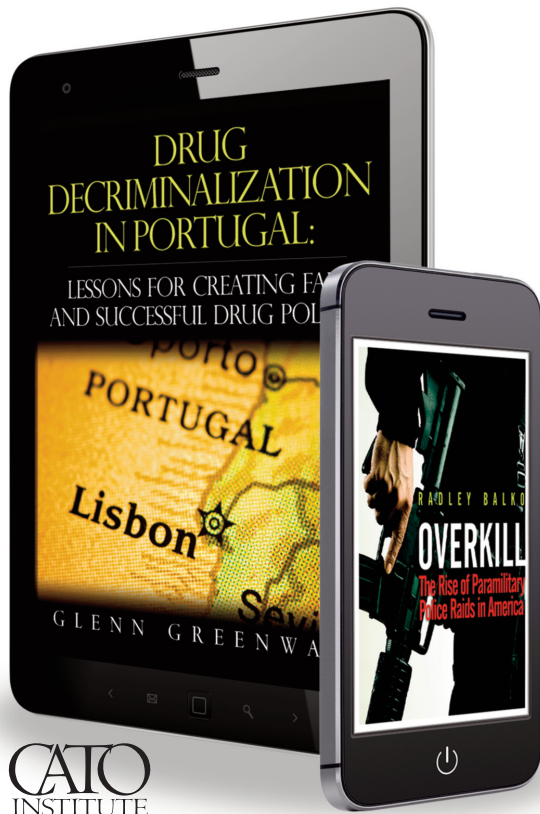
Professional on-site child care will be offered free of charge in "Rosslyn 1" on the following days and times:

Thursday, November 19th 8:30am – 6:00pm  
Friday, November 20th 8:30am – 6:00pm  
Saturday, November 21st 9:00am – 5:00pm

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8:00 – 4:00pm	<b>Federal Lobby Day</b>	United States Capitol
5:00 – 8:00pm	<b>Registration is open</b>	Arlington Registration
6:00 – 8:00pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	Sky View Terrace and Grand Ballroom Foyer (both located on the First Level).

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# Thursday

7:00 – 8:00am	<b>Yoga</b>	Manassas
8:30 – 9:30am	<b>Continental Breakfast &amp; Registration</b> (outside Arlington Ballroom)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
9:30 – 11:00am	<b>Welcome and Opening Plenary</b> <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a>	Arlington Ballroom
11:30 – 1:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Drug Prevention and Education: New Paradigms for a New Era</li> <li>When Women Ended Prohibition: The 21st Century Struggle to End the Criminalization of Drug Use <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>Breaking the Third Rail: Politicians Calling for No More Drug War <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>The End is Nigh: When Will Congress End Federal Marijuana Prohibition?</li> <li>Asset Forfeiture: An Insidious Tool of Drug War</li> <li>What are the Goals of Drug Policy Reform and How Do We Connect Those Dots?</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
12:00 – 2:30pm	<b>DEA Museum Tour</b> <a href="#">See page 35 for more info</a>	DEA Museum
1:00 – 2:30pm	<b>Lunch (On your own)</b>	
1:00 – 4:30pm	<b>DEA Museum Tour</b>	DEA Museum
2:30 – 4:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Faith, Fallacies and the Failure of the Drug War</li> <li>Supervised Injection Facilities: Advancing Reforms in the U.S. <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>The Drug War and the Militarization and Bastardization of Police Practices <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>Marijuana and the Politics of 2016: The Impact on Candidates, Voter Turnout and Criminal Justice Reform</li> <li>Beyond Political Boundaries: The Bi-Partisan Movement for Reform</li> <li>Organizing 101: From Activist to Organizer</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
4:30 – 6:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Drug War Making Drugs Worse: What Can We Do About “New” Drugs?</li> <li>Is the U.S. Finally Ready for Heroin-Assisted Treatment? <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>Porro, Ganja, Mota, Gras: Models for Cannabis Regulation from Around the World <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>Drugs, Criminal Justice and Pop Culture: America’s Untold Story!</li> <li>It’s Time for a New New Deal</li> <li>Saving Lives in Southern States: Advancing Harm Reduction Legislation in the South</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
7:00	<b>Live National Town Hall</b> Connecting the Dots: Where the Drug Policy Reform and the #BlackLivesMatter Movements Intersect <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a>	Salon B
7:00 – 9:00pm	<b>Film Screening &amp; Panel Discussion</b> <i>The Business of Recovery</i>	Salon C
7:00 – 10:00pm	<b>D.C. City Tour</b> <a href="#">See page 35 for more info</a>	

8:30 – 9:30am	<b>Continental Breakfast &amp; Registration</b> (outside Arlington Ballroom)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
9:30 – 11:00am	<b>Feature Plenary: Drug Policy Reform: A Human Rights Imperative</b> <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a>	Arlington Ballroom
10:30 – 1:30pm	<b>DEA Museum Tour</b> <a href="#">See page 35 for more info.</a>	DEA Museum
11:30 – 1:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criminalized, Marginalized and “Othered”: Lessons and Strategies for Fighting the Drug War in Hard Places</li> <li>• Beyond Marijuana: Legalization and the Movement to Reform Other Drug Policies <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>• What Do Religious, Cultural and Indigenous Rights Have to Do With Drug Policy Reform? <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>• Race-Based Messaging: The Need and Challenge to Address Structural Inequity</li> <li>• Pre-Booking Diversion and LEAD: What Makes These Tools So Promising?</li> <li>• Show Me the Money: Fundraising Best Practices from the Field</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
1:00 – 2:30pm	<b>Lunch (On your own)</b>	
1:00 – 4:00pm	<b>DEA Museum Tour</b> <a href="#">See page 35 for more info.</a>	DEA Museum
2:30 – 4:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Drug Prevention in the Age of Marijuana Legalization</li> <li>• Case Studies: A Racial Justice Approach to Marijuana Policy Reform <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>• Organizing Across Culturas: Working to Advance Criminal Justice Reforms Across Comunidades Latinas <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>• The Role of the Disease Model of Addiction in Shaping Drug Policy</li> <li>• Heroin and HIV in the Heartland: Lessons from the Indiana Outbreak</li> <li>• Creating Compelling Advocacy Campaigns</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
4:30 – 6:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are the Party Kids Any Safer Yet? EDM Festivals, the Music Industry and Harm Reduction</li> <li>• Coerced Treatment <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>• The International Drug Policy Event of the Decade: What’s the Opportunity in the United Nations Special Session? <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>• The Future of Digital Spaces, Drug Sales and Drug Policy</li> <li>• The Drug War, Disenfranchisement, Decriminalization and 21st Century Democracy in the US</li> <li>• How to Use Social Media to Advance Your Cause and Change the World</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
6:10 – 7:00pm	<b>Yoga</b>	Manassas
7:15 – 9:15pm	<b>Film Screenings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anyone for Coffee and Heroin? Inside a Danish Narcotics Dispensary</li> <li>• Kingdom of Shadows <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>• Deep Web</li> </ul>	Salon B Salon C Salon H
7:00 – 10:00pm	<b>D.C. City Tour</b> <a href="#">See page 35 for more info</a>	



# Saturday

7:00	5K Group Run	Front Entrance to Crystal Gateway Marriott
9:00 – 10:00am	<b>Continental Breakfast &amp; Registration</b> (outside Arlington Ballroom)	Grand Ballroom Foyer
10:00 – 11:30am	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beyond Prohibition: 21st Century Drug Policy</li> <li>Rights and Resistance: Reform Advocacy in Challenging Contexts <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>Ayahuasca: Political Visions <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>Ensuring Inclusion, Repairing Damage: Diversity, Equity and the Marijuana Industry</li> <li>Reform for Those Who Sell Drugs: Challenging a Taboo of Drug Policy Reform</li> <li>Safety First Train-the-Trainer: A Reality-Based Approach to Teens and Drugs</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
12:00 – 1:30pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>What's a Parent To Do When Youthful Experimentation Goes Awry?</li> <li>Drug Policy &amp; Immigration Reform: Bridging the Gap and Keeping Families Together <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>MDMA and Other Psychedelics: What Does Legal Access Look Like? <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>Medical Cannabis in 2015: From the Lab to the Clinic</li> <li>Law Enforcement, Pharmacies, and the Future of Naloxone Access</li> <li>Anti-Racist Organizing for Social Justice</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Jackson
1:30 – 3:00pm	<b>Lunch (On your own)</b>	
3:00 – 4:30pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partying and the Search for Identity</li> <li>Arresting Harm: New Approaches to Law Enforcement and People Who Use Drugs <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>From Illicit to Licit: Challenges of Marijuana Legalization <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a></li> <li>What's the Latest Psychedelic Research Telling Us?</li> <li>From the Prescription Pill Panic to Heroin Hysteria: Separating Myths from Facts</li> <li>E-Cigarettes and the Future of Maintenance Therapies</li> </ul>	Salon A Salon B Salon C Salon H Salon J Salon K
5:00 – 6:00pm	<b>Closing Plenary</b> <a href="#">Spanish interpretation available.</a>	Arlington Ballroom
8:00 – 10:00pm	<b>Achievement Awards Ceremony &amp; Reception</b> Tickets are \$35 and available for purchase at the registration desk.	Arlington Ballroom

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**W** **Welcome Reception**  
 6:00pm – 8:00pm | Sky View Terrace and Grand Ballroom Foyer (both located on the First Level).

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## Yoga

7:00am – 8:00am | Manassas



## Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30am – 9:30am

Breakfast: Grand Ballroom Foyer

Registration: outside Arlington Ballroom



## Welcome & Opening Plenary

9:30am – 11:00am | Arlington Ballroom

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asha bande, Rep. Earl Blumenauer,  
Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, Jim Clapes, Stephanie Polito,  
Kemba Smith, Jason Hernandez, and Ethan Nadelmann



## Break

11:00am – 11:30am



## DEA Museum Tour

12:00pm – 2:30pm | DEA Museum

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## Breakout Sessions

11:30am – 1:00pm

### Youth Drug Prevention and Education: New Paradigms for a New Era

Salon A

From the Temperance Movement to “Just Say No,” we have primarily relied on scare tactics, punitive policies and stigma to persuade and coax young people to abstain. But now as Americans increasingly support health-centered approaches to drug policy, new drug prevention

and education strategies are also gaining traction. Parents and educators need sensible answers about how the new landscape presents both a challenge and an opportunity to engage young people in meaningful conversations about drugs and their use. DPA’s Youth Policy Advisory committee and others will explore the latest developments at the intersection between youth development, harm reduction, and the war on drugs.

*Moderator:*

Effie Nulman, Chair, Drug Policy Alliance Youth Advisory Committee, Riverdale, NY

- Jerome Beck, Comprehensive Drug Education Consultants, Portland, OR
- Andrea Brandon, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY
- Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch, PsyD., Board Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Rhonda Paganetti, Director, Drug Prevention Services, NYC Dept. of Education, New York, NY
- Marsha Rosenbaum, Director Emerita, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA
- Andrew Tatarsky, Founder & Director, Center for Optimal Living, New York, NY
- Ken Tupper, Adjunct Professor, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
- Sheila Vakharia, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Long Island University, New York, NY

### When Women Ended Prohibition: The 21st Century Struggle to End the Criminalization of Drug Use

Salon B

Just as they ended Alcohol Prohibition, women are building a movement to end the drug war. From organizing for harm reduction principles and practices, to fighting for a just and equitable criminal justice system, women are on the front lines of the drug war and leading many of the most successful efforts in the nation to end

these failed policies. How are women working to create a future where drug policies are grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights? What will it take to end drug prohibition in the 21st century? How do we create a world without the systemic marginalization and criminalization of people – overwhelmingly poor, Black and Brown – who use and sell drugs?

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Nkechi Taifa, Senior Policy Analyst,  
Open Society Foundations, Washington, D.C.

- Gretchen Bergman, Executive Director, A New PATH, San Diego, CA
- Ann-Marie Cockburn, Advocate, Martha's Mum, Oxford, United Kingdom
- Alison Holcomb, Director, Campaign for Smart Justice, American Civil Liberties Union, Seattle, WA
- Rebecca McGoldrick, Executive Director, Protect Families First, Providence, RI
- Amaya Ordorika, Member of ReverdeSer Colectivo and a Researcher on Human Rights and Drug Policy for the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights, Mexico City, Mexico
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY

### **Breaking the Third Rail: Politicians Calling for No More Drug War**

Salon C

Elected officials that champion drug policy reform rarely have a forum to share strategy and trade notes. What's working today to move our common agenda in the halls of government? How are politicians constrained when it comes to advancing alternative drug policies? An accomplished array of local, state and federal officials will share insights on their journeys to becoming drug policy reform advocates and tips for moving your own elected officials on municipal and state level drug policy reform issues. [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Jill Harris, Deputy Director, Campaign to End Mass Incarceration, ACLU, Brooklyn, New York

- Retired Senior District Judge John Delaney, Bryan, TX
- District of Columbia Councilmember David Grosso, Washington, D.C.

- State Delegate Dan Morhaim, Baltimore, MD
- Mayor Svante Myrick, Ithaca, NY

### **The End is Nigh: When Will Congress End Federal Marijuana Prohibition?**

Salon H

Recent years have seen a burst of activity from Congress on marijuana policy. Last year, the Rohrabacher-Farr amendment to protect state medical marijuana programs became law, and this year a group of Senators introduced the first-ever Senate bill to end federal prohibition of medical marijuana. With marijuana legal in four states and Washington, D.C., and more states set to legalize in 2016, when will Congress finally end federal prohibition of marijuana? How might this happen?

*Moderator:*

Jasmine L. Tyler, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations, Washington, D.C.

- Chris Ingraham, Journalist, Washington Post, Washington, D.C.
- Rob Kampia, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, D.C.
- Stephanie Phillips, Legislative Assistant to Rep. Earl Blumenauer, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Portland, OR
- Bill Piper, Director, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- Jeff Vanderslice, Legislative Director to Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, Huntington Beach, CA

### **Asset Forfeiture: An Insidious Tool of Drug War**

Salon J

Civil asset forfeiture – and its widespread abuse – are deeply tied to the expansion of the drug war in the 1980s and 90s. This law enforcement mechanism is now so engrained in day-to-day operations that seizing property often appears more essential to police agencies than protecting and serving the public. Whether concerned with constitutional rights, government overreach, or drug policy, criminal justice reformers and many other people are focusing like never before on the injustices of asset  
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forfeiture. Where and how are reformers gaining traction? And what are the prospects for widespread reform in the face of virulent opposition from law enforcement?

*Moderator:*

Theshia Naidoo, Senior Staff Attorney,  
Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- Kanya Bennett, Legislative Counsel, ACLU, Washington, D.C.
- Jonah Engle, Independent Journalist, Montreal, Quebec
- Phil Harvey, Founder, DKT Liberty Project, Washington, D.C.
- Emily Kaltenbach, State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM
- Darpana Sheth, Attorney, Institute for Justice, Arlington, VA

## What are the Goals of Drug Policy Reform and How Do We Connect Those Dots?

Salon K

Imagine a society where drug use and regulation are grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights, people aren't punished for what they put into their bodies and the fears, prejudices and punitive prohibitions of today are no more. How do we strategically and conscientiously achieve this goal? What drug policy issues should we focus on and why? Come learn DPA's perspective on how best to invest your efforts to effectively dismantle the drug war. Speakers will discuss the intersectionality between reducing criminalization, marijuana regulation, harm reduction and evidence-based drug education.

*Presenters:*

- asha bandele, Director, Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Stephen Gutwillig, Deputy Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA



## DEA Museum Tour

1:00pm – 4:00pm | DEA Museum

See page 35 for more info.



## Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm – 2:30pm



## Breakout Sessions

2:30pm – 4:00pm

### Faith, Fallacies and the Failure of the Drug War

Salon A

What does it say about our nation's moral compass when more than two million people are behind bars? How is the faith community working to end the war on drugs, and what more can be done? Why is supporting drug policy reform a moral dilemma for faith leaders and communities? And why are many faith leaders speaking out against this unjust war while others remain hesitant?

*Moderator:*

Dr. William Martin, Professor, Harry & Hazel Chavanne Professor Emeritus of Religion and Public Policy Rice University, Houston, TX

- Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary, Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference, Chicago, IL
- Rabbi Jonah Pesner, Executive Director, Religious Action Center, Washington, D.C.
- Rev. Edwin Sanders, Senior Servant, Metropolitan Interdenominational Church, Nashville, TN
- Rev. Al Sharp, Executive Director, Clergy for a New Drug Policy, Chicago, IL
- Rev. Teresa Smallwood, Associate Minister, Israel Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
- Rev. Janet Wolf, Director, Children's Defense Fund Haley Farm and Nonviolent Organizing, Clinton, TN

### Supervised Injection Facilities: Advancing Reforms in the U.S.

Salon B

Supervised injection facilities (SIFs) allow people to consume drugs in a supervised, often clinical space. There are more than 100 such facilities throughout the world – but none in the U.S. What is the status of

organizing efforts in the U.S.? Who will use SIFs and what advantages do they offer people who use drugs and their communities? What can we learn from efforts in other countries? What are the pros and cons of operating underground programs versus working to shift the legal and political environment? And what role can SIFs play in addressing the HIV epidemic and other health issues among people who use drugs?

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

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

- Matt Curtis, Policy Director, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Pete Davidson, Assistant Professor, UCSD Global Public Health, San Diego, CA
- Taeko Frost, Executive Director, Washington Heights Corner Project, New York, NY
- Nanna Gotfredsen, Gadejuristen/Street Lawyers, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Kali Lindsay, Deputy Director, Public Policy, amfAR, Washington, D.C.

### **The Drug War and the Militarization and Bastardization of Police Practices**

Salon C

Traditionally explained as the result of a few bad apples, police abuses are increasingly recognized as systemic failures that actually undermine public order. Police forces became militarized largely due to the drug war and benefit from seemingly unconditional support from lawmakers and the judiciary. How have the politics of the drug war and the often-sensationalized violence of the drug trade helped to create this phenomenon? What incentives are there for police to serve as community-based peace officers instead of soldiers on the front lines of mass incarceration?

[Spanish interpretation available](#)

*Moderator:*

Shakya Diaz, Policy Manager, ACLU of Ohio,  
Cleveland, OH

- Mizue Aizeki, Deputy Director, Immigrant Defense Project, New York, NY
- Patrisse Cullors, Co-Founder, Black Lives Matter, Los Angeles, CA

- Veronica Bayetti Flores, Policy Coordinator, StreetWise and Safe, New York, NY
- Lauren Galik, Director of Criminal Justice Reform, Reason Foundation, Los Angeles, CA
- Rachel Herzing, Soros Justice Fellow, Oakland, CA
- Retired Lieutenant Diane Goldstein, Board Secretary, LEAP, Redondo Beach, CA
- Amaya Ordorika, Member of ReverdeSer Colectivo and a Researcher on Human Rights and Drug Policy for the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights, Mexico City, Mexico

### **Marijuana and the Politics of 2016: The Impact on Candidates, Voter Turnout and Criminal Justice Reform**

Salon H

The political discourse around marijuana has changed dramatically from President Clinton (“I did not inhale”) to President Obama (“I don’t think [marijuana] is more dangerous than alcohol.”). The 2016 election will see an unprecedented number of marijuana legalization initiatives on state ballots, including in presidential battleground states. Candidates from both major parties have spoken favorably of marijuana reform. Will legalization measures impact the 2016 general elections? And how might specific initiatives affect local and national discourse about drug policy and incarceration, influence voter turnout, and set the stage for further reforms beyond 2016?

*Moderator:*

Graham Boyd, New Approach, Santa Cruz, CA

- Kellie Dupree, Director of Programs and Communications, Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, Washington, D.C.
- Jehmu Greene, Political Analyst and Contributor, Fox News Channel, Washington, D.C.
- John Hudak, Brookings Institute, Washington, D.C.
- Dave Metz, Principal, Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin, Metz & Associates, Oakland, CA
- Ben Pollara, Director, United For Care, Miami, FL
- Matt Schweich, Director of State Campaigns, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, D.C.

## **Beyond Political Boundaries: The Bi-Partisan Movement for Reform**

Salon J

From President Obama to the Koch Brothers, the political left and right seem to agree that reforming our criminal justice system and dramatically reducing incarceration are major priorities. What are the moral, social and policy imperatives driving this phenomenon? With disparate motivations, how sustainable is this coalition? Can the left and right truly collaborate and make long-lasting, meaningful change?

*Moderator:*

Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Criminal Justice and Drug Policy Director, ACLU of California

- Michael Collins, Deputy Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- Alison Holcombe, Director, Campaign to End Mass Incarceration, ACLU, New York, NY
- LB Eisen, Senior Counsel, Justice Program, Brennan Center for Justice, New York, NY
- Angela Pacheco, District Attorney, First Judicial District, Sante Fe, NM
- Pat Nolan, American Conservative Union Foundation, Washington, D.C.
- William Ruger, Vice President of Policy and Research, Charles Koch Institute, Arlington, VA

## **Organizing 101: From Activist to Organizer**

Salon K

Learn how to build group participation and get more people involved in your efforts around drug policy reform. We will look at advocacy campaigns that have led to systemic changes that scale back some of the worst harms of the drug war. We will share community organizing tools and tactics.

