

**2011 Reform Conference Program Book Content  
Nov. 2-5 / Westin Bonaventure / Los Angeles**

**Conference at a Glance**

**Wednesday, November 2**

**6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Welcome Reception, California Ballroom

**Thursday, November 3**

**8:30 - 9:30 am**

Continental breakfast/registration, California Foyer

**9:30 – 10:45 am**

WELCOME and OPENING PLENARY

California Lieutenant Governor Gavin Newsom will welcome conference attendees, followed by remarks from special guest former New Mexico Governor Gary Johnson and Drug Policy Alliance Executive Director Ethan Nadelmann.

**11:00 – 12:30 pm**

Breakout Sessions

San Jose	Drug Sellers as Harm Reduction Allies
Avalon	Changing the System I—Reducing Drug Arrests and Convictions: Strategies to Shift Law Enforcement Funds, Practices and Priorities
Emerald Bay	State of the Movement: What’s it Going to Take to Make Marijuana Legal?
Santa Barbara A/B	Psychedelic Science: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives
San Gabriel A	Youth Drug Education: When D.A.R.E Fails
San Gabriel B	The Recovery Movement and its Role in Ending the Failed War on Drugs

**12:30 – 1:45 pm**

Lunch (On Own)

**1:45 – 3:15 pm**

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**3:30 – 5:15 pm**  
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Emerald Bay	Marijuana Reform Hotspots: Colorado and Washington
Santa Barbara A/B	More Money, Fewer Problems: Fundraising Tips from the Inside and Outside
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San Gabriel B	Making Sense of Drug Testing
San Gabriel C	Psychedelics, Religion and Cultural Translation

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No More Drug War Rally, MacArthur Park

**Friday, November 4**

**8:00 – 9:00 am**  
Continental Breakfast, California Foyer

**9:15 – 10:45 am**  
Breakout Sessions

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Avalon	Salvia, Synthetic Marijuana, and Emerging Drug Criminalization Trends
Emerald Bay	State of the Movement: Whither Medical Marijuana?
Santa Barbara A/B	Can Hip Hop Help End the Drug War?
San Gabriel A	From School to Prison: Enough Already!
San Gabriel B	Throwing a Monkeywrench in Drug War Strategies: How to Use Their Money and Data to Build and Support Your Anti-Drug War Program

**11:00 am**  
Buses for Mobile Workshops leave from the side of Westin Bonaventure Hotel

**11:15 – 12:45 pm**  
Breakout Sessions

San Jose	Review and Update of Current Clinical Research
Avalon	Innovations in Drug Policies and Strategies in Latin America
Emerald Bay	The New, Improved Marijuana Reform Coalition
Santa Barbara A/B	Innovative Policy Responses to Overdose
San Gabriel A	No Child Left Behind? Creating Drug Policies to Include Young People
San Gabriel B	What Do You Say To That Question? How To Have Conversations About Drug Use And Harm Reduction

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Lunch (On Own)

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

FEATURE PLENARY

**3:45 – 5:15 pm**

Breakout Sessions

San Jose	Stigma and Exclusion: How Can We Overcome It?
Avalon	Global Drug Policy: Challenges, Trends and Opportunities
Emerald Bay	How Are We Ever Going to Clarify Medical Marijuana in California?
Santa Barbara A/B	How to Engage and Utilize the Ever-Changing Media World
San Gabriel A	Connecting Juvenile Justice and Drug Policy Reform: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead
San Gabriel B	Nightlife Harm Reduction: A New Harm Reduction Frontier?

**Saturday, November 5**

**8:30 – 9:30 am**

Continental Breakfast, California Foyer

**9:45 – 11:15 am**

Breakout Sessions

San Jose	Think Global, Act Local: Grassroots Engagement to End the Drug War
Avalon	Medical Marijuana Science: Latest Advances
Emerald Bay	Psychedelic Healing: Can Psychedelics Reinvent Medicine... and Society?
Santa Barbara A/B	Crack Pipes, Cow Wormer, and Controversy: Stimulants and Harm Reduction
San Gabriel A	Too High a Cost: HIV & Drug Policy Reform
San Gabriel B	Know Your Rights: How to Deal with Law Enforcement and NOT Get Arrested

**11:45 – 1:15 pm**

Breakout Sessions

San Jose	Conservatives, Libertarians and Drug Policy Reform
Avalon	The Portuguese Decriminalization Model in the European Context
Emerald Bay	How Does Money Shape Marijuana Reform?
Santa Barbara A/B	Building a Global Movement for Drug Policy Reform: Can Young People Lead the Way?
San Gabriel A	Substitution and Maintenance Therapy: Confronting Ignorance, Prejudice and Stigma
San Gabriel B	Messaging for Change

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**1:15 – 2:30 pm**

Lunch (On Own) & PLENARY

**2:30 – 4:00 pm**

Breakout Sessions

San Jose	Elected Officials: Hearing From Our Representatives on Drug Policy Reform
Avalon	Innovative Approaches to Medical Marijuana Distribution and Services
Emerald Bay	Sex, Drugs, Movement-Building
Santa Barbara A/B	Ban the Box: Ending Attacks on Civil Rights in Employment and Beyond
San Gabriel B	Drugs, Criminalization, and Public Health: Social Justice as Harm Reduction

**4:15 – 5:15**

CLOSING PLENARY

**7:00 – 10:00 pm**

Awards Reception, Hollywood Ballroom

Separately ticketed event. \$25 tickets available for purchase at registration.

**Conference Program**

**Wednesday, November 2**

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**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

*California Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

**Thursday, November 3**

**Continental Breakfast & Registration**

**8:30 am - 9:30 am**

*California Foyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

**Welcome & Opening Plenary**

**9:30 am – 10:45 am**

*California Ballroom, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

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**[Roundtable]**

**Drug Sellers as Harm Reduction Allies**

*San Jose, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

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Drug sellers can be unrecognized partners in reducing the harms for people who use drugs. Drug sellers are often blamed, stigmatized, and subjected to draconian criminal penalties. But, while some drug sellers take little responsibility for the health of their customers, others are sterile syringe providers, harm reduction experts, and community educators. What is the role for drug sellers and what do they see as their role? What can advocates and health service providers learn from drug sellers about how to better reduce harms from drugs? What are the challenges to working with drug sellers in communities and harm reduction programs?

Facilitator: Bill Piper, Director, National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington D.C.

- Rachel Anderson, Executive Director, Safer Alternatives thru Networking and Education (SANE), Sacramento, CA
- Tyler Butts, Satellite Syringe Exchange, Safer Alternatives thru Networking and Education (SANE), Sacramento, CA
- Hiawatha Collins, Board Member, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Hilary McQuie, California Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA
- Nathan Messer, Board President, DanceSafe, Seattle, WA
- Deborah Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA (Invited)
- Malakkar Vohryzek, Drug Reform Strategist, San Francisco, CA

### **[Panel]**

#### **Changing the System I—Reducing Drug Arrests and Convictions: Strategies to Shift Law Enforcement Funds, Practices and Priorities**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

At the federal, state and local level, reformers are finding innovative ways to prevent drug arrests and convictions. These include diverting federal drug funding from enforcement to treatment, reforming policies around the use of confidential informants, reducing racial disparities in arrests, and giving law enforcement officers options other than arrest for drug use or possession. How are they doing this