*Presenter:*

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

## **B Breakout Sessions** 4:30pm – 6:00pm

### **The Drug War Making Drugs Worse: What Can We Do About “New” Drugs?**

Salon A

Flakka, bath salts, krokodil, 25i-nBOMe: these are just some of the drugs known collectively as “novel psychoactive substances” (NPS) or “new synthetic drugs” in the US. Need a primer on these “new” (to the market) substances? Why might drug checking – testing substances to determine their contents – be one of the most important harm reduction interventions on the horizon? And what happened with the policy reforms in New Zealand that created a framework to safely regulate these drugs? Are any innovative policy responses emerging in the US, or are we doomed to repeat the same drug war mistakes with these drugs?

*Moderator:*

Stefanie Jones, Nightlife Community Engagement Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Ross Bell, Executive Director, New Zealand Drug Foundation, Auckland, New Zealand
- Mitchell Gomez, National Outreach Director, DanceSafe, Denver, CO
- Joseph Palamar, Assistant Professor, New York University Langone Medical Center, Department of Population Health, New York, NY
- Grant Smith, Deputy Director, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.

### **Is the U.S. Finally Ready for Heroin-Assisted Treatment?**

Salon B

This much has been scientifically and unequivocally proven – heroin-assisted treatment works, and at great cost-savings. Why, then, has the U.S. not followed the eight countries that have already implemented successful pilot or permanent programs? This panel will review the



evidence in support of heroin-assisted treatment, examine the challenges and lessons learned from implementation in other countries, specifically Canada and Denmark, as well as the political environment in which these programs were initiated. What is the viability of moving heroin-assisted treatment forward in the U.S.? And what are some potential strategies for doing so?

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Lindsay LaSalle, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- Ernest Drucker, Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Michael Jourdan, Filmmaker, Denmark
- Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes, Associate Professor, University of British Columbia, School of Population and Public Health, Vancouver, Canada
- Peter Reuter, Professor, University of Maryland, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, College Park, MD
- Adrienne Smith, Health and Drug Policy Lawyer, Pivot Legal Society, Vancouver, Canada

### **Porro, Ganja, Mota, Gras: Models for Cannabis Regulation from Around the World**

Salon C

What are the world's most cutting-edge marijuana regulation models? Uruguay became the first nation to legally regulate marijuana; Jamaica passed sweeping marijuana decriminalization reforms that focused on religious rights and therapeutic access; Spain took advantage of a legal grey area to set up hundreds of cannabis social clubs; medical marijuana proposals are sweeping Europe and Latin America; and people throughout Europe are advocating for local marijuana initiatives. How are marijuana reforms being advanced around the world, despite political limitations? And what role does cultural context play in developing safe, ethical and inclusive models for regulation?

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Zara Snapp, Policy and Communications Officer, Global Commission on Drug Policy, Mexico City, Mexico

- Congressman Marvin Atencio Delgado, Citizens' Action Party, Costa Rica

- Kadian Francis, Public Relations & Communications Officer, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, University of the West Indies Mona Campus Chapter
- Florencia Lemos, Member of Proderechos and Co-Founder of the CLUC Cannabis Club, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Amber Marks, Lecturer in Law, Queen Mary University of London, UK
- Georg Wurth, CEO, German Hemp Association, Berlin, Germany

### **Drugs, Criminal Justice and Pop Culture: America's Untold Story!**

Salon H

Bob Dylan and Nina Simone, Paul Robeson and Harry Belafonte. Successful US artists have long used their celebrity status to highlight social and political issues of their time. Contemporary artists Immortal Technique, John Legend, Talib Kweli and many others have followed in this rich tradition by using their art as a form of protest against the criminal justice system and the drug war. Are we ready to break the taboo and talk about drugs and American pop culture? Can we move past morality and open up a truthful public dialogue about the systemic roots of crime and drug addiction? What can we do to get more entertainers to back up their rhetoric with real political advocacy?

*Moderator:*

Tommy McDonald, Deputy Director, Media Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- Kassandra Frederique, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Crystal Monee Hall, Recording Artist and Adjunct Professor of Music at NYU Tisch School of the Arts, New York, NY
- Dr. Christophe Ringer, Assistant Professor of Theological Ethics and Society, Chicago Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL
- Dr. Donald Tibbs, Associate Professor of Law, Thomas R. Kline School of Law, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
- Rebecca Tiger, Associate Professor of Sociology, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT
- T-Dubb-O, Hip Hop Artist, Political Director, Hands Up United, Florissant, MO
- Jasiri X, Hip Hop Artist, Pittsburg, PA

## It's Time for a New New Deal

Salon J

If all drug war prisoners' sentences were commuted tomorrow, would we be prepared to truly welcome them home? As coalitions have come together across class, party and organizational lines to rebuke our drug and criminal justice policies, what plans have we made to ensure the restoration of people and communities impacted by mass criminalization and incarceration? How can formerly incarcerated and convicted people – and their families – exert themselves in the next election cycle and beyond? What are we asserting as moral and policy imperatives as we enter a new generation of drug and criminal justice policy? What's our New Deal?

*Moderator:*

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

- Pastor Kenneth Glasgow, President, The Ordinary People Society, Dothan, AL
- Jill Harris, Deputy Director, Campaign to End Mass Incarceration, ACLU, Brooklyn, NY
- Norris Henderson, Executive Director, V.O.T.E., New Orleans, LA
- Dorsey Nunn, Executive Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
- Tina Reynolds, Executive Director, Women on The Rise Telling Her Story, Brooklyn, NY
- Deborah Peterson-Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Richmond, CA
- Kemba Smith, Author, Poster Child, Richmond, VA

## Saving Lives in Southern States: Advancing Harm Reduction Legislation in the South

Salon K

The over-prescribing of painkillers is fueling nearly 17,000 annual deaths from overdoses in the United States as well as a rise in heroin use. Southern states have experienced some of the highest rates of overdose in the country – and, remarkably, have recently passed extensive reforms to address this. How do we engage

unlikely allies – including law enforcement and elected Republicans – to advance harm reduction legislation in some of the most conservative states in the country? Can we turn these policy band-aids into long-term structural reforms that strike at the heart of the drug war?

*Moderator:*

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

- Robert Childs, Executive Director, North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, Durham, NC
- Cate Graziani, Public Policy Fellow, Mental Health America of Texas, Austin, TX
- Jason Merrick, Executive Committee President, People Advocating Recovery, Louisville, KY
- Dr. Mojgan Zare, Executive Director, Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Atlanta, GA



## Film Screening & Panel Discussion

7:00pm – 9:00pm | Salon C

*The Business of Recovery*



## Live National Town Hall

7:00pm | Salon B

## Connecting the Dots: Where the Drug Policy Reform and the #BlackLivesMatter Movements Intersect

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## D.C. City Tour

7:00pm – 10:00pm

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**Thursday, November 19, 7:00pm**



Live National Town Hall

**Connecting the Dots:  
Where the Drug Policy Reform and the  
#BlackLivesMatter Movements Intersect**  
Salon B

The drug war is a primary source of funding for the tanks in towns like Ferguson, the over-policing in New York City and the unprecedented discretion given to police officers to criminalize Black people. Yet many drug policy organizations have remained largely silent around the Black Lives Matter movement. With the meteoric rise of the Movement for Black Lives and the growing tide for broader drug policy reform, what are the essential questions that drug policy reformers must ask themselves about Black lives? And how can we course correct and join forces to create a world where all our communities can thrive? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

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

- Darrien Agnosti, Make the Road, Brooklyn, NY
- Lumumba Bandele, Senior Organizer, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, New York, NY
- Patrisse Cullors, Co-Founder, Black Lives Matter, Los Angeles, CA
- Cassandra Frederique, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Deborah Peterson-Small, Founder and Executive Director, Break the Chains, Richmond, CA



## Continental Breakfast & Registration

8:30am – 9:30am

Breakfast: Grand Ballroom Foyer

Registration: outside Arlington Ballroom



## Feature Plenary: Drug Policy Reform: A Human Rights Imperative

9:30am – 11:00am | Arlington Ballroom

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

Damon Barrett, Deborah Small, Liz Evans and Mark Golding



## DEA Museum Tour

10:30am – 1:30pm | DEA Museum

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## Breakout Sessions

11:30am – 1:00pm

### **Criminalized, Marginalized and “Othered”: Lessons and Strategies for Fighting the Drug War in Hard Places**

Salon A

What can we learn about organizing with criminalized, marginalized and transient constituencies? How do we build a more robust movement that addresses the challenges and concerns of those least visible and most vulnerable to drug war policies, such as pregnant women, LGBT drug users and sellers, and formerly incarcerated people? Some of the bravest organizers and advocates in the drug policy reform movement share stories and strategies on what it will take to end the drug war under very challenging circumstances.

*Moderator:*

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

- Conner Adams, Appalachian Harm Reduction Services Specialist, NC Harm Reduction Coalition, Asheville, NC
- Cyndee Clay, Executive Director, HIPS, Washington, D.C.

- Pastor Kenneth Glasgow, President, The Ordinary People Society, Dothan, AL
- Julia Negron, Certified Addiction Specialist, SunCoast Harm Reduction Project, Venice, FL
- Cherise Scott, Executive Director, SisterReach, Memphis, TN
- James Sizemore, Senior Pastor, Radiant Church, Fayetteville, NC
- Louise Vincent, MPH, Overdose Prevention and Outreach Consultant, NC Harm Reduction Coalition & Chapter President, NC Urban Survivor Union, Greensboro, NC

### **Beyond Marijuana: Legalization and the Movement to Reform Other Drug Policies**

Salon B

Despite the growing social acceptance of marijuana nationwide, marijuana law violations still make up almost half of all U.S. drug arrests. Marijuana legalization is, therefore, often touted as a major step toward dismantling the drug war and scaling back mass incarceration. How can marijuana legalization be used to propel efforts to decriminalize other drugs, mitigate recidivism, minimize collateral consequences of drug convictions, and increase harm reduction policies? How might marijuana legalization repair – or exacerbate – the disparate harms of the war on drugs? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

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

- Major Neill Franklin (Ret.), Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Silver Spring, MD
- Kassandra Frederique, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Antonio Gonzalez, President, Southwest Voter Registration Education Project & William C. Velasquez Institute, San Antonio, TX & Los Angeles, CA
- Harry Levine, Professor of Sociology, City University of New York; Co-Director, Marijuana Arrest Research Project, New York, NY
- Lisa Sanchez, Latin American Programme Manager, TDPF/MUCD, Mexico D.F., Mexico
- Allen St. Pierre, Executive Director, NORML, Washington, D.C.

## What Do Religious, Cultural and Indigenous Rights Have to Do With Drug Policy Reform?

Salon C

Currently-illegal psychoactive substances have often been grown and used by traditional communities for millennia for religious, therapeutic, political, social, and recreational purposes. How are these drugs currently regulated, and how can drug policies that respect religious, indigenous and cultural rights be ensured? What role are traditional practitioners and growers playing in the drug policy reform movement? What can we learn from these voices? From coca in Colombia to ganja in Jamaica to ayahuasca in Brazil to peyote in Mexico, members of indigenous and religious communities are central to drug policy discussions and reforms. [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Bia Labate, PhD, Co-Founder, Nucleus for Interdisciplinary Studies of Psychoactives (NEIP), and Professor, Center for Research and Post Graduate Studies in Social Anthropology, Guadalajara, Mexico



- Yawa Bane, Vice President, Institute of Indigenous Traditions, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Martín Collazo, Sociologist, member of Proderechos and co-founder of the CLUC Cannabis Club, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Aura Maria Puyana Mutis, Sociologist and Researcher, Observatorio de cultivos y cultivadores declarados ilícitos, Colombia
- Representative of the Global Rastafari Youth Foundation, Jamaica

## Race-Based Messaging: The Need and Challenge to Address Structural Inequity

Salon H

Leading by talking about systemic racism when addressing predominately white audiences is sometimes cautioned against because it can potentially lead to a counterproductive backlash. Recent cognitive studies indicate many white people are actually less likely to support reform if told existing policies disproportionately target and harm black people. What are the recent developments about criminal justice reform and messaging about race? How can we effectively denounce the outcomes of structural inequity? Are there distinct cognitive obstacles preventing white audiences from recognizing

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structural inequity as a primary cause of unequal treatment in the criminal justice system? And what are the benefits and challenges of using social science data to help inform effective messaging about racism?

*Moderators:*

Rachael Ibrahim and Monica Dennis,  
Anti-Racist Consultants, New York, NY

- Megan Farrington, Director, Digital Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- Nazgol Ghandnoosh, Research Analyst, The Sentencing Project, Washington, D.C.
- Alan Jenkins, Executive Director, The Opportunity Agenda, New York, NY
- Moira O'Neill, Senior Researcher, Frameworks Institute, Washington, D.C.

## Pre-Booking Diversion and LEAD: What Makes These Tools So Promising?

Salon J

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a program that diverts people from the criminal system to health services in Seattle, Santa Fe and likely in a host of other cities in years to come. Through these programs, police are on the front lines of service provision instead of mass incarceration. Can this approach help usher in a new era of  
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addressing drug policy from a health perspective? Will jails and prisons finally cease to be the largest drug and mental health providers? What obstacles exist to replicating LEAD, and how can the approach be funded and sustained over the long term? And what are some of the key differences between LEAD and Portugal's decriminalization model?

*Moderator:*

Emily Kaltenbach, State Director,  
Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

- Chloe Gale, REACH Program Director, Evergreen Treatment Services, Seattle, WA
- Ron Hampton, Chair, Police Reform and Accountability Task Force, Institute of the Black World, New York, NY
- Jason Lidyard, Deputy District Attorney, 1st Judicial District of New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM
- Captain Deanna Nolette, Seattle Police Department, Seattle, WA
- Kris Nyrop, Lead Program Director, Racial Disparity Project, Seattle, WA
- Casey Salazar, Detective, Santa Fe Police Department, Santa Fe, NM
- Naomi Seiler, Associate Research Professor, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

### **Show Me the Money: Fundraising Best Practices from the Field**

Salon K

We all have to fundraise to advance the critical missions of our organizations. But it is getting more challenging to do so as the reform field grows and the philanthropic environment evolves. So what are foundations looking for these days? What do individual donors want? What works best to motivate online giving? And bring your own fundraising questions for an extended Q-and-A session.

*Moderated by:*

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

- Alyssa Aguilera, Political Director, VOCAL-NY, NY
- Josh Pearson, Digital Fundraising Manager,  
Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- Phil Harvey, Founder, DKT International



### **DEA Museum Tour**

1:00pm – 4:00pm | DEA Museum

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### **Lunch (on your own)**

1:00pm – 2:30pm



### **Breakout Sessions**

2:30pm – 4:00pm

### **Drug Prevention in the Age of Marijuana Legalization**

Salon A

Marijuana prohibition is gradually being dismantled as state-based ballot initiatives are creating legal markets for adults to buy, sell and grow marijuana recreationally. Alongside this phenomenon, dire messages are being renewed to “save the children.” Fears about underage consumption, however, aren't validated by recent studies that show teen marijuana use may actually be falling as more states legalize. Drug education and prevention experts discuss current research and prevention best practices, while mapping out a path for effective drug education in the age of legalization.

*Moderator:*

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

- Betty Aldworth, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, D.C.
- Erin Lumpkins, Health Specialist, District of Columbia Public Schools, Washington, D.C.
- Rhonda Paganetti, Director, Drug Prevention Services, NYC Dept. of Education, New York, NY
- Chuck Ries, Founder and CEO, UpFront Programs, San Diego, CA
- Roger A. Roffman, Professor Emeritus of Social Work, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Dr. Larry Wolk, Executive Director and Chief Medical Officer, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

## Case Studies: A Racial Justice Approach to Marijuana Policy Reform

Salon B

Recent campaigns in Washington, D.C., and New York have called into question traditional marijuana policy reform strategies. Marijuana legalization and policy reform campaigns typically frame their work in terms of medical, economic and liberty imperatives. For the first time, campaigns in D.C. and New York framed the policy debate in racial justice terms. Why are the traditional imperatives no longer sufficient when talking about marijuana policy reform? What does it mean to reform marijuana policies and laws through a racial justice lens? How did the D.C. and New York campaigns use this framing in a persuasive manner? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator*

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

- Lumumba Akinwale-Bandele, Senior Community Organizer, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York, NY
- Corey Barnette, Owner and President, District Growers, LLC, Washington, D.C.
- Malik Burnett, MD, MBA, Resident Physician, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD
- Andrea Ritchie, Senior Policy Counsel, Streetwise and Safe, New York, NY
- Seema Sadanandan, Criminal Justice Director, ACLU of the National Capital Area, Washington, D.C.
- Marbre Stahly-Butts, Deputy Director of Racial Justice, Center for Popular Democracy, Brooklyn, NY

## Organizing Across Culturas: Working to Advance Criminal Justice Reforms Across Comunidades Latinas

Salon C

Latinos are not a monolith. Advocates from across the nation highlight the impact of the drug war on various Latino communities and share their experiences and strategies organizing Latinos on drug policy reform. What strategies have been successful in engaging Latinos

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on drug policy reforms thus far? What will it take to effectively organize and mobilize more Latino leaders and communities as we build a movement to end the drug war? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Ana Yanez Correa, Executive Director, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, Austin, TX

- Alyssa Aguilera, Political Director, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Juan Cartagena, President & General Counsel, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, New York, NY
- Antonio Gonzalez, President, William C. Velasquez Institute, Los Angeles, CA
- Armando Gudiño, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
- Jason Hernandez, First Latino Commuted by President Obama, McKinney, TX
- Grace Meng, Senior Researcher, US Program, Human Rights Watch, Los Angeles, CA

## The Role of the Disease Model of Addiction in Shaping Drug Policy

Salon H

As the field of neuroscience continues to grow, the brain disease model of addiction has been vigorously promoted by NIDA and others. However, some dispute the usefulness of this model, and its policy implications have not been fully explored. Is addiction a brain disease? Why does it matter? What are the ideologies or assumptions underlying the brain disease model? What are the political and policy implications of defining addiction as a disease? And how do these conceptualizations bolster and/or undermine other policy responses to drug use?

*Moderator:*

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

- Caroline Jean Acker, Associate Professor of History, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA
- Eliot Ross Albers, Executive Director, International Network of People who Use Drugs, London, UK
- Maureen Boyle, Chief of the Science Policy Branch, NIDA, Bethesda, MD
- Patt Denning, Director of Clinical Services & Training, Center for Harm Reduction Therapy, San Francisco, CA
- Rebecca Tiger, Associate Professor of Sociology, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT

## Heroin and HIV in the Heartland: Lessons from the Indiana Outbreak

Salon J

Earlier this year, over a hundred people in one small community in Indiana tested positive for HIV. The outbreak was not a complete surprise in a state with no legal syringe access, little opioid substitution therapy, and a high level of criminalization of drug use and syringe possession. But it changed the political conversation and generated remarkably positive media coverage. What are the lessons of the Indiana outbreak? How is this connected to the

increase in heroin use and the cultural panic over opiates? How do we take advantage of political opportunities to ensure this doesn't happen anywhere else?

*Moderator:*

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

- Dan Bigg, Executive Director, Chicago Recovery Alliance, Chicago, IL
- Aaron Kochar, Member, Indiana Attorney General's Prescription Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force, Valparaiso, IN
- Magalie Lerman, Beth Weinstein Fellow, National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors, Washington, D.C.
- Jeronimo Saldaña, Legislative and Organizing Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Monique Tula, Director, Capacity Building, AIDS United, Los Angeles, CA
- Jasmine Tyler, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations, Washington, D.C.

## Creating Compelling Advocacy Campaigns

Salon K

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





## Break

4:00pm – 4:30pm



## Breakout Sessions

4:30pm – 6:00pm

### **Are the Party Kids Any Safer Yet? EDM Festivals, the Music Industry and Harm Reduction**

Salon A

Event producers are in a tough spot: always trying to balance demands for “zero-tolerance” and “drug-free” events while doing what they can to reduce potential harms among attendees who are determined to use drugs. In the electronic music scene particularly, is the scale finally tipping away from overzealous enforcement and toward practical harm reduction approaches? How are festivals starting to integrate drug education and onsite harm reduction services to keep their attendees safe? What challenges and limitations still remain? Would a national effort to reform the federal RAVE Act clear the path?

#### *Moderator:*

Stefanie Jones, Nightlife Community Engagement Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Kate Becker, Director, Office of Film + Music, Seattle, WA
- Dede Flemming, Co-Founder, The Do Lab, Los Angeles, CA
- Dede Goldsmith, Founder, Amend the RAVE Act Campaign, Abingdon, VA
- Mark Lawrence, CEO, Association for Electronic Music, Brighton, UK
- Shannon Clare Pettit, Zendo Project Coordinator, Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies (MAPS), San Diego, CA
- Missi Wooldridge, Executive Director, DanceSafe, Denver, CO

### **Coerced Treatment**

Salon B

The treatment-instead-of-incarceration model assumes that the coercive power of the criminal justice system is necessary to force people who use drugs into treatment and to punish them if they return to drug use. This assumption undergirds the explosive growth of drug courts in the U.S. and much of the most egregious compulsory detention centers in other parts of the world. What ethical questions does this raise? What does coercive treatment mean for human rights, racial justice, autonomy and freedom? What alternatives are known to produce better results? And what can we learn from the mental health movement?

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#### *Moderator:*

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

- Denicia Cadena, Policy and Cultural Strategy Director, Young Women United, Albuquerque, NM
- Alice Dembner, Substance Use Disorders Project Director, Community Catalyst, Boston, MA
- Howard Josepher, President and CEO, Exponents, New York, NY
- Elaine Pawlowski, Mother and Retired Educator, New York, NY
- Maia Szalavitz, Independent Journalist, New York, NY
- Rafael Torruella, Executive Director, Intercambios Puerto Rico
- Daniel Wolfe, Director, International Harm Reduction Development Program, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY

### **The International Drug Policy Event of the Decade: What’s the Opportunity in the United Nations Special Session?**

Salon C

The biggest international drug policy event in decades will take place in New York in April 2016. The United Nations General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) on Drugs will bring together political leaders and grassroots organizations from around the world to take a long, hard look at the  
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successes and failures of global drug control. It's a big moment for our movement – and an opportunity to show world leaders we want reform, now. What organizing and campaign plans are underway for this global event? How can you get involved? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Steve Rolles, Senior Policy Analyst, Transform, Bristol, UK

- Ann Fordham, Executive Director, International Drug Policy Consortium, London, UK
- Lorenzo Jones, Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Ted Lewis, Human Rights Program Director, Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA
- Pastor Michael McBride, Director of Urban Strategies, Live Free Campaign, PICO National Network, Berkeley, CA
- Luciana Pol, Senior Fellow, Security Policy and Human Rights, Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales, Argentina
- Claudia Salcedo, Coordinator, International Affairs of the Office of Drug Policy, Ministry of Justice and Law, Colombia

## **The Future of Digital Spaces, Drug Sales and Drug Policy**

Salon H

When the government shut down Silk Road and sentenced Ross Ulbricht to life in prison, it did not end online drug transactions – indeed, more digital drug marketplaces exist now than ever before. With millions of people using these sites, it is essential for drug policy reformers to understand the benefits and risks of this new model of drug sales. What does harm reduction look like in digital spaces? How do we maximize opportunities for health and safety? And how might digital drug marketplaces help to end the global war on drugs?

*Moderator:*

Meghan Ralston, Drug Policy Consultant, Palm Springs, CA

- Monica Barratt, Research Fellow, University of New South Wales, Director Of Research, Bluelight.org, Australia
- Tim Bingham (via Skype or pre-recorded), Harm Reduction Trainer, Drug Researcher, Ireland

- Dr. Fernando Caudevilla (via Skype or pre-recorded video), Family Physician, Silk Road's "Dr. X," Madrid, Spain
- Mike Gilbert, Project Manager, Epidemico, Boston, MA
- Dr. James Martin, Criminology Program Coordinator, Dept. of Policing, Intelligence and Counterterrorism, Australia
- Kirk Ulbricht, Activist, Father of Silk Road's Ross Ulbricht, Austin, TX

## **The Drug War, Disenfranchisement, Decriminalization and 21st Century Democracy in the US**

Salon J

More than five million Americans cannot vote due to a felony conviction, and the drug war is a major driver of disenfranchisement. How does mass disenfranchisement affect our movement? What opportunities exist to mobilize people who have been disenfranchised? How will drug decriminalization and cutting-edge criminal justice reforms impact the future of U.S. democracy? In light of the impending 2016 presidential election and several frontrunners vowing to fix our broken criminal justice system, advocates and experts share strategies and discuss fresh ideas on what it will take to end the drug war and protect our civil liberties.

*Moderator:*

Dr. Ron Daniels, President, Institute for the Black World-Twenty First Century, New York, NY

- Daryl Atkinson, Senior Attorney, Southern Coalition for Social Justice, Durham, NC
- Angie Brilliance, Organizer, Black Youth Project 100, Washington, D.C.
- Ira Glasser, Board Chair, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Norris Henderson, Founder and Executive Director, Voice of The Ex-Offender, New Orleans, LA
- Jamaa Bickley King, Independent Pollster, Richmond, VA
- Desmond Meade, Florida Director, Live Free campaign, Orlando, FL
- Nicole Porter, Advocacy Director, The Sentencing Project, Washington, D.C.

## How to Use Social Media to Advance Your Cause and Change the World

Salon K

We keep up with our friends and read our news in the same places these days – on social media. With the downsizing of traditional media and 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. How can advocates and nonprofits make an impact and make sure they're heard? Are there new measures of success? Hear from media and communications experts in the drug policy field and beyond on how nonprofits can utilize social media to engage and expand their base.

*Moderator:*

Sharda Sekaran, Director of Communications,  
Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Jon Perri, Associate Director of Campaigns, Change.org, San Francisco, CA
- Derek Rosenfeld, Manager of Social Media and Media Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Sanho Tree, Fellow, Institute for Policy Studies (IPS), Washington, D.C.
- Manny Vaz, Digital Media/Communications Coordinator, Communités United for Police Reform, New York, NY



### Yoga

6:10pm – 7:00pm | Manassas



### Film Screenings

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Anyone for Coffee and Heroin? Inside a Danish

Narcotics Dispensary: Salon B

Kingdom of Shadows: Salon C

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

Deep Web: Salon H

See pages 36 – 37 for more info.



### D.C. City Tour

7:00pm – 10:00pm

See page 35 for more info.

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## 5K Group Run

7:00 am | Meet at the front entrance to the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel  
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Did you know that scholarship assistance helps hundreds of people attend the Reform Conference? This year, Privateer Holdings is proud to organize and sponsor the Reform conference's first 5K Group Run. Registration is free and every entrant will receive a free commemorative t-shirt. For each person who finishes the run, Privateer will donate \$100 to the 2017 Reform Conference Scholarship Fund. Bring your running gear and join us to socialize and exercise in support of a good cause.



## Continental Breakfast & Registration

9:00 am – 10:00 am  
Breakfast: Grand Ballroom Foyer  
Registration: outside Arlington Ballroom

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## Breakout Sessions

10:00am – 11:30am

### Beyond Prohibition: 21st Century Drug Policy

Salon A

Most Americans agree that the war on drugs is a failure. It has created the largest prison population in the world, while doing nothing to limit addiction and overdose. Jurisdictions around the world are responding to this by experimenting with various alternatives to prohibition. What are some key models of drug regulation? How can these models help improve human rights and public safety? This discussion

will include local, national and international perspectives on how to move past prohibition and create evidence-informed drug policies.

*Moderator:*

Amanda Reiman, Manager of Marijuana Law and Policy, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Ismail Ali, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Berkeley School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, CA
- Raquel Peyraube, Clinical Director, International Center for Ethnobotanical Education Research & Service (ICEERS), Uruguay
- Craig Reinerman, Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of California-Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA
- Steve Rolles, Senior Policy Analyst, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, Bristol, UK
- Robin Room, Professor and Director of the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research, La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia; and Professor at the Centre for Social Research on Alcohol & Drugs, Stockholm University, Sweden

### Rights and Resistance: Reform Advocacy in Challenging Contexts

Salon B

What is it like to work in a country where government, politics, public opinion, or cultural norms make reform efforts difficult or seemingly impossible? What strategies do reform advocates in such places use to adapt to these obstacles? Fierce, principled and clever drug policy reform advocates in places like El Salvador, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa and Indonesia are fighting for effective, health-centered approaches. How are our global allies ensuring human rights in such challenging contexts?

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Damon Barrett, Co-Director, International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy, Gothenburg, Sweden

- Edo Agustian, National Coordinator, Indonesian Drug User Network, Indonesia
- Mikhail Golichenko, Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto, Canada
- Julita Lemgruber, Sociologist and Coordinator, Center for Studies on Public Security and Citizenship, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- Adeolu Ogunrombi, Commissioner, West Africa Commission on Drugs, Nigeria
- Shaun Shelly, Addictions Specialist, Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health, University of Cape Town, South Africa
- Rev. Martin Ignacio Diaz Velasquez, Senior Pastor, Evangelical Protestant Church of El Salvador, San Salvador, El Salvador

### **Ayahuasca: Political Visions**

Salon C

Ayahuasca and other indigenous healing medicines are rapidly expanding beyond their native origins and have been incorporated into syncretistic practices that are being adopted by non-indigenous peoples in Western contexts, including scientific research into possible therapeutic uses. This growing interest from non-indigenous people poses significant conceptual challenges regarding drugs and drug policies. What does Ayahuasca have to do with drug policy reform? What are the indigenous roots of plant-based medicines and what is their relation to Westerners? Are they a medicine or a sacrament... or something else?

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Jag Davies, Director of Communications Strategy, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Yawa Bene, Vice-President, Institute of Indigenous Traditions, Acre, Brazil
- Bia Labate, PhD, Co-Founder, Nucleus for Interdisciplinary Studies of Psychoactives (NEIP), and Professor, Center for Research and Post Graduate Studies in Social Anthropology, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Benjamin de Loenen, Executive Director, International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service (ICEERS), Barcelona, Spain
- Luis Eduardo Luna, PhD, Director, Wasiwaska Research Center, Florianópolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil
- Jeronimo Mazarrasa, Independent Research and Filmmaker; and Secretary, ICEERS, Ibiza, Spain
- Kenneth Tupper, PhD, Adjunct Professor, School of Population and Public Health, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

### **Ensuring Inclusion, Repairing Damage: Diversity, Equity and the Marijuana Industry**

Salon H

Communities of color have borne the burden of marijuana prohibition since it began in 1937. As more states end prohibition, there is a growing concern that communities which suffered the worst harms of mass incarceration will not be able to benefit from legalization. To ensure that those who suffered most under marijuana prohibition aren't also unfairly barred from entry into the industry, how do we build pathways to participation? And how can we develop this new industry so that it aids in repairing some of the harms that prohibition itself caused?

*Moderator:*

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

- Corey Barnette, Owner and President, District Growers, LLC, Washington, D.C.
- Vicki Hanson, PhD Candidate, Department of Government, University of the West Indies, Kingston, Jamaica
- Lynne Lyman, State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
- Deborah Peterson-Small, Founder and Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA
- Shaleen Title, Founding Board Member, Minority Cannabis Business Association, Boston, MA
- Simone-Monet Wahls, CEO, Future Executives & Compassionate Care NY Advocate, New York, NY

## Reform for Those Who Sell Drugs: Challenging a Taboo of Drug Policy Reform

Salon J

Reforms are quietly taking place for people who sell drugs, usually involving petty and subsistence dealers caught with small amounts. As we look to minimize the use of the criminal justice system in drug policy, how do we address issues around drug selling? How do we distinguish drug-dependent subsistence sellers from mid-level drug sellers who are not drug-dependent? And how do we extend public health approaches to those who sell drugs?

*Moderator:*

Art Way, State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, Colorado

- Ernesto Cortés, Executive Director, Costa Rican Association for the Study and Intervention in Drugs, San Jose, Costa Rica
- Ifetayo Harvey, Executive Assistant, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Santa Cruz, CA
- Alexandro Madrazo Lajous, Professor, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas A.C., Mexico City, Mexico
- Pastor Michael McBride, Director of Urban Strategies, Live Free Campaign, PICO National Network, Berkeley, CA
- Sheigla Murphy, Senior Scientist, Institute for Scientific Analysis, San Francisco, CA
- Rick Ross, The Original Freeway Rick Ross, Los Angeles, CA
- Jasmine Tyler, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundation, Washington, D.C.

## Safety First Train-the-Trainer: A Reality-Based Approach to Teens and Drugs

Salon K

*Safety First: A Reality-Based Approach to Teens and Drugs* is the Drug Policy Alliance's seminal publication for parents and others who care about the health and safety of young people and who are willing to look beyond convention for pragmatic strategies. Written by Marsha Rosenbaum, Ph.D., Director Emerita of DPA's San Francisco office, 350,000 copies have been distributed worldwide in 10 languages. This session is

for parents or advocates interested in presenting the Safety First approach to talking to teens about drugs. Attendees will receive a copy of a PowerPoint presentation with speaker's notes.

*Presenter:*

Jerry Otero, Youth Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York



## Break

11:30am – 12:00pm



## Breakout Sessions

12:00pm – 1:30pm

## What's a Parent To Do When Youthful Experimentation Goes Awry?

Salon A

There are few things scarier to a parent than dealing with a child who has developed a problem with alcohol or drugs. Shamed into taking a "tough love" stance in response to problematic drug use, parents are often told "your kid has to hit bottom" and "don't be an enabler." That may be conventional wisdom, but it's not helpful in most situations. Even those of us who devote our lives to ending the drug war can be at a loss when problematic drug use strikes home. Addiction professionals present a handful of intervention models that emphasize love, compassion and family support.

*Moderator:*

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

- Jeff Foote, Co-founder, Center for Motivation and Change, Author, New York, NY
- Frances Fu, Outreach Coordinator, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Oakland, CA
- Barry Lessin, Addictions Therapist and Co-Founder, Families for Sensible Drug Policy, Blue Bell, PA
- Stanton Peele, Psychologist and Author, Brooklyn, NY

## **Drug Policy & Immigration Reform: Bridging the Gap and Keeping Families Together**

Salon B

Convictions for minor drug offenses result in harsher consequences for non-U.S. citizens, including deportation and permanent separation of families. Hundreds of thousands of people have been deported from the U.S. in recent years for nothing more than a minor drug law violation. California is developing landmark legislation to protect people arrested for minor drug law violations from deportation, as well as from loss of federal housing and educational benefits. How did this model emerge? And how can it be replicated? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Armando Gudiño, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Angie Junck, Supervising Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resource Center, San Francisco, CA
- Joseph Villela, Senior Policy Advocate, Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles
- Grace Meng, Senior Researcher, Human Rights Watch, New York, NY
- Jeanette Zanipatin, Staff Attorney, Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund, Sacramento, CA

## **MDMA and Other Psychedelics: What Does Legal Access Look Like?**

Salon C

Criminalization of drug use needs to end, and marijuana legalization has provided one pathway to that. Public and political support for legalizing other drugs is low – so in what other ways can we end criminalization and create legal access for MDMA and other psychedelic drugs? What would a medical model look like? Would a spiritual model using approved guides work for something like ayahuasca? What about licensing users or specific venues? And would any of these models show promise for drugs with addiction potential like cocaine, methamphetamine or heroin? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Stefanie Jones, Nightlife Community Engagement Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Constanza Sanchez Aviles, Law, Policy & Human Rights Coordinator, ICEERS, Barcelona, Spain

- Aram Barra, Latin American Programme Officer, Transform, London, UK
- Jag Davies, Director of Communications Strategy, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Rick Doblin, Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies, Boston, MA
- Amanda Feilding, Executive Director, Beckley Foundation, Oxford, UK
- Paula Frango, Prevention and Community Intervention, SICAD, Lisbon, Portugal
- Steve Rolles, Senior Policy Analyst, Transform, London, UK

## **Medical Cannabis in 2015: From the Lab to the Clinic**

Salon H

Medical cannabis continues to gain support across the country. The use of CBD for conditions such as epilepsy and autism has sparked conversation in typically-unfriendly jurisdictions. Meanwhile, some states are celebrating decades of legal access and doctors are regularly including cannabis in their practice. This session will include presentations from some of the top cannabis doctors addressing how the use of cannabis in the biotech world shaped its evolution as a standardized medicine. How are different health disciplines approaching clinical cannabis work? And what occurs in the everyday practice of cannabis medicine?

*Moderator:*

Amanda Reiman, PhD, Manager, Marijuana Law and Policy, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- Ethan Russo, MD, Medical Director at PHYTECS, Seattle, WA
- Michelle Sexton, ND, PhytaLAB, Center for the Study of Cannabis and Social Policy, Seattle, WA
- Sue Sisley, MD, Principal Investigator, Scottsdale Research Institute, Scottsdale, AZ
- Dustin Sulak, DO, Practitioner, Integr8 Health, LLC, Falmouth, ME
- Zach Walsh, Associate Professor and Co-Director, Centre for the Advancement of Psychological Science and Law, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC

## Law Enforcement, Pharmacies, and the Future of Naloxone Access

Salon J

Pharmacies are beginning to furnish naloxone on demand, law enforcement is carrying and using it, and states are passing reforms making it all possible. We're well on our way to reaching a tipping point in terms of national naloxone access among laypeople – but what hurdles still remain? What have we achieved and what's getting lost in the discussion? This panel convenes experts and thought leaders to address where we are, how we got here, and what opportunities and obstacles we're facing on the road ahead.

*Moderator:*

Jeronimo Saldaña, Legislative and Organizing Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Alice Bell, Overdose Prevention Project Coordinator, Prevention Point Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- Dan Bigg, Executive Director, Chicago Recovery Alliance, Chicago, IL
- Robert Childs, Executive Director, North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, Durham, NC
- Matt Curtis, Policy Director, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Eliza Wheeler, Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA



## Anti-Racist Organizing for Social Justice

Jackson

What does a commitment to end racism mean in practice? Why is an anti-racist analysis important to the success of social movements for justice? This workshop is rooted in the belief that anti-racism is foundational to the building of powerful movements for justice in this country. In this session we will confront the ways racism is reproduced in our progressive circles while considering practices that will support us to be more effective in grounding our organizing work in an anti-racist frame. (Please note that this training can only accommodate 35-40 participants and will last [2-3] hours.)

*Presenters:*

- Rachael Ibrahim, Racial Equity Trainer and Community Organizer, Consultant, New York, NY
- Monica Dennis, Racial Equity Trainer and Community Organizer, Consultant, New York, NY





## Lunch (on your own)

1:30pm – 3:00pm



## Breakout Sessions

3:00pm – 4:30pm

### Partying and the Search for Identity

Salon A

Starting with the philosophical musings of Locke and Rousseau and on to the work of psychologists like Piaget and Erikson, various disciplines have tried to explain how biological, cognitive, social-cultural and emotional factors unfold in stages and influence a young person's psychological and developmental trajectory. Young people, parents and experts will explore the importance of transitional points in young lives and introduce youthful "partying" as a developmental stage to be reconciled along with other milestones. How does youthful drug use play a positive or negative role in self-discovery and identity formation? And how do we keep young people safe on this journey?

#### *Moderator:*

Jerry Otero, Youth Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Andrea Brandon, Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist, NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY
- Stephanie Raquel Izquieta, Board Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Queens, NY
- Emma Jacobson, Program Coordinator, DanceSafe, Denver, CO
- Stanton Peele, Psychologist and Author, Brooklyn, NY
- Nisa Yasmine Rashid, Honors-level Sophomore, Brooklyn Friends School, Brooklyn, NY
- Barry Schechter, Coordinator, Human Service Studies, SUNY Cortland, Owego, NY
- Molly Wolff, age 15, High School Student, Pawling, NY

### Arresting Harm: New Approaches to Law Enforcement and People Who Use Drugs

Salon B

Are law enforcement and harm reduction always at odds, or is beneficial cooperation possible? Can police unlearn counterproductive, repressive responses and support health-based approaches instead? Sao Paulo's "Open Arms" program, Seattle's Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program, Vancouver's Four Pillars approach, the Frankfurt Principles, and the new marijuana prioritization scheme in Durham, UK are some examples of how cities are enacting innovative measures that tie law enforcement to the provision of harm reduction services. What are the benefits of these approaches and what are some potential pitfalls? [Spanish interpretation available.](#)

#### *Moderator:*

Daniel Wolfe, Director, International Harm Reduction Development, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY

- Mauricio Fiore, Scientific Coordinator, Brazilian Drug Policy Platform, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Neill Franklin, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Baltimore, MD
- Ron Hogg, Police and Crime Commissioner, Durham, UK
- Donald MacPherson, Director, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, Vancouver, BC
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY
- Deanna Nollette, Captain, Special Victim's Unit, Seattle Police Department Narcotics Section, Seattle, WA

## From Illicit to Licit: Challenges of Marijuana Legalization

Salon C

Despite the successes of legalized marijuana at the state level, many challenges remain, especially at the federal level. What changes are needed to better implement legalization laws? In what ways is marijuana legalization benefitting Black and Latino communities, and in what ways is it falling short? Since legalization laws don't prevent civil discrimination in employment, family law, and probation and parole, how do we take the next steps to ensure people are no longer punished for marijuana use? And while marijuana remains illegal on the federal level, how can marijuana businesses operate legitimately?

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Art Way, State Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, CO

- Larisa Bolivar, Executive Director, Cannabis Consumers Coalition, Denver, CO
- Shawn Coleman, President, 360 Solutions, Denver, CO
- Karen O'Keefe, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project, West Hollywood, CA
- Diego Pieri, Sociologist, Member of Proderechos and Co-Founder of the CLUC Cannabis Club, Montevideo, Uruguay
- Teri Robnett, Executive Director, Cannabis Patients Alliance, Denver, CO
- Larry Wolk, Executive Director & Chief Medical Officer, Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment, Denver, CO

## What's the Latest Psychedelic Research Telling Us?

Salon H

We are now in the midst of a psychedelic research renaissance. Clinical studies are under way at top medical schools and research institutes worldwide, and psychedelic therapy is beginning to be re-accepted by the medical community. Where are we at in the effort to make psychedelics legally available for medical and therapeutic purposes? And what does this mean for efforts to reduce the role of criminalization outside of medical or other clinical contexts?

*Moderator:*

Julie Holland, MD, Psychopharmacologist, Psychiatrist & Author, New York, NY

- Alex Belser, PhD, Administrative Director, New York University Psilocybin Cancer Anxiety and Spirituality Study, NYU Langone Medical Center, New York, NY
- Rick Doblin, PhD, Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS), Boston, MA
- Amanda Feilding, Executive Director, Beckley Foundation, Oxford, UK
- Albert Garcia, PhD, Faculty Member, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Baltimore, MD
- Ingmar Gorman, MA, Doctoral Student, New School for Social Research, New York, NY

## From the Prescription Pill Panic to Heroin Hysteria: Separating Myths from Facts

Salon J

The recent media interest in prescription pill abuse is now shifting toward heroin. With more stories about the growing heroin 'epidemic,' it's hard to know what's true and what is simply sloppy reporting. What is the connection between increases in prescription opiate use and increases in heroin use? Have government crackdowns, monitored drug databases, pharma price hikes, police raids, and

abuse-deterrent pill formulations helped, or have they intensified the problem? Where is the media getting it right – and getting it wrong?

*Moderator:*

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

- Kenneth Anderson, Executive Director, HAMS Harm Reduction Network, New York, NY
- John Knefel, Independent Journalist, co-host of Radio Dispatch
- Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, Reason Magazine, Jerusalem, Israel
- Maia Szalavitz, Independent Journalist, New York, NY
- Eliza Wheeler, Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

### **E-Cigarettes and the Future of Maintenance Therapies**

Salon K

Electronic cigarettes have been the center of considerable debate. Some see them as a grave public health threat, while others consider them a valuable harm reduction tool. Part of the controversy stems from e-cigs' role as a maintenance therapy – a potential way to more safely deliver nicotine to those who cannot or will not quit smoking traditional cigarettes. What can e-cigs teach us about harm reduction? What can we learn from e-cigs about the support for and opposition to maintenance therapies? Do e-cigs herald a new era of maintenance therapies or a new era of cracking down on them?

*Moderator:*

Tony Newman, Director, Media Relations,  
Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Scott Ballin, Health Policy Consultant, Washington, D.C.
- Helen Redmond, LCSW, Community Access, New York, NY
- Michael Siegel, Professor, Department of Community Health Sciences, Boston University School of Public Health, Boston, MA
- Sharon Stancliff, Medical Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY



### **Break**

4:30pm – 5:00pm



### **Closing Plenary**

5:00pm – 6:00pm | Arlington Ballroom

[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

Kurt Schmoke, Julie Holland, Vicki Hanson, Juliana Willars,  
Edo Agustian, and T-Dubb-O



### **Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception**

8:00pm – 10:00pm | Arlington Ballroom

Tickets are \$35 and available for purchase at the registration desk.

## Author Book Signings

The book signings will take place outside the conference bookstore in the Sky View Terrace.



Thursday, November 19

**Handbook of Cannabis**

11:00am – 11:30am

*Ethan Russo (Editor)*

**Crack in America: Demon Drugs and Social Justice  
Expanding Addiction: Critical Essays**

1:00pm – 1:30pm

*Craig Reinerman*

**Making Manna**

2:00pm – 2:30pm

*Eric Lotke*

**5,742 Days: A Mother's Journey Through Loss**

4:00pm – 4:30pm

*Anne-Marie Cockburn*

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

4:00pm – 4:30pm

*Andrew Tatarsky*

Friday, November 20

**Recovery Options: The Complete Guide**

11:00am – 11:30am

*Maia Szalavitz*

**Marijuana Nation: One Man's Chronicle of America  
Getting High: From Vietnam to Legalization**

11:00am – 11:30am

*Roger Roffman*

**Recover! Stop Thinking Like an Addict and  
Reclaim Your Life with The PERFECT Program**

1:30pm – 2:00pm

*Stanton Peele*

**Beyond Addiction: How Science and Kindness  
Help People Change**

1:30pm – 2:00pm

*Jeffrey Foote*

**A Moral Defense of Recreational Drug Use**

3:30pm – 4:00pm

*Rob Lovering*

Saturday, November 21

**Letters from Marion**

11:30am – 12:00pm

*Joel Blaeser*

**Moody Bitches: The Truth About the Drugs You're  
Taking, The Sleep You're Missing, The Sex You're Not  
Having, and What's Really Making You Crazy**

2:15pm – 2:45pm

*Julie Holland*

**A New Leaf: The End of Cannabis Prohibition**

2:15pm – 2:45pm

*Alyson Martin & Nushin Rashidian*



## Mobile Workshop #1 – Drug War in the Nation’s Capital Tour

Participants will experience Washington, D.C. through the lens of the war on drugs, and get to know the District as a community treated for decades as a testing ground for federal anti-drug crusades later exported to the rest of the nation. Hear accounts of American drug prohibition in action on the streets of D.C. from the Harry Anslinger years through the modern prohibition era, and learn about the District’s unique experience with the drug war as a city controlled by Congress – all as you tour the nation’s capital.

Buses will pick up on S. Eads Street in front of the Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel. Please use the side door exit to the left of the main hotel entrance behind the Atrium lounge.

**Tour A** departs Thursday, November 19  
at 7:00pm, returns 10:00pm

**Tour B** departs Friday, November 20  
at 7:00pm, returns 10:00pm

## Mobile Workshop #2 – DEA Museum Tours

The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) headquarters, museum and visitors center is a 15 minute walk from the Crystal Gateway Marriott. The DEA museum is a taxpayer funded tribute to the war on drugs. DPA has made arrangements with the DEA museum to accommodate four tours for conference attendees at the times listed below.

Tours will consist of a one-hour self-guided tour of the museum, and contingent on availability, may be followed by a presentation from a DEA representative. Tours are free and open to the public, but note that tours may fill up quickly and museum visitors must pass through a federal security checkpoint. DPA will post directional signage between the conference hotel, and the DEA Museum to help guide people who decide to walk to the museum. The DEA Museum is located at 700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202. Please note that visiting the museum is not limited to these tour times. The museum is open to the general public at all times from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Thursday, November 19th and Friday, November 20th. The museum is closed on weekends.

**Tour A** departs Thursday, November 19 at 12:00pm,  
returns 2:30pm (We recommend you arrive at DEA  
Museum by 11:30am to go through security)

**Tour B** departs Thursday, November 19 at 1:00pm,  
returns 4:30pm. (We recommend you arrive at DEA  
Museum by 12:30pm to go through security)

**Tour C** departs Friday, November 20 at 10:30am,  
returns 1:30pm (We recommend you arrive at the DEA  
Museum by 10:00am to go through security)

**Tour D** departs Friday, November 20 at 1:00pm,  
returns 4:00 pm (We recommend you arrive at DEA  
Museum by 12:30pm to go through security)

# Film Screenings

Thursday, November 19



## The Business of Recovery

Directed by Adam Finberg  
7:00pm | Salon C

This highly provocative documentary investigates the booming drug and alcohol abstinence – and largely 12-Step-based – treatment industry. The film argues that with little regulation, the treatment industry has become a lucrative, profit-oriented business that continues to grow while the numbers of failed treatments, relapses and overdose deaths remain stubbornly high. Through unique access to internationally recognized treatment facilities, as well as emotional stories of people in crisis and their families, this potent film argues that the treatment industry in the United States can sometimes provide desperate families little more than promises of hope and a huge bill. (81 minutes)

### Post-Screening Discussion

*Moderator:*

Amanda Bent, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ

- Howard Josepher, President and CEO, Exponents, New York, NY
- Barry Lessin, Co-Founder, Families for Sensible Drug Policy, Addictions Therapist, Blue Bell, PA
- Julia Negron, Certified Addiction Specialist, SunCoast Harm Reduction Project, Venice, FL
- Stanton Peele, Psychologist and Author, Brooklyn, NY

Friday, November 20



## Anyone for Coffee and Heroin? Inside a Danish Narcotics Dispensary

Directed by Michael Jourdan  
7:15pm | Salon B

This film looks at life inside the Poppy, a clinic in Copenhagen where prescribed pharmaceutical heroin is dispensed to program participants. It illustrates both the impact of Denmark's recently-crafted policy aimed at reducing crime, as well as what it means in human terms to address heroin addiction free from physical danger, moral judgment and legal punishment. According to the Poppy's staff and patients, the new policy is working. Is heroin-assisted treatment the next frontier in evidence-based addiction treatment? This film is subtitled in English and contains scenes of explicit drug use. (58 minutes)

### Post-Screening Discussion

*Moderator:*

Lindsay LaSalle, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- Holly Catania, JD, Independent Consultant, New York, NY
- Michael Jourdan, Filmmaker, Anyone for Coffee and Heroin?, Denmark
- Greg Scott, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Sociology, Director, Social Science Research Center, DePaul University, Chicago, IL
- Adrienne Smith, Health and Drug Policy Campaigner, Pivot Legal Society, Vancouver, Canada



## Deep Web

Directed by Alex Winter  
7:15pm | Salon H

Thirty year-old entrepreneur Ross Ulbricht is serving a federal life sentence, convicted this year of masterminding the Silk Road, the vast online market for criminalized drugs. This extraordinary documentary goes behind the hype to explore how Silk Road worked, the ideology that drove it and the young man at the center of a global media firestorm and unprecedented trial. Narrated by Keanu Reeves, *Deep Web* exposes the futility of the ongoing drug war and the myriad ways the government violates our privacy rights. Moreover it examines the role online drug sales can play in reducing harm in the underground economy and the commitment Silk Road administrators and vendors had to those very principles. *Deep Web* poignantly humanizes Ross Ulbricht, who was demonized by prosecutors as a digital drug lord, and bears witness as his mother Lyn determinedly fights for her son's life. (90 minutes)

### Post-screening discussion

#### *Moderator:*

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

- Major Neill Franklin (Ret.), Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Silver Spring, MD
- Meghan Ralston, Drug Policy Consultant, Palm Springs, CA
- Kirk Ulbricht, Activist, Father of Silk Road's Ross Ulbricht, Austin, TX
- Alex Winter, writer and director, *Deep Web* (invited)



## Kingdom of Shadows

Directed by Bernardo Ruiz  
7:15pm | Salon C

Bernardo Ruiz deftly weaves together three distinct stories of people whose lives are entwined in the war on drugs – a Homeland Security investigator, an activist nun in Monterrey, Mexico, and a former Texas smuggler. All three defy stereotypes while reminding us of the drug war's human toll. This powerful and poignant documentary takes a journalistic approach, subtly illustrating how drug policies at our border implicate us in ways we may not even realize. (74 minutes)  
[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

### Post-screening discussion

#### *Moderator:*

Daniel Robelo, Research Coordinator,  
Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- Jason Hernandez, first Latino to have his sentence commuted by President Obama, McKinney, TX
- Doña María Elena Herrera Magdaleno, Familiares en Búsqueda María Herrera, Asociación Civil, Mexico City, Mexico
- Bernardo Ruiz, writer and director, *Kingdom of Shadows*, New York, NY
- Juan Carlos Trujillo Herrera, Familiares en Búsqueda María Herrera, Asociación Civil, Mexico City, Mexico

Community Sessions are a space for conference attendees to organize a group of people to action or provide a concrete training on a specific issue. Hear about each organization's goals in their own words and join them for these meetings.



Thursday, November 19

### **Litigation in the Deep South**

Grand Ballroom F/G | 8:00am – 9:00am

This meeting is hosted by the Ordinary Peoples Society and The Southern Harm Reduction Union, DPA partners located in rural Alabama. These counties have been subjected to Federal court litigation by the Equal Justice Under The Law project. Other litigation proceedings include Montgomery, Alabama and Ferguson, Missouri.

### **Virginia Advocates Collaboration Planning for 2016**

Manassas | 11:00am – 1:00pm

This initial meeting of Virginia based advocates will bring together religious, community and grassroots leaders to discuss criminal justice reform in Virginia with a special emphasis on how disparate laws about marijuana impact African Americans and people of color.

### **Fixing a Broken System:**

#### **The Growing Movement for Bail Reform**

McLean | 11:30am – 1:00pm

The United States' reliance on money bail as the primary mechanism of pretrial release means that thousands of poor, nonviolent arrestees are warehoused in jail for weeks, months and sometimes for years simply because they cannot afford to pay their often nominal bond amounts. At the same time, high-risk individuals with resources can obtain release pretrial. How can we move towards a fair pretrial justice system that protects public safety and does not needlessly discriminate against already marginalized populations? This meeting will focus on the growing national movement to reform bail practices and will discuss effective advocacy strategies for pursuing bail reform.

### **Latin America in the Context of the Drug Policy Reform**

Madison | 11:30am – 1:00pm

This meeting will further strengthen the dialogue among Latin American civil society organizations, promoting drug policy reform at local, regional and international levels, and will provide an opportunity for further developing advocacy strategies for the UNGASS 2016.

### **Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion**

McLean | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) is a collaborative solution that promotes front-end diversion for people who use drugs. Directly impacted people, law enforcement, and social service workers are collaborating to assist drug users? Come to the meeting to hear more about how LEAD may work for you.

### **The UN General Assembly Special Session on Drugs: What You Need to Know**

Jackson | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

The UNGASS on drugs in 2016 is a critical juncture in global drug policy. Come to this workshop to learn more about the event, the current state of the UN debates, and opportunities to influence the outcomes.

### **Accidental Overdose Deaths:**

#### **Prosecuting the Drug Sellers for Murder**

Rosslyn 2 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

*Hosted by Broken No More*

There are grieving parents on both sides of this issue. Some see prosecuting drug sellers as justice, as retribution, for the death of their child. Other parents, those who have also lost a child to overdose, disagree. These parents contend that the seller and the buyer, who can be the same person on different days, entered into a consensual transaction and that prosecuting the person who sold, shared, or delivered drugs to someone who fatally overdosed for murder is unjust. They view these prosecutions as a ramping up of our failed drug policies and, as importantly, that the "moral authority" afforded to them is being misused. These parents contend that we cannot incarcerate our way out of the overdose epidemic.

### **Veterans and the War on Drugs: Healing a Broken System**

Alexandria | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Veterans networking around medical cannabis access, prescription drug misuse, overdose prevention, risk of incarceration, health care, and VA-related issues.



### **Southern Harm Reduction, Drug Policy, Drug User and Law Enforcement Advocacy Gathering**

Grand Ballroom E | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Please join North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition and our Southern/Red State allies for a community gathering on Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) advocacy and harm reduction & drug policy reform movement building in the US South and Red States. All drug users, sex workers, advocates and law enforcement are welcome!

### **Social Media as an Advocacy Tool for Drug Policy Reform**

Grand Ballroom F/G | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

### **Doing Policy Advocacy as an Academic and/or Researcher**

Jefferson | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

This meeting provides an opportunity for academics and researchers to learn more about their role in advancing drug policy reform. How can they be most effective? How do they navigate the politics of their institutions and funders to do effective advocacy? How do they use the limited time they have to do the most possible good? How do they know with which advocacy organizations to work?

### **Ferguson to Baltimore: Along Jim Crow HIGHway**

Madison | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

We will examine the intersection between police brutality and the war on drugs as historical and contemporary flashpoints in the ongoing Black Freedom struggle – and we will develop strategies to combat it.

### **SMART Recovery® Meeting**

Fairfax Boardroom | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Learn firsthand how to overcome addictions using the fastest-growing secular support-group program known as SMART Recovery. Led by a trained facilitator, this meeting will help empower you to abstain from harmful drugs, alcohol and addictive behavior. Using tools from cognitive behavioral therapy and other disciplines, attendees help each other advance their recovery efforts in a highly interactive meeting. SMART stands for Self-Management And Recovery Training. Founded more than 20 years ago, the program today holds more than 1,800 weekly meetings in 15 countries, along with another 37 online, which are accessible to anyone with an internet link.

### **National Harm Reduction Conference 2016**

Fairfax Boardroom | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Planning and organizing for the national harm reduction conference in San Diego 2016.

### **Latino/as for Legalization**

Madison | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Join in the Latino/as for Legalization Community Session. Bring your ideas and insights con ganas!

### **!Presente! Red Latinoamericana y del Caribe de Personas que Usan Drogas**

Alexandria | 6:00pm – 7:30pm

*This session will be presented in Spanish*

“Nothing About Us Without Us.” Get to know the Latin American and Caribbean Network of People of Who Use Drugs (LANPUD), how and why we use drugs, the negative consequences we face for using drugs and for living in locations so close to major drug production areas, and what we are fighting for.

### **Moms United to End the War on Drugs and Transform UK**

Grand Ballroom J | 6:00pm – 7:30pm

Mothers across international borders are working together to end the war on drugs that has been so devastating to our families. Join us in calling for health-oriented strategies and widespread drug policy reform in order to stop the tragic loss of lives and liberties.

### **LEAP Volunteer Training**

Jackson | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition speaker and volunteer training session.

### **Marijuana Legalization in California 2016:**

#### **Spark the conversation!**

Grand Ballroom F/G | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

In 2016, voters in California will have a chance to legalize marijuana. Regardless of the initiative's details, Californians will need to unite to end marijuana prohibition. This community meeting will include a discussion of the implications of legalization, the impact of prohibition, and the ways in which we can message our support for legalization to family and friends. Attendees will have an opportunity to record a message in support of legalization in California to be broadcast on our website in an effort to #Sparktheconversation about marijuana reform in California in 2016!

### **Social Workers in Drug Policy: Values, Ethics, and the War on Drugs**

Manassas | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

Critiques of the criminal system and public health compel many social workers to question their role in the shifting paradigm of drug policy. While social workers encounter addiction in practice, punitive policies focusing on abstinence and incarceration do not reflect the ethics of the field. This meeting will focus on drug policy reform and the related implications for social work values, ethics and practice: marijuana policy, mass criminalization, and harm reduction.

# Community Sessions (continued)

## Friday, November 20

### **Asset Forfeiture Reformers**

Grand Ballroom F/G | 8:00am – 9:25am

Asset forfeiture disproportionately impacts communities of color and low-income people. Forfeiture practices allow police to take a person's hard earned money, car and other assets without convicting or even charging a person with a crime in violation of a person's civil and due process rights. Ending asset forfeiture is an important step towards holding law enforcement accountable for their policing practices. Come meet and strategize ways to integrate forfeiture reform into your efforts.

### **Breaking Through Christian Resistance to Legalization: Strategic Approaches for Converting a Tough Constituency**

Alexandria | 8:00am – 9:30am

A chance to explore Christianity's role in reinforcing the prohibition frame and stigmatizing the moral weakness of drug users.

### **Coca: A Missing Frontier in Drug Policy Reform**

Rosslyn 2 | 8:30am – 9:30am

Coca and coca-derived substances lie at the heart of drug policy, enforcement and use in Latin America, yet it is an often overlooked topic in drug policy reform circles. This community session will provide a background to coca, will stimulate discussion on how we can best approach and address coca cultivation and markets, and will consider how we can connect this issue to the wider drug policy reform movement.

### **Bringing Communities Together: Family-Centered Harm Reduction and Drug Policy for the 21st Century**

Jefferson | 8:30am – 9:30am

Founded by families and friends of substance users, Families for Sensible Drug Policy (FSDP) is a 501c3 non-profit organization representing an international coalition of families, professionals, organizations and public health advocates dedicated to implementing innovative public health initiatives with the goal of empowering families to increase access to effective substance use disorder treatment and reduce the harmful consequences of oppressive drug policies. Please join our FSDP team members for a vital, informative and thought-provoking discussion about harm reduction, drug policy and your family.

### **Doctors for Cannabis Regulation**

Jackson | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

Doctors For Cannabis Regulation (DFCR) serves as a voice for physicians who believe that cannabis prohibition has failed, that decriminalization is an inadequate alternative to

legalization, and that the misuse of cannabis should be treated as a medical issue rather than a criminal one. DFCR promotes evidence-based strategies to prevent recreational marijuana use by minors and misuse by adults. Through public education and support for changes in U.S. law, DFCR advocates for the legalization, taxation and – above all – effective regulation of cannabis in the United States.

### **Child Welfare Laws as a Mechanism for Expanding the Drug War**

Jefferson | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

One of the most insidious, but often overlooked, expansions of the war on drugs is the civil child welfare system. Parents face serious legal consequences and potential lifelong separation from their children based on drug use, no matter whether the drug is licit, illicit, qualifies as medical treatment, or has been decriminalized. If you are interested in discussing the civil child welfare system – the ways that it has affected you or your loved ones, the ways that it harms families instead of supporting them, or ways to create change within the system – please join us at this session. We will be sharing information and ideas about how to organize and work in coalition to expose and end punitive child welfare policies. What work is already being done? What work still needs to be done? How can you get involved? Join us!

### **Drug Abuse & Addiction Research: What Do We Really Know, and How Do We Talk About It?**

Grand Ballroom E | 1:00pm - 2:30pm

For too long, discussion between and among the different sectors of the drug abuse and addiction field has been either fragmented or nonexistent. We would like to help change that dynamic. This session will be a relatively informal opportunity for attendees to meet and discuss issues with senior staff from the National Institute on Drug Abuse. We will discuss how NIDA does its work, how it operates within the federal system, and how we can all work together to help highlight issues that are worthy of serious discussion and research attention and support the dissemination of evidence-based practices.

### **Lifting the Federal Food Stamp Ban and Ending Drug Testing for Benefits**

Rosslyn 2 | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

The federal food stamp ban and drug testing for government benefits are regressive policies that affect those already directly impacted by the war on drugs – the marginalized and the criminalized. Are you interested in lifting the federal food stamp ban in your state? Interested in sharing strategies on what's working in your state? Do you know someone who has to pee in a cup to feed him/herself and family? Come share your stories and strategies and discuss ways to end drug testing as a form of punishment for drug use.

### **United Nations Special Session on Drugs**

McLean | 1:00pm – 2:30pm

The United Nations will be holding a Special Session in April 2016 to discuss drug policy. We will be meeting with state partners, researchers, and international allies to plan activities that will promote our movement priorities for reform!

### **SSDP Model UNGASS, Day 1**

Grand Ballroom F/G | 1:00pm – 3:00pm

The 2016 United National General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) is shaping up to be a pivotal moment for students and young adults around the world concerned about the consequences the international drug control treaties have on their lives. SSDP members have selected a country or NGO to represent and researched their respective positions on the treaties to prepare for this model UNGASS during which students simulate the meeting in a Model UN format that will take place over two sessions. Non-students are welcome to observe the session and see students decide for themselves what constitutes a better tomorrow for today's youth.

### **Cannabis in Uruguay**

Madison | 6:00pm - 7:30pm

On December 10 2013, Uruguay became the first country in the world to legally regulate marijuana. This decision was a milestone in the history of drug policy and placed Uruguay in the center of international attention. Cannabis in Uruguay is a documentary that illustrates the unique political, social and cultural circumstances that allowed the country to take this innovative and historic step forward.

### **Networking Reception for Drug Researchers & Scholars**

Jackson | 6:00pm – 7:00pm

If you are drug researcher, scholar or academic, please join us for an informal networking reception where you can meet your peers from different disciplines, connect, and share your work.

### **Mental Health and Substance Use Providers for Sensible Drug Policy Town Hall Meeting**

Grand Ballroom F/G | 6:00pm – 8:00pm

### **SMART Recovery® Meeting**

Fairfax Boardroom | 6:30pm – 8:00pm

See Thursday's community session (page 39) for further information.

### **Breaking Barriers for Successful Integration**

McLean | 7:00pm - 9:00pm

There are approximately 65 million people in the U.S. that have a criminal record, many of whom are disenfranchised, overlooked and underserved. These individuals have become an economic burden because employers won't hire them or landlords won't

house them, they often are left to fend for themselves and more than half return to prison. Let's have a real conversation about how we reengage these returning citizens and provide opportunities for them to live productive lives.

## **Saturday, November 21**

### **Faith, Spirituality and Drugs**

Madison | 9:30am – 10:30am

This is a space for drug policy reformers to share ways they've integrated their religious belief/s and spiritual practice/s into their work to end the drug war.

### **Maryland Activists Collaboration Planning for 2016**

Madison | 1:30pm - 3:00pm

Join activists to plan for success in the 2016 Maryland General Assembly on legislation addressing harm reduction needs, reform of policing practices, the criminal justice system, marijuana taxation and regulation and fixes to Maryland's medical cannabis program.

### **SMART Recovery® Family & Friends Meeting**

Fairfax Boardroom | 1:30pm – 3:00pm

If you are a family member or friend of a loved one suffering from addiction, this SMART Recovery meeting will help you care for yourself and overcome the frustration and grief that often develop in these relationships. Learn how to rebuild your own life and use positive, supportive measures to help your loved one seek treatment. This program is based on the highly successful Community Reinforcement Approach and Family Training or CRAFT. Guided by a trained facilitator, attendees use tools from CRAFT and SMART Recovery to help each other find solutions to common challenges.

### **SSDP Model UNGASS, Day 2**

Grand Ballroom F/G | 1:30pm – 3:00pm

The 2016 United National General Assembly Special Session (UNGASS) is shaping up to be a pivotal moment for students and young adults around the world who are concerned about the consequences the international drug control treaties have on their lives. SSDP members have selected a country or NGO to represent and researched their respective positions on the treaties to prepare for this model UNGASS, during which students simulate the meeting in a Model UN format that will take place over two sessions. Non-students are welcome to observe the session and see students decide for themselves what constitutes a better tomorrow for today's youth.

## In Memorium: G. Alan Robison



Drug policy reform lost a great friend when G. Alan Robison passed away on May 25, 2015 in Houston, Texas.

Al was determined to spend his retirement after a distinguished academic career to try to end our "INSANE" obsession with prohibition. In Texas in 1995 that meant first cracking the teflon shield that protected the drug war from criticism, open debate and exposure to actual science. The Drug Policy Forum of Texas (DPFT) was formed and Al hit the ground running, undaunted by comparisons with Don Quixote.

DPFT announced a panel discussion among prominent academics and public officials and with the help of Thom Marshall, columnist for the Houston Chronicle,

we packed an auditorium at Rice University.

With the support of Ethan and OSI and an endless stream of Al's friends and colleagues, the following years saw events at the University of Houston, University of Texas, Texas Southern University and other venues that featured the authors of the latest books on reform along with judges and scientists.

Somehow Al managed to grind out a laborious regular snail mail newsletter, help with the formation of ARO plus DPFT's own local TV show and participate in the Never Again rally in remote little Tulia, Texas to protest racist prosecutions there. Federally legal medical marijuana was smoked at churches and on the steps of the DEA.

Al's mild, pleasant demeanor was unfazed by many a stony face at some service club. In private there would be a string of expletives directed at the government's latest outrage.

By 2002, DPFT found a constant ally in Dr. Bill Martin at the Baker Institute for Public Policy of Rice University and we helped Bill organize its international conference, Moving Beyond the "War on Drugs." For two days, experts and officials from around the world presented the facts and a variety of possible improvements.

Al would have wanted us to express his deepest appreciation to the countless people in reform who were dear to him. For those who never were fortunate to know Al's wit, grace and passion personally, he would only want to encourage you and thank you for carrying the torch.

Al's very interesting obituary can be found at <http://preview.tinyurl.com/qz373ny>.

## About the Presenters

**Caroline Jean Acker, Ph.D.**, is Associate Professor of History at Carnegie Mellon University. She is the author of *Creating the American Junkie: Addiction Research in the Classic Era of Narcotic Control* (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2002). In 1995, she co-founded Prevention Point Pittsburgh, and volunteered with the program until 2015.

**Alyssa Aguilera** is the Political Director at VOCAL-NY, a grassroots community organizing group that builds power among low-income people impacted by HIV/AIDS, the drug war, and mass incarceration. At VOCAL, Alyssa leads campaigns to reform discriminatory policing practices, create alternatives to the drug war, and address the collateral consequences of mass incarceration. She is also the Executive Director of VOCAL-NY Action Fund, the affiliated 501(c)4 electoral and lobbying arm of VOCAL-NY.

**Mizue Aizeki Mizue** focuses on ending injustices related to the entanglement of the criminal and immigration systems, including exile due to criminal convictions. An organizer and photographer, her work appears in *Dying to Live, A Story of U.S. Immigration in an Age of Global Apartheid* (2008) and *Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to Black Lives Matter* (2016).

**Lumumba Akinwale-Bande** is the Senior Community Organizer at the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. He is a community organizer with the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement and an educator from Central Brooklyn. Lumumba currently serves as an adjunct lecturer teaching Community Organizing at Lehman College/CUNY.

**Kenneth Anderson** is the author *How to Change Your Drinking: a Harm Reduction Guide to Alcohol*. He is the founder of HAMS Harm Reduction for Alcohol and has worked in the field of harm reduction since 2002. He has worked “in the trenches” doing needle exchange in Minneapolis and served as Online Director for MM. He has presented the HAMS program to addiction counseling classes at NYU, The New School University, and other venues.

**Marvin Atencio** currently is a Congressman in the Costa Rican Legislative Assembly. He is a physician and has a MBA in Health Services. Also he is a lawyer and public notary. He is a member of the Parliamentary Forum on Small Arms and Light Weapons, part of the Committee on Democracy and Human Rights of the Inter-Parliamentary Union. He is promoting reform efforts to regulate medicinal cannabis and industrial hemp.

**Constanza Sánchez Áviles** is a Spanish drug policy researcher and advocate and holds a PhD on International Relations and Law. She has conducted research on drug policy and illicit markets in several academic institutions, and did fieldwork in Latin America, Europe and the USA. She currently coordinates the legal and policy activities at ICEERS Foundation, which includes the Ibiza Expert Committee for the Regularization of Psychoactive Ethnobotanicals and the Teacher Plants Legal Defense Fund.

**asha bande** has directed DPA's grants program since 2005. An award-winning author, her 2003 novel, *Daughter*, about police violence is being re-released by Scribner this year, and contains a new guide

on surviving brutality that features original essays by Michelle Alexander, Patrisse Cullors, Kaditou Diallo, Harry Belafonte and other brilliant advocates. asha is the proud parent of Nisa, 15, whose first published work, “The Drug Education Teens Really Need,” can be found on the Huffington Post.

**Corey Barnette** is C.E.O of District Growers, a licensed Washington, D.C. cannabis cultivation center. Previously, he operated the San Diego Medical and Chi Holistic Collectives, two dispensaries and patient gardens in San Diego, California. Additionally, he works extensively with governing bodies in the formation of laws and regulations regarding cannabis.

**Dr. Monica Barratt's** research concerns the social and public health implications of digital technologies for people who use illicit and new psychoactive drugs, and the impacts of legislative responses to drug use and drug problems. She is a research fellow at the Drug Policy Modelling Program at Australia's National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, UNSW, a visiting fellow at the Burnet Institute and an Adjunct Fellow at the National Drug Research Institute, Curtin University.

**Damon Barrett** is a co-founder and director of the International Centre on Human Rights and Drug Policy based at the Human Rights Centre, University of Essex, where he is a visiting fellow. From 2007 to 2014 he worked at Harm Reduction International, leading the organisation's human rights strategy and as Deputy Director from 2012 to 2014. He is now a PhD researcher at the University of Stockholm. He lives in Göteborg, Sweden.

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Verónica Bayetti Flores** has led national policy work at the intersections of immigrants' rights, health care access, young parenthood, police accountability, and LGBTQ liberation. In 2008 Verónica obtained her Master's degree in the Sexuality and Health program at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. She is currently Co-President of the board of the National Network of Abortion Funds and Policy Coordinator at Streetwise And Safe.

**Kate Becker** is the Director of the Seattle Office of Film + Music. She has produced more than 1,000 all ages shows and is currently immersed in attempting to navigate challenging issues in Seattle's EDM scene. Recently, she has convened two Music Safety Summits with professionals and young people trying to determine best harm reduction practices. While Becker's roots are in music production, filmmaking and working with young creatives, she is becoming more of a policy wonk by the day.

**Jerome Beck's** passion for drug education dates back to the Carter Administration in working at the University of Oregon Drug Information Center. With a doctorate from UC Berkeley School of Public Health, he continues to research and teach on drug-related concerns. He is currently revisiting/updating his 1994 article "100 Years of 'Just Say No' vs. 'Just Say Know': Reevaluating Drug Education Goals for the Coming Century."

**Alice Bell, L.C.S.W.,** is Coordinator for Prevention Point Pittsburgh's Overdose Prevention Project where she implements overdose prevention training in the Allegheny County Jail, naloxone prescription at

PPP's syringe exchange, and local physician/pharmacist co-prescribing of naloxone. She is co-facilitator for the Opiate Safety with Naloxone Network (OSNN) and is involved in advocacy work on a state and national level to promote increased access to naloxone to prevent fatal overdose.

**Kanya Bennett** serves as a Legislative Counsel in the ACLU's Washington Legislative Office where she advances federal criminal justice reform. Prior to that, Kanya spent over three years at the American Constitution Society as a Director focused on civil and criminal justice policy and programming. She also served as Counsel to the House Judiciary Committee (2003-2011).

**Jamaa Bickley-King** is a fearless, inventive and insightful project leader, managing people who transform technology and instructional tools into more user-friendly forms to assist mission-driven organizations in bringing the needs of long-abandoned people into the forefront. He achieved extraordinary success in deploying the first 50 state Voterfile CRM platform, for a non-profit, in the country and using it to train and mobilize over 5,000 people for civic engagement activities.

**Dan Bigg** is one of the founders of Chicago Recovery Alliance which received 501(C)3 tax-exempt recognition from the IRS in 1992. For the last 25 years, Dan has been the Director of the Chicago Recovery Alliance ([anypositivechange.org](http://anypositivechange.org)), a group that conducts drug-related harm reduction outreach and helps develop the practice of harm reduction around the world.

**Tim Bingham** is an experienced practitioner and a visiting lecturer. His research specialism is in emerging drug trends and online drug marketplaces. He has a number of published a number of journal articles, particularly on the online drug commerce site Silk Road and frequently presents on the hidden web drug markets. Tim was recently a member of an expert trend spotter panel on Internet drug markets in Europe for the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA).

**Larisa E. Bolivar** is the Executive Director of the Cannabis Consumers Coalition and has over 14 years in the cannabis legalization movement. A recognized trailblazer and pioneer, she currently advocates for cannabis consumer rights, works on policy and regulatory affairs, and is a business consultant in the emerging cannabis industry. She is also working on her thesis, "Enduring Racial Disparity after Cannabis Legalization," for her M.A. in Public Policy from Regis University in Denver, CO.

**Graham Boyd** is an attorney, consultant and scholar, specializing in political efforts to reform drug laws. Graham advises a group of philanthropists who fund marijuana reform efforts currently sweeping across the United States. He supervises public opinion research and formulates political strategies. Previously, Graham was the founding director of the ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project.

**Maureen Boyle, Ph.D.** is Chief of the Science Policy Branch at NIDA. Prior to joining NIDA Dr. Boyle was a AAAS Science and Technology Policy Fellow in the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research. She

received her Ph.D. in neuroscience from Washington University in St. Louis where she studied the genetic and molecular basis of depression and anxiety-related behaviors. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship at the Allen Institute for Brain Science.

**Dr. Malik Burnett** is originally from Montego Bay, Jamaica by way of Atlanta, Georgia and is currently a resident physician at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He previously served as a policy manager at the Drug Policy Alliance, Office of National Affairs, in Washington, D.C., where he led the first marijuana legalization effort in the nation focused squarely on racial justice. Dr. Burnett obtained his undergraduate, medical and business degrees from Duke University.

**Gretchen Burns Bergman** is Executive Director and Co-Founder of A New PATH (Parents for Addiction Treatment & Healing) and lead organizer of Moms United to End the War on Drugs national campaign. Her articles on therapeutic justice have been published nationwide. She has two sons who've struggled with addictive illness.

**Yolande Cadore** has spent the last 5 years building and nurturing relationships with key criminal justice and drug policy reform allies. Prior to working at the Drug Policy Alliance, she was the Organizing Director at WE ACT for Environmental Justice and National Field Director at The Praxis Project. 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.

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**Maria Carvalho** is a lecturer on education and psychology at the Catholic University of Portugal. Her PhD dissertation was on "Nighttime Recreational Environments – environmental dimensions and the phenomena of psychoactive substance use, risk and protection". She is Vice-President at the International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research and Service. She also coordinates Project Kosmicare at the Boom Festival in Portugal, which provides crisis intervention in situations related to the use of psychoactives in recreational environments. She also practices as a psychologist at a university clinic.

**Fernando Caudevilla** is a family physician as well as the medical assessor for Energy Control, a Spanish NGO focused on recreational drugs and harm reduction. Caudevilla offered harm reduction-oriented medical advice to drug users on Silk Road.

**Cyndee Clay** is an internationally recognized expert in public health and policy for drug users and sex workers. She has extensive experience in harm reduction philosophy, program development and evaluation, peer-based services, community advocacy, public speaking, media relations, and social media for nonprofits.

**Anne-Marie Cockburn** lost her only child Martha Fernback, (age 15) from Oxford, UK, to an accidental ecstasy overdose in 2013. Since then she has tirelessly campaigned to keep this important conversation going and push for political change. She is here as part of *Anyone's Child: Families for Safer Drug Control*.

**Shawn Coleman** is President of 36 Solutions, a Colorado lobbying firm. He began work in cannabis policy in the office of U.S. Representative Jared Polis. He current specializes in Colorado Cannabis Policy. A graduate of the Juilliard School, he remains connected to the arts as President of the Colorado Youth Symphony Orchestras.

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Martín Collazo** is a young sociologist who has worked on youth and drug policy issues. As an activist he has supported cannabis regulation in Uruguay. He has collaborated with the evaluation process and he is co-founder of the cannabis club Cultivating Freedom Uruguay Grows. Martín enjoys debating and acting from a Latin American approach on inequality, violence, corruption and drug policy in periphery context.

**Michael Collins** is a deputy director at the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of National Affairs, in Washington, D.C., where he works with Congress on a variety of drug policy issues including marijuana reform, sentencing reform, and drug war spending. He is originally from Scotland, and lived in France, Spain and Mexico, before moving to the U.S. Michael has discussed drug policy issues in the New York Times, the Washington Post, and on CNN and the BBC.

**Sakira Cook** is a Counsel at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Ms. Cook facilitates the development of a federal policy agenda on reform of the criminal justice system and analyzes current federal civil rights issues related to law enforcement reform and accountability, sentencing and prison reform, and reentry. Ms. Cook earned her J.D. from Wayne State University Law School and is a member of the Michigan State Bar.

**Patrisse Cullors** is the co-founder of #BlackLivesMatter and the director of Truth and Reinvestment for The Ella Baker Center for Human Rights. A Fulbright Scholar and 2007 Mario Savio Activist of the Year, Ms. Cullors was named by the LA Times as a 21st Century "New Civil Rights Leader."

**Matt Curtis** is Policy Director at VOCAL-NY, a grassroots political organization that seeks to build power among people affected by the drug war, the HIV and Hepatitis C epidemics, mass incarceration, and homelessness. Matt works on a range of issues but is primarily responsible for VOCAL's work related to harm reduction and drug policy reform. Most recently, he helped launch the SIF NYC campaign calling for supervised injection facilities ([www.sifnyc.org](http://www.sifnyc.org)).

**Peter Davidson** has been conducting research and harm reduction-based intervention development around opioid-related overdose among people who inject drugs in Australia and the United States since 1997. He is currently an Assistant Professor in the Division of Global Public Health at the University of California, San Diego.

**Jag Davies** is director of communications strategy at the Drug Policy Alliance. Jag has more than a dozen years of professional experience working for drug policy reform. He previously served as director of communications for the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS). He also previously coordinated local, state, federal, and international efforts to end punitive drug policies at the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Drug Law Reform Project (now known as the ACLU Criminal Law Reform Project).

**Ben De Loenen** studied audiovisual media in The Netherlands, where he graduated with honors in his Masters with his documentary *Ibogaine: Rite of Passage* (2004). He became active as a public speaker about iboga internationally and eventually founded the International Center for

Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service (ICEERS) in 2009. ICEERS is involved in scientific research into ayahuasca, iboga and cannabis, policy reform activities, educational activities and services related to risk reduction and legal support.

**Alice Dembner** is Director of the Substance Use Disorders Project at Community Catalyst, a national nonprofit advocacy organization dedicating to ensuring consumer interests are represented in health policy decision-making. The Substance Use Disorders Project works to expand prevention, coverage, treatment and recovery services for people with substance use disorders. Alice also oversees a new initiative to transform the health system to better serve people at risk of incarceration.

**Dr. Patt Denning** is one of the primary developers of Harm Reduction treatments for substance misuse. She is a Diplomate in Psychopharmacology and a certified Addiction Specialist through American Psychological Association. Her books, *Practicing Harm Reduction Psychotherapy* and *Over the Influence*, have influenced thousands of practitioners and clients.

**Monica Dennis** is a Racial Equity Strategist. She provides training, coaching and leadership development for organizations and communities committed to racial equity. Her work focuses on the impact of structural racism. In addition to her work with DPA, Monica is a thought leader for the NoVo Foundation's Move To End Violence initiative and CoreAlign's Speaking Racial to Power Fellowship. She is the Regional Coordinator for Black Lives Matter NYC.



**Shakya Diaz** is an accomplished equity and policy professional. She is grounded in the principles of racial and social justice with experience in issue campaign development, media messaging, legislative & policy analysis, and integrated advocacy strategies. Diaz is an expert in developing authentically inclusive reforms that deliver more equitable outcomes.

**Reverend Diaz Velasquez** is a theologian and expert in drug policy, harm reduction and risk management. He has worked with different church and interfaith organizations internationally. As a pioneer advocate of harm reduction in the clergy he has worked in Argentina, Paraguay, El Salvador and Uruguay.

**Rick Doblin, Ph.D.**, is the executive director of the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies. Rick studied with Dr. Stanislav Grof and is a certified Holotropic Breathwork practitioner. His professional goal is to develop legal contexts for the beneficial uses of psychedelics and marijuana, primarily as prescription medicines and eventually to become a legally licensed psychedelic therapist. He founded MAPS in 1986, and resides in Boston with his wife and three children.

**Margaret Dooley-Sammuli** is Director of Criminal Justice and Drug Policy at the ACLU of California. During over a decade in the field, she has spearheaded historic campaigns to roll back the war on drugs and other draconian penalties, led successful efforts to move state and federal money from incarceration to treatment, and coauthored several reports, most recently a county-level assessment of the first year of Proposition 47 implementation.

**Ernie Drucker** is Research Professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY; Adjunct Professor of Epidemiology at Columbia School of Public Health; and Professor Emeritus of Family and Social Medicine, Montefiore / Einstein College of Medicine; founding Director of Montefiore's 1000 patient drug treatment program; active in public health and human rights in US and abroad, author of 120 peer reviewed scientific articles, texts, and book chapters; a founder of the International Harm Reduction Association; Chairman of the Board of Doctors of the World / USA, author of *A Plague of Prisons: The Epidemiology of Mass Incarceration in America*. (New Press 2011).

**Kellie Dupree** is the Director of Programs and Communications at the Ballot Initiative Strategy Center, working in the DC office and managing the overall day-to-day programs and communications work. Kellie has made a career advocating for a variety of progressive causes, having also worked for Planned Parenthood, USAID, the Democratic National Committee, Unity '09 and EMILY's List.

**Jonah Engle** is a freelance journalist covering criminal justice and drug policy.

**Megan Farrington** is director of digital communications for the Drug Policy Alliance, where she has worked on online initiatives since 2005. She previously worked in communications at Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch and did technology planning for community-based nonprofits in New York City. Farrington grew up in the Washington, D.C., area and has a B.A. in Modern Languages and Linguistics from the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

**Amanda Feilding** is the founder and director of the Beckley Foundation, a UK-based think-tank that, since its establishment in 1998, has been at the forefront of global drug policy reform and scientific research into the potential medical benefits of psychoactive substances. Through the Foundation's Policy Programme, she has organised a series of pivotal international seminars, held at the House of Lords, published over 40 much-cited books and reports, and advised policy-makers on drug policy reform.

**Mauricio Fiore** has a PhD in Social Sciences (University of Campinas), is a researcher for the Brazilian Centre for Analyses and Planning (Cebrap) and is the Scientific Coordinator for the Brazilian Drug Policy Platform. He has researched different perspectives of psychoactive drugs and he published, among other works, 'Drug Use: Medical Controversies and the Public Debate'.

**Jeff Foote, PhD**, is Co-Founder of the Center for Motivation and Change (CMC) in Manhattan, as well as CMC:Berks. He is co-author of the award-winning book *Beyond Addiction: How Science and Kindness Help People Change*, a practical guide for families dealing with addiction and substance problems in a loved one, based on principles of Community Reinforcement and Family Training (CRAFT).

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Ann Fordham** is the Executive Director of the International Drug Policy Consortium, a global network that advocates for reform of punitive and damaging drug policies. The preparations for the UNGASS on drugs has been a key focus of her work for the past two years, both in ensuring the high visibility of civil society in the process and advising governments around the world on the urgent need for progressive drug policy reform.

**Major Neill Franklin** is the executive director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, an international nonprofit organization of law enforcement professionals and civilian supporters who want to end the War on Drugs. LEAP's speakers are cops, judges, prosecutors, prison superintendents, DEA agents, and others who advocate for a policy of legalization, regulation, and control by sharing their extraordinary personal stories about serving on the front lines of the war on drugs. Major Franklin is a retired 33-year veteran of both the Maryland State Police and Baltimore Police forces.

**Kassandra Frederique** is New York Policy Manager 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.

**Chloe Gale, MSW**, has been providing harm reduction services to homeless individuals for 23 years. She developed the REACH Program in Seattle, which provides street outreach, case management, and multi-disciplinary services to chronically homeless and adults with

substance use disorders. Since 2011, REACH has partnered with police and prosecutors to provide street-based harm reduction services to individuals who have been diverted from through the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program.

**Albert Garcia-Romeu** is a member of the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences faculty at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where he studies the effects of psychedelic compounds in humans, with a focus on psilocybin as an aid in the treatment of addiction. He received his doctorate from the Institute of Transpersonal Psychology where he researched self-transcendence and meditation. His current interests include clinical applications of mindfulness and altered states of consciousness, and their underlying psychobiological mechanisms.

**Nazgol Ghandnoosh, Ph.D.**, is a research analyst at The Sentencing Project who conducts and synthesizes research on criminal justice policies. She analyzes racial disparities in the justice system, public opinion about punishment, and the scope of reform efforts. Her current projects underscore the need for reforming severe sentences. Ghandnoosh earned a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

**Michael Gilbert** is an epidemiologist and project manager at Epidemico whose work focuses on the use of digital media for population health analysis and intervention. His past work includes development of community health informatics tools, direct service in harm reduction programs, and analysis of national survey data on naloxone distribution and utilization. Current projects include feature development and outreach for StreetRx.com, as well as gathering and analysis of data from online forums and markets.

**Dede Goldsmith** is a drug awareness and harm reduction advocate who launched the Amend the RAVE Act (ATRA) campaign on the one-year anniversary of her daughter Shelley's death. Shelley was a 19 year old honors student at UVA who died on August 31, 2013 of cardiac arrest after taking MDMA and attending a concert in D.C.

**Diane Goldstein** is a 21-year veteran of policing. Retiring as the first woman lieutenant for the City of Redondo Beach. Her numerous assignments included multi-agency task force work in gang and narcotics investigations and high-risk critical incident management. She is a speaker and Board Member of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition

**Mikhail Golichenko** is leading human rights and drug policy research, advocacy, and litigation in Russian-speaking countries. His experience includes working as a Legal Officer with the UNODC Country Office for the Russian Federation in Moscow, the UN Police officer in West Africa, and the Russian police service. Mikhail has a master's degree in Canadian common law, and a PhD in Russian civil law. He has been a member of the Russian Bar since 2007.

**Mitchell Gomez** is a graduate of New College of Florida, and has his Masters from CU Denver. Mitchell joined DanceSafe as their National Outreach Director in 2014 and is responsible for all volunteer coordination, the development of new training curriculum and all national outreach initiatives. He has volunteered with the Burning Man organization and many small harm reduction projects for many years, and is a passionate advocate for reality-based drug policy and harm reduction.

**Antonio Gonzalez** is President of the William C. Velasquez Institute. He helps lead 2016 efforts in California to legalize marijuana. WCVI recently launched California Latinos for Marijuana Legalization. Antonio leads WCVI as the first national Latino organization to address transnational policies with delegations to observe Salvadoran and South African elections and campaigns to end the drug war.

**Ingmar Gorman, M.A.** is a doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at the New School for Social Research, where he studies substance use and misuse. He assists the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS) in their clinical research. Ingmar is also launching the Psychedelic Education and Continuing Care Program at the Center for Optimal Living in New York City. He has received his clinical training at South Beach Psychiatric Hospital, Bellevue Hospital, and Columbia University.

**Nanna W. Gotfredsen** is the founder and director of Gadejuristen, The Danish Street Lawyers, providing outreach legal aid and harm reduction services for people who use drugs and advocating harm reduction and drug policy reform (heroin treatment, DCRs, NSPs, naloxone, decriminalization, legalization/ regulation etc.).

**Cate Graziani** is the Mental Health and Criminal Justice Program Coordinator at Grassroots Leadership, leading campaigns to end the involvement of the criminal justice system in mental healthcare. Before coming to Grassroots Leadership, Cate worked as a Policy Fellow at Mental Health America of Texas, where she coordinated legislative

advocacy efforts at the intersections of mental health, drug and criminal justice policy.

**David Grosso** is chairperson of the Committee on Education of the Council of the District of Columbia. From early childhood education to adult learning, David is committed to the well-being of students, ensuring that they are in the best position to succeed. Additionally, David is committed to addressing inequities within the criminal justice system, improving health outcomes, promoting transparency and ethics in government, and further engaging residents in the political process.

**Stephen Gutwillig** leads DPA's public policy program, which includes seven offices across the country. Based in Los Angeles, Gutwillig previously served as DPA's California director from 2008 to 2012. He has more than 25 years' experience working for community-based, cultural and social change organizations in Boston, New York and Los Angeles.

**Crystal Monee Hall** is one of the most talented singer-songwriters in music today. She is currently putting the finishing touches on her new album, a work replete with themes of love, equality, activism and the importance of the arts in giving a voice to the unheard.

**Ronald E. Hampton** is the former Executive Director of the National Black Police Association and presently serving as Chair. He is also a member of IBW 21st Century's Police Reform and Accountability Task Force.

**Vicki Hanson** is a member of the Cannabis Commercial and Medicinal Research Taskforce (CCMRT), and a Committee Member of Ganja Growers & Producers Association. In December 2014 she was elected

Secretary of St. Catherine parish Ganja Growers & Producers Association. Currently, Vicki is a PhD Candidate in the Department of Government at the University of the West Indies (Mona), where her research work focuses on the development of a framework for a legally regulated Cannabis (Ganja) Industry in the Caribbean, through drawing lessons from other regulated jurisdiction for the case of Jamaica. She is also one of the coordinators of the Students For Sensible Drug Policy, UWI-Mona (SSDP, UWI-Mona) Chapter.

**Keeshan Harley** is a youth leader and Board Representative at Make The Road NY. Harley has dedicated the last 2 years of his life to community organizing and passing reform legislation in New York City. At Make the Road NY, he has been active in campaigns with young people around education and policing reform. He is also a member of Communities United for Police Reform, a city-wide coalition of organizations aimed at ending abusive and discriminatory policing.

**Jill Harris** is the Deputy Director of the ACLU's Campaign for Smart Justice, which is dedicated to reducing the prison population in the United States. A former Managing Director at the Drug Policy Alliance, Jill also worked for ten years as a political campaign manager and for 13 years as a public defender. She is an Oregon Ducks fan and lives in Brooklyn, NY.

**Ifetayo Harvey** is 24 years old and from Charleston, South Carolina. In 2013, Ifetayo spoke at the International Drug Policy Reform Conference on her experience being the daughter of a formerly incarcerated drug offender. Ifetayo's work has been highlighted in the Huffington Post, The Atlantic, Alternet.con among others. Ifetayo is passionate about ending mass incarceration and the war on drugs.

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**Phil Harvey** is a civil liberties activist, a businessman and a philanthropist. He heads the DKT Liberty Project which opposes government intrusions on personal liberty, particularly in relation to the war on drugs. He is chairman of DKT International which promotes birth control in developing countries and of Adam & Eve, a mail-order company that sells sexually oriented merchandise.

**Norris Henderson** is the executive director of VOTE, a nonprofit designed to educate, organize and mobilize formerly incarcerated persons about their right to vote in Louisiana. He is the current recipient of the 2015 Martinet Society's Earl Amedee Award for advancing the cause of justice.

**Jason Hernandez** is the first Latino to receive clemency from the President of the United States, Barack Obama: wherein his sentence of life-without-parole for a nonviolent drug crime was reduced to twenty years. Ultimately, Jason was incarcerated at the age of 21 up until he turned 38.

**Rachel Herzing** lives and works in Oakland where she fights the violence of policing and imprisonment. She is a cofounder of Critical Resistance, a national grassroots organization dedicated to abolishing the prison industrial complex and the Co-Director of the StoryTelling & Organizing Project, a community resource sharing stories of interventions to interpersonal harm that do not rely on policing, imprisonment or traditional social services. She is currently a Soros Justice Fellow.

**Ron Hogg** lives in County Durham, UK. He started working life as a teacher and most recently spent the last 4 years working in Children's Safeguarding in the City of Sunderland. The intervening 30 years

was spent working in 4 different police forces including Northumbria and Cleveland, but especially important was 5 years in Durham Constabulary as Assistant Chief Constable. In November 2012 he took up his post as Police and Crime Commissioner for Durham.

**Alison Holcomb** is Director of ACLU's Campaign for Smart Justice. She was primary drafter of Washington State's marijuana legalization law and directed the campaign that secured its passage. Prior work includes advocacy for adoption of Washington's 911 Good Samaritan overdose prevention law and creation of Seattle and King County's groundbreaking Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program. She received her B.A. from Stanford University and J.D. from the University of Washington.

**Dr. Julie Holland** is a NYC psychiatrist and medical monitor for clinical studies using MDMA or cannabis in treating PTSD. Awarded the Norman Zinberg Award for Medical Excellence by DPA in 2011, she is editor of *Ecstasy: The Complete Guide* and *The Pot Book*, and author of *Weekends at Bellevue* and *Moody Bitches*.

**John Hudak** is a fellow in Governance Studies and Managing Editor of the FixGov blog. His research examines questions of presidential power in the contexts of administration, personnel, and public policy. Additionally, he focuses on campaigns and elections, bureaucratic process, legislative-executive interaction and marijuana policy. He is the author of the new book, *Presidential Pork*.

**Rachael Ibrahim, MSW**, is a passionate community organizer, trainer, and artist. Her work is rooted in a racial equity framework informed by a structural analysis, the impact

of intersecting oppressions, and her experience as a black mixed-race woman from the Midwest. Rachael sees her purpose as a base-builder. She centers accountable and authentic relationships in our movements to create transformation. Her international solidarity work has led to partner with groups in Cuba, Ghana, India, and Mexico.

**Stephanie Izquieta** earned her BA in Philosophy, Politics, and Law from Binghamton University. She is a board member of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, the only international network of students dedicated to ending the war on drugs. Prior to joining the board, Stephanie interned at the Drug Policy Alliance, served as a Google Student Ambassador, and organized TEDxBinghamtonUniversity. She currently lives in Queens, New York.

**Wanda James** is owner of Simply Pure Dispensary and the Cannabis Global Initiative, a marketing firm that specializes in strategic positioning. She is a leading advocate in the industry. One of the first to own a dispensary in Colorado, and the owner of a cannabis edible company.

**Alan Jenkins** is the executive director of The Opportunity Agenda. Jenkins's previous positions include Assistant to the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice, Director of Human Rights at Ford Foundation, and Associate Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, an M.A. in Media Studies from New School University, and a B.A. in Psychology and Social Relations from Harvard College.

**Lorenzo Jones** is the Executive Director, A Better Way Foundation where he works to end the drug war and mass incarceration. Prior to joining ABWF, Lorenzo worked as the Director for Community Organizing at United Connecticut Action for Neighborhoods. He has extensive experience with both legislative advocacy and grassroots organizing.

**Stefanie Jones** is nightlife community engagement manager at the Drug Policy Alliance, based in New York. She runs the Music Fan program, which introduces harm reduction principles and drug policy alternatives to partygoers, event producers, public health officials and city nightlife regulators across the United States.

**Howard Josepher** is President and co-founder of Exponents, a community based organization in New York City helping people with drug problems, chronic health conditions and re-entry from prison. In 1988, Howard created ARRIVE, one of the first harm reduction programs in the US. ARRIVE has more than 10,400 graduates, all-participating voluntarily. Howard is an advocate, teacher and clinician and overcame his addiction to heroin almost 50 years ago. He is a NYS Licensed Clinical Social Worker.

**Michael Jourdan** has worked in Denmark as a lecturer and drug policy advisor for 23 years. He has a MA in Philosophy (University of Copenhagen). He was editor of the Danish journal on drugs and addiction from 2002-2013. He is an author and has researched several TV-documentaries. His main interest are conflicts of vision and clashes of understanding in drug policy debates. Presently working on a new book and starting The Drug Policy Forum of Denmark.

**Emily Kaltenbach** is the state director of DPA's New Mexico office. As state director she helped start the second Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program in the nation and was deeply involved in reforming NM's asset forfeiture law. Prior to DPA, she was director of Policy at the NM Aging & Long-Term Services Department and acting director for NM's Office of Health Care Reform. Kaltenbach has a master's degree in health administration from the University of Washington's School of Public Health.

**Rob Kambia** co-founded the Marijuana Policy Project in 1995 and has served as its executive director ever since. Rob is the architect of most of the state-level marijuana laws that have been enacted in the United States since 2000, including the legalization laws in Colorado and Alaska in 2012 and 2014, respectively. Rob served as student body president of Penn State (one year) and served time at a nearby prison for marijuana (three months).

**John Knifel** is a freelance journalist and co-host of Radio Dispatch.

**Aaron Kochar** operates a legal practice while also having served as the head of prevention & education for a mental health center, faculty at Ivy Tech, and founding executive of a business that services to DCS clients. Through a circuitous career path, the consistent theme in Aaron's work has been to help people in need. Aaron studied psychology and communication at The George Washington University and received his Juris Doctor from Notre Dame Law School.

**Beatriz Caiuby Labate** has a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology from the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Brazil. Her main areas of interest are the study of psychoactive substances, drug policy, shamanism, ritual, and religion. She is Professor at the Center for Research and Post Graduate Studies in Social Anthropology (CIESAS), in Guadalajara, Mexico. She is also co-founder of the Nucleus for Interdisciplinary Studies of Psychoactives (NEIP), and editor of NEIP's website ([www.neip.info](http://www.neip.info)). She is author, co-author, and co-editor of thirteen books, one special-edition journal, and several peer-reviewed articles. For more information, see [bialabate.net](http://bialabate.net)

**Lindsay LaSalle** is a staff attorney in DPA's office of legal affairs where she engages in litigation, legislative drafting, and public education in support of drug policy reform. She is particularly active in the area of harm reduction, including Good Samaritan and naloxone distribution laws, expanded access to medication-assisted treatment in both community and criminal justice settings, and supervised injection services, among others.

**Mark Lawrence** spent 10 years in senior roles at PRS for Music (UK), before moving on to combine his passion for Electronic Music with his experience in Membership Organisations by taking on the privileged role as the first Chief Executive of the Association for Electronic Music. AFEM is the global Trade Body for the entire Electronic Music community, from Creators to Labels, Clubs to Live, Tech to Media.

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**Julita Lemgruber** is a Brazilian sociologist who has held different positions in public service. She has been the General Director of the Prison System, the Police Ombudsman in the State of Rio de Janeiro, and a member of the National Council for Criminal and Penitentiary Policy in the federal government. Since 2000, Julita has been the Coordinator of the Center for Studies on Public Security and Citizenship at University Candido Mendes. She is presently a board member of the International Drug Policy Consortium.

**Magalie Lerman** is the Beth Weinstein Drug User Health Fellow at the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors. Magalie works to improve health outcomes for drug users by providing assistance to State Health Departments, and through legislative reform aimed at removing barriers that impede on drug user health. Prior to NASTAD, Magalie worked with PWID at the Harm Reduction Action Center in Denver, CO.

**Barry Lessin** is a substance use disorder psychologist and public health advocate with a career spanning forty years as a clinician, administrator, educator, and researcher. In addition to clinical practice working with adolescents, young adults and families in Philadelphia and Blue Bell, PA, Barry's passion is advocating for drug policy reform and is co-founder of Families for Sensible Drug Policy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reducing the harmful consequences of oppressive drug policies.

**Harry Levine** is a sociology professor at Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York. He has received seven distinguished

scholarship awards for his historical and sociological writings about addiction, alcohol prohibition and regulation, global drug policy, crack cocaine, and the enduring racism of the war on drugs. With Loren Siegel he directs the Marijuana Arrest Research Project ([www.marijuana-arrests.com](http://www.marijuana-arrests.com)) which has raised public awareness about the national epidemic of arrests for marijuana possession – disproportionately of young blacks and Latinos who use marijuana at lower rates than young whites.

**Ted Lewis**, educator and human rights organizer, sent adult students to Central America in the 1980s. In the 1990's he founded the Mexico Program at Global Exchange, organizing human rights accompaniment and election observation missions. More recently he has organized with drug war victims -- playing a key role in the Caravan for Peace that travelled 27 cities across the United States. Ted's work has been cited widely in the US and Latin America.

**Jason Lidyard** is Deputy District Attorney for the 1st Judicial District of New Mexico (Santa Fe, NM). Lidyard has been a prosecutor since 2011. For three years, he worked with the federal HIDTA program in prosecuting drug trafficking cases and advising law enforcement agents in drug investigations. He currently prosecutes general felony cases and works with the LEAD program in diverting drug users away from the criminal justice system and toward social services.

**Kali Lindsey** serves as the deputy director of public policy for amfAR, The Foundation for AIDS Research. Lindsey has spent more than a decade in HIV/AIDS program development and advocacy at the Federal and local level. Prior to

amfAR, Lindsey directed legislative and public affairs at NMAC and previously held senior positions at Harlem United in New York, NY and the former NAPWA. Lindsey received his bachelor degree from Eastern Michigan University in Michigan.

**Erin Lumpkins** is the health education specialist for the District of Columbia Public Schools. Her passion for decreasing socio-economic disparities led her to complete master's degrees in education and public health. A former health and physical education teacher, Erin uses her expertise to develop health curriculum and provide professional development.

**Luis Eduardo Luna** has a Ph.D. from the Department of Comparative Religion Stockholm University (1989) and an honorary doctoral degree from St. Lawrence, Canton, New York (2002). He retired in 2011 from the Hanken School of Economics, Helsinki. He was an Assistant Professor in Anthropology (1994-1998) at the Santa Catarina Federal University in Florianópolis, Brazil. He is the Director of the Research Center for the Study of Psychointegrator Plants, Visionary Art and Consciousness, Florianópolis, Brazil.

**Lynne Lyman** is the California state director for the Drug Policy Alliance, where she leads the criminal justice reform work. A native of Los Angeles with an M.P.A. 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.

**Donald MacPherson** is the Director of the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, a national coalition of organizations working to improve Canada's drug policies. He is the author of Vancouver's groundbreaking Four Pillars Drug Strategy, which calls for drug policies based on public health principles and appropriate regulation of psychoactive substances. He is an Adjunct Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver Canada.

**Alejandro Madrazo** is the Coordinator of CIDE's Drug Policy Program. He holds a J.S.D. from Yale Law School. His main line of research regarding drug policy is exploring the constitutional costs of the War on Drugs.

**John Malcolm** is Director of The Heritage Foundation's Meese Center for Legal and Judicial Studies. Among other positions, Malcolm worked as an Assistant United States Attorney, Associate Independent Counsel, and Deputy Assistant Attorney General (Criminal Division) at the Justice Department, Worldwide Anti-Piracy Director at the MPAA, and General Counsel at the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom.

**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. A major contributor to the debate about the interplay of drug use and HIV, she previously headed OSF's International Harm Reduction Development program, introducing and significantly scaling up access to needle exchange and substitution treatment across Eastern Europe and Central Asia.

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**William Martin** is the Harry and Hazel Chavanne Emeritus Professor in the Department of Sociology at Rice University and Chavanne Senior Fellow and director of the drug policy program at Rice's Baker Institute for Public Policy. He graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 1963 and received his PhD from Harvard in 1969. In addition to seven books, his writing has appeared in *Texas Monthly*, *The Atlantic*, *Harper's*, and *Esquire*, as well as professional journals.

**Dr. James Martin** is a critical criminologist and Criminology Coordinator at the Department of Policing, Intelligence and Counter Terrorism at Macquarie University. He teaches and researches in different areas of criminology, including illicit networks, drug distribution, domestic and transnational policing, and the global War on Drugs. Dr Martin is the author of *Drugs on the Dark Net: How Cryptomarkets are Transforming the Global Trade in Illicit Drugs* (Palgrave UK).

**Jerónimo Mazarrasa** is a researcher, designer and filmmaker with extensive knowledge of the world of Ayahuasca. He has produced and written films about indigenous knowledge, the Brazilian Ayahuasca churches, and the use of Ayahuasca in the treatment of drug addiction. He has travelled extensively, researching a broad range of Ayahuasca practices, and has lectured internationally on Ayahuasca tourism and the appropriation of indigenous knowledge. He serves in the Board of Directors of ICEERS Foundation.

**Michael McBride** is the National Director for the LIVE FREE Campaign-PICO National Network, a campaign led by faith congregations committed to addressing gun violence and mass incarceration. In 2013, Pastor McBride was selected as the #9 Top Clergy Leader to Watch in the US by the Center for American Progress. He's served on local and national task forces with the White House and DOJ regarding gun violence prevention, boys and men of color and police-community relationships.

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Desmond Meade** is the State Director for Faith in Florida Live Free Campaign, President of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition, and a recent law school graduate. As State Director of the Live Free Campaign, Desmond is currently engaged in addressing gun violence, mass incarceration, felon disfranchisement, and is presently leading efforts to restore the civil rights of almost 2 million Floridians, and empower local communities to reshape state, and national policies by being civically engaged.

**Grace Meng**, senior researcher in the US Program at Human Rights Watch, investigates abuses in the US immigration system. Her research and advocacy have covered sexual violence and harassment experienced by farmworker women and girls; abuses following enactment of Alabama's anti-immigrant law; the steep rise in criminal border prosecutions of migrants; and how deportations for drug offenses have torn US families apart. Meng is a graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School.

**David Metz** has provided polling and strategic guidance to hundreds of political campaigns and issue advocacy groups, in every US state, since 1998. In 2014, Dave's polling guided successful ballot measures to legalize marijuana in Oregon and Washington, D.C., and also helped to re-elect one Governor and four members of Congress. Much of Dave's research focuses on criminal justice reform, environmental protection, tobacco prevention, clean energy, early childhood education, and political reform.

**Dan Morhaim, MD**, is a practicing emergency medicine physician, Maryland state legislator (Deputy Majority Leader House of Delegates), and faculty at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. He's been a leader on a wide range of issues including drug policy reform and addiction treatment.

**Sheigla Murphy, PhD**, is the director of the Center for Substance Use Studies at the Institute for Scientific Analysis in San Francisco. Murphy is a prominent medical sociologist who has directed NIH/NIDA and NIJ-funded research grants that have focused on the qualitative study of substance use, misuse, women's use, violence, dealing and supplying. She is the first author of *Pregnant Women on Drugs* and co-author of *Cocaine Changes*.

**Aura Maria Puyana Mutis** is a sociologist with the National University of Colombia. She was advisor to the Minister of the Environment on issues relating to aerial fumigation between 1998 and 2000. In 1998 the relation between forced displacement and fumigations became apparent and she currently accompanies indigenous organizations in the elaboration of proposals for drug policy reform and alternative development for the post-conflict stage.

**Ethan Nadelmann** is the founder and executive director of the Drug Policy Alliance. 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. Described by Rolling Stone as "the point man" for drug policy reform efforts and "the real drug czar," he is widely regarded as the outstanding proponent of drug policy reform both in the U.S. and abroad.

**Theshia Naidoo** is a senior staff attorney with the Drug Policy Alliance and drafts criminal justice reform legislation across the country. She is DPA's point person on civil forfeiture reforms across the country and was a primary drafter of a bill in California to reform the state's asset forfeiture laws. Naidoo received her B.A. in political science from the University of California, Berkeley and her J.D. from UCLA School of Law.

**Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch, PsyD.**, earned her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from Roosevelt University, where she worked as a Research Assistant at the Illinois Consortium on Drug Policy. She is currently serving as a board member for SSDP. Her interests include drug education, access to treatment, and harm reduction.

**David L. Nathan, MD**, is the founder and Board President of Doctors For Cannabis Regulation. He also serves on the Steering Committee of NJ United for Marijuana Reform. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Rutgers-RWJ Medical School. While writing and practicing psychiatry in Princeton NJ, he serves as Director of Continuing Medical Education for the Princeton HealthCare System.

**Julie Netherland, PhD**, is the Deputy State Director for the New York Office of 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 *Critical Perspectives on Addiction* (Emerald Press, 2012).



**Tony Newman** is director of media relations at the Drug Policy Alliance, a position he has held since 2000. Newman has more than 20 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.

**Julia Negron**, Sarasota FL - Board member of *A New PATH, Moms United to End the War on Drugs* Steering Committee, founder of Florida's first Harm Reduction community organization "*The Suncoast Harm Reduction Project*", Advisory Board of *Broken No More/GRASP*, in recovery since 1985 and a former treatment professional.

**Pat Nolan** is the Director of the American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Criminal Justice Reform. Nolan served 8 terms in the California State Assembly, two of them as the Assembly Republican Leader. He was convicted of racketeering for a campaign contribution he accepted. He served 20 months in federal custody. Nolan worked with Chuck Colson for 15 years to build support a movement among conservatives and Christians in support of reforming the justice system.

**Captain Deanna Nollette** is a 19 year veteran of the Seattle Police Department. She has been a member of the Seattle LEAD team for over 4 years. In that time Captain Nollette has worked to embed harm reduction strategies into the traditional law enforcement structure. Captain Nollette is a graduate of both the Senior Management Institute for Policing and the FBI National Academy.

**Efrem (effie) Nulman, Ph.D.**, Senior Consultant for health and substance use at the NYC-based Wellness Enterprise. Member Psychedelic Research Group Study Support Team - NYU Medical Center. Former Director Health/Substance Use and Senior University Dean of Students at Yeshiva University. Chair, DPA Youth Advisory Committee.

**Kris Nyrop** is Program Director for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) project in Seattle, WA. He was Executive Director of Street Outreach Services in Seattle from 1997-2007 and has worked as an outreach worker, researcher, and trainer in the area of HIV/AIDS prevention, hepatitis C prevention, syringe access, harm reduction, and drug policy reform since 1988. He has worked on the LEAD project since 2009 and works on program design, implementation and evaluation.

**Karen O'Keefe** is an attorney who has been active in a variety of causes. As the Marijuana Policy Project's director of state policies, Karen manages MPP's advocacy efforts in state legislatures, including nine with paid lobbyists. She has been with MPP since 2003 and played a key role in the passage of nine medical marijuana laws, four decriminalization laws, and the implementation of Alaska's legalization initiative. Her department aims to pass legalization measures through seven state legislatures by 2019: Delaware, Illinois, Maryland, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Texas, and Vermont.

**Moirá O'Neil** is Director of Research Interpretation at the FrameWorks Institute, a non-profit communications think tank based in Washington, D.C. In this role, she works with an interdisciplinary team employing a

range of methods to further public understanding of social issues. Dr. O'Neil is trained as a sociologist and began her research career studying gender and drug use.

**Amaya Ordorika** is a Member of ReverdeSer Colectivo, a youth organization dedicated to changing drug policy in Mexico and ending the drug war. She is also an investigator in drug policy and human rights for the Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights. She works actively with Familiares en Búsqueda, an organization dedicated to finding missing people in Mexico and collaborates with a national network of family members searching for their missing loved ones.

**Jerry Otero, MA**, is Youth Policy Manager for the Drug Policy Alliance. He is Founder and Director of Cre8tive YouTH\*ink, a NYC-based creative arts youth development collective. He is formerly the Assistant Director of Family and Helpline Services at The Partnership for Drugfree Kids, as well as a Supervisor for High School Drug Education and Intervention Services at the New York City Dept. of Education.

**Dr. Eugenia Oviedo-Joekes** obtained a degree in Clinical Psychology and a PhD in Social Psychology & Behavioural Sciences Methodology. Her main research area is in Public Health and Addictions, focusing on testing alternative approaches to expand and diversify treatments for vulnerable populations. She currently leads a clinical trial testing injectable opioids in supervised clinics for long-term opioid dependency. She has been an investigator in three heroin-assisted trials (one in Spain, two in Canada).

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Angela R. Pacheco** is the First Judicial District Attorney (Santa Fe County, Rio Arriba County and Los Alamos County, New Mexico). A Santa Fe Native with over twenty years' experience prosecuting criminal cases. Prior to attending law school she worked as a social worker in the field of child abuse/neglect and adolescent substance abuse.

**Rhonda Paganetti** is currently the Drug Prevention Director for the NYC Department of Education/Manhattan Schools. She also worked for the NYS Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services as a family therapist and crisis counselor on the NYS Drug Hotline. She founded the Arts in Counseling Team and The Spark Peer Players, a youth serving theatre company which received city, state, national and literary recognition.

**Dr. Joseph Palamar** is an assistant professor of Population Health at NYU Langone Medical Center and a Research Affiliate at the NYU Center for Drug Use and HIV Research. He is principal investigator on two federally funded research studies examining use of novel psychoactive substances, with a focus on use by nightclub and festival attendees in NYC. He has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals, and frequently discusses drug use and drug policy in the mainstream media.

**Lynn M. Paltrow, J.D.**, is the founder and executive director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women. She works to secure the human and civil rights of pregnant and parenting women focusing particularly on those who are most vulnerable state control: low-income women, women of color, and drug-using women.

**Elaine Pawlowski** is a mom and retired teacher that has first-hand experience with Drug Treatment Court through the experience with her son. She has been a panelist at the Open Society Foundations' event on Drug Treatment Courts as well as the National Advocates for Pregnant Women. You may have read her articles on the Huffington Post.

**Josh Pearson** is the digital fundraising manager at the Drug Policy Alliance, where he manages the organization's online fundraising and email communications. Before joining DPA, Josh ran the delegate operations for Ron Paul's 2012 presidential campaign, and worked in the digital advocacy department at FreedomWorks. Josh grew up outside of Philadelphia and went to University of Pittsburgh. He is currently based out of Washington, D.C.

**Stanton Peele** is a pioneering figure in the addiction field who has remained at the cutting edge in the meaning and treatment of, and policy for, addiction, as well as drug policy reform.

**Jon Perri** is the Associate Director of Campaigns at Change.org. He has driven some of the largest digital advocacy campaigns in the world on issues including criminal justice reform, disability rights, and internet privacy. He helps manage a team of campaigners who give petition starters the tools to turn their stories into movements and engage Change.org's more than 120 million users. Previously, Jon served as Associate Director of Students for Sensible Drug Policy.

**Rabbi Jonah Dov Pesner** is the Director of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism. He also currently serves as Senior Vice President of the Union for Reform

Judaism, a position to which he was elected to in 2011. Named one of the most influential rabbis in America by Newsweek magazine, he has been an inspirational leader, creative entrepreneur, and tireless advocate for social justice.

**Shannon Clare Petitt** is a Marriage and Family Therapist Intern and received her Master's in Integral Counseling Psychology from the California Institute of Integral Studies. Her passions include working with the body, relationship, nature, and addiction. At the Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies she manages Phase 3 Researcher applications, supports the Therapist Training Program, and coordinates for the Zendo Project. Shannon is also a co-therapist in a clinical trial: MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for anxiety associated with life-threatening illness.

**Dr. Raquel Peyraube, MD**, Clinical Director of ICEERS, has 28 years of experience in the drug field, mostly training, treatment and HR. She has developed innovative strategies emphasizing HHRR and ethical issues, and worked in the contents of the Uruguayan cannabis law. Currently, she is ad hoc advisor of the National Drug Board and IRCCA, and mainly dedicated to the development of clinical trials, advocacy work and consulting on drug policy reform in different countries in Latin America

**Bill Piper** is Director of National Affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance. He is the author of several DPA publications, including the seminal 2008 report, *A Four-Pillars Approach to Methamphetamine: Policies for Effective Drug Prevention, Treatment, Policing and Harm Reduction*. He is

a graduate of Indiana University with a double major in political science and economics, and has nearly twenty years of political experience in Washington, D.C.

**Ben Pollara** is the campaign manager for United for Care, the campaign to approve medical marijuana in Florida. He has been involved in Democratic politics in Florida since 2002 and serves as a member of Hillary Clinton's National Finance Committee. Ben is a partner at LSN Partners in Miami, FL.

**Nicole D. Porter** is the Director of Advocacy at The Sentencing Project, where she manages state and local advocacy efforts on sentencing reform, voting rights, and eliminating racial disparities in the criminal justice system. Her advocacy has supported criminal justice reforms in several states including Kentucky, Missouri, and California. Porter was named a "New Civil Rights Leader" by Essence Magazine in November 2014 for her work to eliminate mass incarceration.

**Jason Pye** is the Director of Messaging and the Director of Justice Reform at FreedomWorks, a grassroots service center to a community of 6.9 million activists. He works on civil asset forfeiture reform and general criminal justice reform and educates the FreedomWorks community on these vital issues. He resides near Atlanta, Georgia.

**Meghan Ralston** is a drug policy consultant, currently working to maximize pharmacy naloxone access throughout California. She previously worked as the harm reduction manager for Drug Policy Alliance, where she worked on issues related to overdose prevention, stigma reduction and asset forfeiture reform. She lives

in Palm Springs with her significant other and their too-smart-for-his-own good chihuahua, Louie.

**Helen Redmond, LCSW**, is a Harm Reduction Specialist at Community Access and an independent journalist who writes for Al Jazeera, Harpers, and Socialist Worker.

**Amanda Reiman, PhD, MSW**, is the Manager of Marijuana Law and Policy for DPA and manages DPA's marijuana reform work nationally and internationally. She is currently a lecturer in the School of Social Welfare at the University of California-Berkeley. Reiman earned her B.A. 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.

**Peter Reuter** is a Professor in the School of Public Policy and the Department of Criminology at the University of Maryland. He is the co-author (with Robert MacCoun) of *Drug War Heresies: Learning from Other Vices, Times and Places* as well as five other scholarly books on organized crime and drug policy. He served as the founding President of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy from 2007-2010.

**Tina Reynolds** is the Chair of Women on the Rise Telling HerStory WORTH an organization founded and led by formerly incarcerated women. Reynolds graduated from Hunter College and holds a Masters Degree in Social Work. She is currently an adjunct lecturer at CUNY York where she teaches in the Behavioral Sciences Department. She is the co-author of *Interrupted Life: Experiences of Incarcerated Women in the United States*.

**Chuck Ries**, the director of UpFront Programs and the Oakland High School Student Assistance Program, has been exploring the nature of the relationship between drugs, the individual, and society for the last 45 years, including ten at Oakland High School. Seeking a more humane and harmonious relationship with authority and the juvenile justice system, he whole heartedly embraces and practices the principals of restorative practices.

**Dan Riffle** is director of federal policies and leads MPP's Capitol Hill lobbying efforts. Earlier, as a state lobbyist for MPP, he spearheaded passage of medical marijuana legislation in Maryland, Vermont, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. Before joining MPP he clerked for a federal judge and served as an assistant prosecutor in Ohio.

**Christophe Ringer's** research interests include social ethics, public theology, religion and politics, critical theory and African American religion and cultural studies. He is particularly interested in African American religion and popular culture as a site for understanding the relationship of self, society and the sacred. Ringer's research currently focuses on the religious and cultural meanings that sustain and rationalize mass incarceration and other forms of social death in American public life.

**Andrea Ritchie** is a Black lesbian police misconduct attorney who has engaged in extensive research, writing, and advocacy around the criminalization of women and LGBT people of color. She was awarded a Senior Soros Justice Fellowship in 2014 and currently serves as Senior Policy Counsel at Streetwise & Safe.

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Daniel Ernesto Robelo** serves as research coordinator for the Drug Policy Alliance (DPA), where since 2006 he has worked to promote evidence-based drug policy reform. A second-generation Nicaraguan-American, Robelo also assists DPA in its efforts to raise awareness about the drug war's impact on Latino communities. He graduated from the University of California, Berkeley in 2005 with degrees in Political Science and History.

**Teri Robnett**, Executive Director of Cannabis Patients Alliance, is the most effective voice for patients in Colorado. One of the state's foremost experts on medical marijuana policy, Teri serves on the Scientific Advisory Council that oversees \$9 million in research into the medicinal benefits of marijuana and recommended the petition for PTSD and on the Governor's Marijuana Education Oversight Committee that developed the state's Good to Know campaign.

**Roger Roffman**, University of Washington professor emeritus of social work, was a co-sponsor of Washington's 2012 marijuana legalization initiative. With NIDA and CSAT funding over a thirty year period, he conducted a series of behavioral interventions trials tailored for marijuana dependent adults and adolescents. Roger became a marijuana policy activist in the 1970s. His memoir, *Marijuana Nation: One Man's Chronicle of America Getting High – From Vietnam to Legalization*, was published in paperback in 2015.

**Robin Room** directs the Centre for Alcohol Policy Research at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia. He has previously directed alcohol and drug centres in Sweden, Canada and the US. Professor Room studies

drinking and drug use, and the social and policy responses to use and problems. He is a coauthor of "Cannabis Policy: Moving beyond Stalemate", of "Roadmaps to Reforming the UN Drug Conventions", and of "Drug Policy and the Public Good".

**Marsha Rosenbaum, PhD**, is a National Institute on Drug Abuse grantee, founder of the Safety First drug education project, and director emerita at the Drug Policy Alliance. Dr. Rosenbaum has published widely in the field of drug policy, drug treatment, and drug education. She currently works as a consultant to DPA, serves as co-chair of the youth committee of the Blue Ribbon Commission to study marijuana policy in California, and is President of the JK Irwin Foundation.

**Derek Rosenfeld** is the Drug Policy Alliance's social media and media relations manager. He has worked at the Drug Policy Alliance for more than five years, leading the organization's social media presence. His interests in law, criminal justice and civil rights, as well as an undergraduate Sociology course called "Drugs & Society," catalyzed his passion for drug policy reform.

**William Ruger** serves as the vice president, research and policy at the Charles Koch Institute. Before coming to CKI, he was a professor at Texas State University. Ruger earned his Ph.D. from Brandeis University and A.B. from the College of William and Mary. He is a veteran of the Afghanistan War.

**Ethan Russo, MD**, is a board-certified neurologist, author, and Medical Director of PHYTECS, a biotechnology company researching the endocannabinoid

system. Previously, he served as Senior Medical Advisor to GW Pharmaceuticals. He is former President of the International Cannabinoid Research Society and Chairman of the International Association for Cannabinoid Medicines. He has published extensively on cannabis, psychotropic drugs and ethnobotany.

**Jerónimo Saldaña** is the legislative and organizing coordinator at the Drug Policy Alliance and is committed to ending mass incarceration and racial injustice through community organizing strategies. Prior to joining DPA, Saldaña worked as a political organizer for a Service Employees International Union (SEIU) affiliate and as a program associate at the Open Society Foundations. Saldaña is a native East L.A. Chicano with a B.A. in Chican/o studies from the University of California Santa Barbara.

**Barry Schecter** has seen too many people die from addiction and came close to losing a child. He has seen the sadness and emotional defeat of families because of addiction. He learned how changing social policy really can change our culture, and the lives of so many suffering from addiction.

**Roseanne Scotti** is the New Jersey State Director for Drug Policy Alliance. Over the past 13 years, she has led successful advocacy campaigns to pass legislation on syringe access, overdose prevention, medical marijuana and criminal justice reform. Before joining DPA, Scotti was a research coordinator at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Studies of Addiction. Scotti received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, and her J.D. from Temple School of Law.

**Professor Naomi Seiler** researches the intersection of health reform and public health, with a focus on HIV, substance use, and population health. She was previously Counsel to Congressman Henry Waxman, helping develop public health legislation, including the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the 2009 Ryan White reauthorization. Professor Seiler was a Fellow at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She received her undergraduate degree at Harvard and her law degree at Yale.

**Sharda Sekaran** manages all of the Drug Policy Alliance's communications and audience engagement efforts. Sharda originally joined DPA in 2000 and served for several years as Associate Director of Public Policy and Community Outreach. 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. Sharda most recently served as Director of News and Field Media at GLAAD and Director of Marketing and Communications at Citymeals-on-Wheels. She returned to the Drug Policy Alliance in 2013 as Managing Director of Communications. Sharda holds an MBA from Emory University.

**Dr. Michelle Sexton** is a Naturopathic Doctor and Executive Medical Research Director at the Center for the Study of Cannabis and Social Policy. She founded and Phylytics LLC, and developed laboratory standards for WA State. She is an editor for the American Herbal Pharmacopoeia Cannabis Monograph. She is internationally and known for research, patient advocacy and industry leadership. She completed a postdoctoral fellowship in the pharmacology of cannabinoids. Recent projects include a Cannabis Use survey.

**Rev. Alexander E. Sharp** is executive director of Clergy for a New Drug Policy. He served for fifteen years as the founding executive director of Protestants for the Common Good. He was chief financial officer for the University of Chicago from 1980 through 1993 and graduated from the University's Divinity School in 1996. He became an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ in 2007.

**Shaun Shelly** is dedicated to the understanding of addiction, drug use and the development of effective public policy. He established South Africa's first non-abstinence focused community based services for drug users and consults for TB/HIV Care Association's Step Up project which provides a package of peer-delivered HIV prevention and risk-reduction services to people who inject drugs. Shaun is affiliated with the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Cape Town.

**Darpana Sheth** is a leader of the IJ's nationwide initiative to end civil forfeiture. Due to her cutting-edge work in this field, the National Law Journal recognized Ms. Sheth as one of "D.C.'s Rising Stars of 2015." Before joining IJ, Ms. Sheth represented the State of New York as an Assistant Attorney General, was a litigator at Chadbourne & Parke, LLP, and clerked for the Honorable Jerome Holmes of Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals.

**Dr. Michael Siegel** is a Professor in the Department of Community Health Sciences at the Boston University School of Public Health. He has been a researcher in the tobacco control area for the past 25 years. Dr. Siegel has published extensively on a wide range of areas in tobacco, including health effects, secondhand smoke, evaluation of tobacco policy, and national strategies to reduce tobacco use.

**Dr. Sue Sisley** is an Arizona-based physician practicing Internal Medicine and Psychiatry. Sue serves as Site Principal Investigator for the only FDA-approved randomized controlled trial looking at use of whole plant marijuana in combat veterans with treatment-resistant post traumatic stress disorder PTSD. Sisley cites her termination from University of Arizona College of Medicine as one of her proudest professional achievements – prioritizing her patients' needs and advocating for science over political pressure.

**James Sizemore** is the Founder and Senior Pastor of Radiant Church, a missional community of Christ-Followers that seeks to embody the holistic ministry of Christ through loving, living, and working with society's "modern untouchables". James also serves as the Executive Director of the Radiant Community Development Center, which houses SEA-EX (the Southeastern Needle Exchange) and other micro-nonprofit organizations. He is a graduate of the UNC-Chapel Hill and attended seminary at Duke University Divinity School.

**Deborah Peterson-Small** is founder and 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. It was founded in the belief that community activism and advocacy is an essential component of progressive policy reform and 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.

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**Rev. Teresa L. Smallwood** holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Speech Communications and Afro-American Studies, a Juris Doctor from North Carolina Central University School of Law, a Master's of Divinity from Howard University. She is working on her PhD at Chicago Theological Seminary. Her commitment to Drug Policy reform stems from her many years as a passionate criminal defense attorney.

**Adrienne Smith** is Pivot's Health and Drug Policy lawyer. Adrienne lives and works in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and knows what is at stake there. Adrienne is committed to doing Pivot's work with an unconditional positive regard for people in our neighbourhood, and a commitment to meet them where they are. Adrienne is working to reduce the harm which law causes to marginalized communities.

**Grant Smith** is deputy director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance. He works to advance DPA's federal legislative agenda in Washington and helps to shape policy both at the federal level and within the District of Columbia. His areas of focus include new psychoactive substances, drug overdose prevention, and civil asset forfeiture. A native of Savannah, Georgia, Smith was drawn into drug policy reform after learning about the racial disparities inherent in the drug war.

**Kemba Smith Pradia** is a national public speaker and author of *Poster Child*. After being granted commutation from President Clinton in December 2000, she completed her undergraduate degree and was awarded a 2003 Soros Justice Fellowship. In December 2014, Kemba was appointed to the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission by the

Governor of Virginia. She has spoken on variety of criminal justice issues including: crack cocaine sentencing, mandatory drug sentencing, women and mass incarceration, felony disenfranchisement, and re-entry.

**Zara Snapp** was born in Mexico, raised in the US and is now back in Mexico City. As part of the Secretariat of the Global Commission on Drug Policy, Zara loves working on Latin America policy, communications and international drug policy reform. She has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado at Denver (UCD) and a Masters in Public Policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

**Allen St. Pierre** has been the executive director and board member of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) in Washington, D.C. since 2005. With the organization since 1991, St. Pierre is an expert on marijuana policy. He has been cited in hundreds of international, national and local news publications and has appeared on hundreds of nationally televised news programs representing NORML's point of views on the topic of marijuana.

**Marbre Stahly-Butts** is Deputy Director of Racial Justice at the Center for Popular Democracy. She works with local groups across the country to support criminal justice reform and has provided policy support to the Movement for Black Lives. Marbre attended Yale Law School and received graduated summa cum laude from Columbia University.

**Dr. Dustin Sulak** is an integrative medicine physician with a focus in osteopathy, energy medicine, mind-body medicine, and medical cannabis. Dr. Sulak is the founder of Integr8 Health, an integrative medicine

system with 3 locations in New England that treat over 18,000 patients with medical cannabis, and Healer.com, an education and research portal for medical cannabis patients.

**Jacob Sullum** is a senior editor at Reason magazine and a nationally syndicated columnist. He is the author of *Saying Yes: In Defense of Drug Use* (Tarcher/Penguin). He blogs about drug policy at Forbes.com.

**Maia Szalavitz** is a journalist and author. Her next book, *Unbroken Brain: A Revolutionary New Way of Understanding Addiction*, will be published in 2016. She has written for publications ranging from High Times to the New York Times and currently is a columnist for VICE. Her book, *Help at Any Cost: How the Troubled-Teen Industry Cons Parents and Hurts Kids*, helped spur Congressional hearings on abusive tough love rehabs.

**Nkechi Taifa** is a senior policy analyst at the Open Society Foundations, working to influence policy in support of comprehensive justice reform. Taifa focuses on issues involving sentencing reform, law enforcement accountability, re-entry of previously incarcerated persons, and prison reform. Taifa also convenes the Justice Roundtable, a Washington-based advocacy network advancing federal criminal justice reform. Taifa received her JD from George Washington Law School, and BA from Howard University.

**Andrew Tatarsky** developed Integrative Harm Reduction Psychotherapy (IHRP) for substance use concerns and other risky behavior. He is the author of *Harm Reduction Psychotherapy: A New Treatment for Drug and Alcohol Problems*. He is Founder/Director, Center for Optimal Living, a treatment and training center based on IHRP;

member and Past-President, Division on Addiction of New York State Psychological Association; member, Board of Moderation Management Network; and Professor, Harm Reduction Psychotherapy Certificate Program, New School for Social Research. Trains nationally and internationally.

**T-Dubb-O** is a hip-hop artist born in Saint Louis, Mo in 1987. He is as dedicated to the streets as he is to his art of music. In August 2014, after the aftermath of the Michael Brown killing, T-Dubb-O's new persona arose as a political spokesperson for his community as well as his career as a Hip Hop artist. T-Dubb-O is a Director for Hands Up United- a grass roots organization building towards liberation of oppressed Black, Brown and Poor people through education, art, civil disobedience, advocacy and agriculture. T-Dubb-O is a lyrical and political embodiment of hard work and perseverance.

**Rebecca Tiger** is an Associate Professor of Sociology at Middlebury College where she teaches about drugs and punishment. Her book *Judging Addicts* (NYU Press, 2013) examines the ideology of coerced drug treatment and historical constructions of addiction. Her current projects focus on media constructions of addiction and the moral panic over opiates in New England. Her work has been published in *Contexts*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *New Media & Society*, and *Sociological Forum*.

**Shaleen Title** is a founding board member of the Minority Cannabis Business Association and co-founder of THC Staffing Group, a marijuana industry recruiting firm which places an emphasis on diversity. As an attorney specializing in marijuana regulations, she has provided

regulatory expertise for leading consulting firms including 4Front Advisors and Vicente Sederberg. She has won several awards for her drug policy advocacy and was a founder of the SSDP Diversity Awareness Reflection and Education committee.

**Laura Thomas** is the Deputy State Director, California, of the Drug Policy Alliance. She has been advocating on HIV and public health issues for over twenty-five years. She has worked for community-based organizations, the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and as a health policy consultant. She has been a syringe access volunteer for 19 years. She graduated from UC Berkeley with a Masters in Public Health and a Masters in Public Policy.

**Dr. Rafael Torruella** earned his doctorate in social-personality psychology at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York. His dissertation was titled "¿Allá en Nueva York Todo es Mejor? A Qualitative Study on the Relocation of Drug Users from Puerto Rico to the US." Currently he is Executive Director of Intercambios Puerto Rico, a community-based organization offering harm reduction services in northeastern Puerto Rico and director of the drug policy reform campaign [Descriminalizacion.org](http://Descriminalizacion.org)

**Sanho Tree** is a Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies. Since 1998, he has directed its Drug Policy Project which works to end the international and domestic war on drugs. He has worked previously in the fields of human rights, investigative journalism, and military & diplomatic history.

**Kenneth W. Tupper** is an Adjunct Professor in the School of Population and Public Health at the University of British Columbia, where his research

interests include: psychedelic studies; the cross-cultural and historical uses of psychoactive substances; public, professional and school-based drug education; and creating healthy public policy to maximize benefits and minimize harms from currently illegal drugs.

**Jasmine Tyler**, Senior Policy Analyst with Open Society Foundations, works closely with Congress, the Obama Administration, and the advocacy community to advance reforms for global health and drug policy. She recently worked at DPA and lead reform efforts to address the crack cocaine sentencing disparity. Jasmine also served as Research Director for the Justice Policy Institute. Jasmine holds an M.A. from Brown University and a B.S. from James Madison University, both in Sociology.

**Lyn Ulbricht** is the mother of Ross Ulbricht, creator of the Silk Road website. Ross received double life without parole for all non-violent charges. The judge said this sentence would be an example, making it clear that the government is determined to wage its failed drug war. Since Ross's arrest Lyn has worked to bring awareness to his case, the drug war and to raise funds for Ross's appeal through [www.freeross.org](http://www.freeross.org).

**Sheila Vakharia** is an Assistant Professor of Social Work at LIU Brooklyn, where she also coordinates the Substance Abuse Counseling Concentration for advanced students in the Masters of Social Work program. Her research and her teaching interests include harm reduction, drug policy reform, drug user stigma, overdose and overdose prevention, and social work education.

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Claudia Paola Salcedo Vásquez** studied political science, specializing in Human Rights, International Law and International Relations at the Universidad Externado de Colombia. She served as an advisor on drug policy to public institutions in the Program against Illicit Crops (Alternative Development) for the Unit for Territorial Consolidation. She is currently coordinator of International Affairs for the Office of Drug Policy and Related Activities in the Ministry of Justice and Law of Colombia.

**Manny Vaz** is the Digital Media/ Communications Coordinator at Communities United for Police Reform, an unprecedented campaign to end discriminatory policing practices in New York and to build a lasting movement that promotes community safety and policing practices based on cooperation and respect. Manny believes media is a powerful tool that can help open minds and hearts, build connections across communities and borders, and help activate people take action in the fight for justice.

**Louise Vincent, MPH**, works as a contractor for North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, educating drug users and advocating for changes in drug policy. She is President of NC Urban Survivor's Union, the first drug user union in the US south and has experienced the damaging consequences of drug policy and stigma as a felon and a survivor of HCV. Louise has been at the forefront of the harm reduction response to illicit drug use in North Carolina.

**Simone-Monet Wahls** is an entrepreneur and an advocate. She has received an NAACP NYCHA Branch "Women on the Move" award, advises several executives and business leaders, is a trained mediator, certified mental health first aid responder, is a former College Board Dream Deferred Advisory Committee Member, and she was invited twice to the White House by the Business Council. She is also currently developing Cannabuds Care: a go-to online referral and resource service for medical marijuana patients and she serves as a Co-Chair to Compassionate Care NY's Racial Justice Workgroup.

**Zach Walsh, PhD**, is a professor of psychology at University of British Columbia, Director of the Therapeutic, Recreational, and Problematic Substance Use lab, and a clinical psychologist. Zach is the principal investigator for several studies of medical cannabis including the largest survey to date of Canadian medical cannabis patients, and a clinical trial of cannabis for the treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, to be conducted in partnership with Tilray, a federally licensed cannabis producer.

**Eliza Wheeler** oversees efforts to prevent overdose deaths in SF by coordinating the city's naloxone distribution program. Additionally, Eliza works to expand access to naloxone by contributing to policy, advocacy and research projects and by providing technical assistance and training to programs developing their own overdose prevention initiatives.

**Janet Wolf** is a clergy and community organizer, partners with people who are now or have been caged by criminal justice system, working to disrupt and dismantle cradle to prison pipeline.

**Daniel Wolfe** is Director of the International Harm Reduction Development (IHRD) program at the Open Society Foundations, and was formerly community scholar at Columbia University's Center for History and Ethics of Public Health. He was co-author of a working paper commissioned by the HIV/AIDS Task Force of the UN's Millennium Project on the effects of UN and national illicit drug policies on the spread of HIV, among other published works.

**Molly Wolff** was born in New York City and currently lives in New York's Hudson Valley, where she's a sophomore in high school. She is a musician, actress and singer, who has starred in musicals and multiple Shakespeare plays. Her favorite instruments are guitar, piano, flute and ukelele. She also plays soccer and basketball for her school teams.

**Dr. Larry Wolk** is executive director and chief medical officer of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. Since joining the agency in September 2013, Wolk's mission has been to simplify the health system for the citizens of Colorado and to position the department as the leader in providing evidence-based health and environmental information. His new frontier is addressing the myriad issues surrounding medical and retail marijuana.



**Missi Wooldridge** graduated from the SUNY Potsdam with a B.S. in Community Health in 2008 and earned her M.P.H. from SUNY Albany in 2011. She started volunteering with DanceSafe in 2009 and founded the Denver Chapter. She was voted onto the Board in 2011 and hired as executive Director in fall of 2013. Concurrently, she and DanceSafe were recognized at The Reform Conference in 2013, and in 2014 she was appointed to Denver's Drug Strategy Commission.

**Georg Wurth** leads the German Hemp Association (DHV), one of Europe's biggest organizations calling for the regulation of recreational and medical cannabis. Last year, Georg's reform campaign idea won one million Euros on a televised show, after which he launched Europe's first cinema spot campaign against prohibition.

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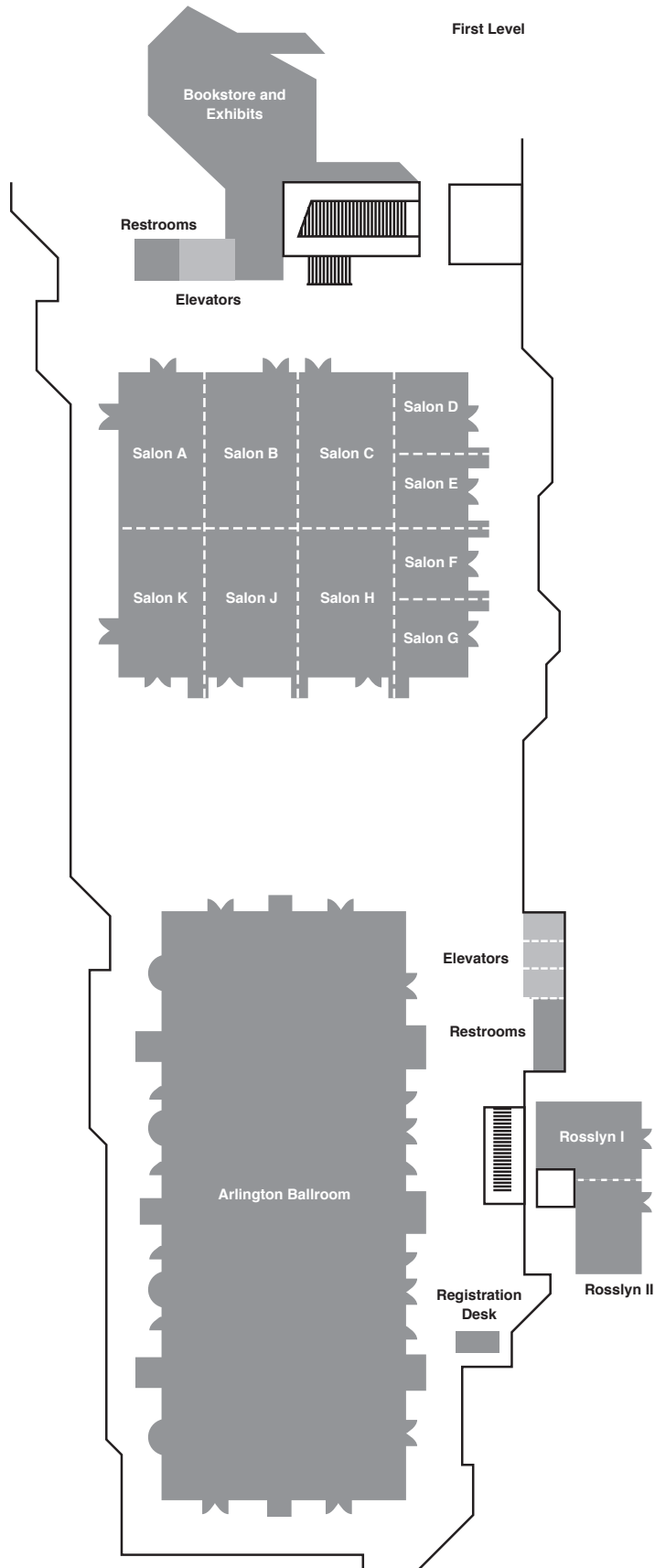
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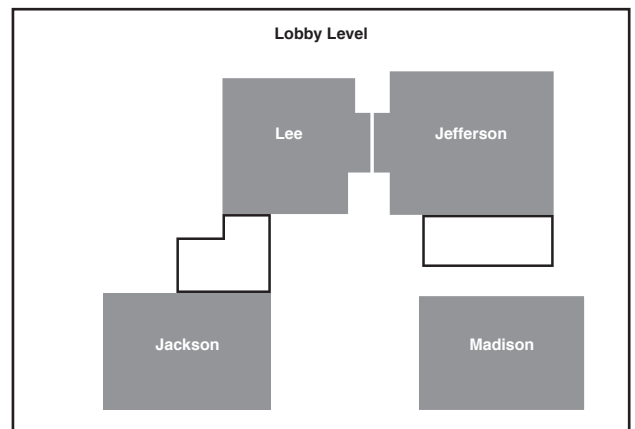
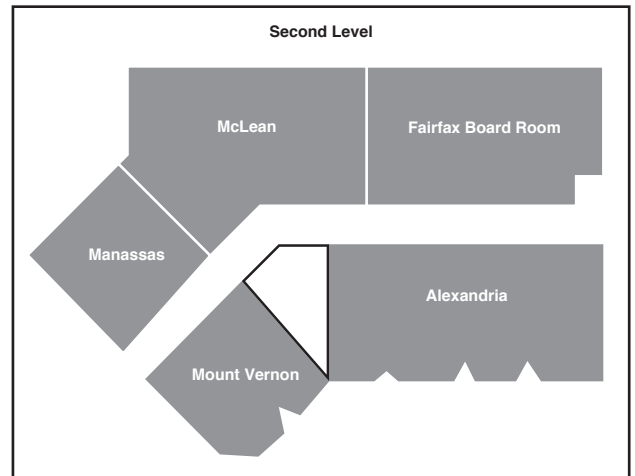
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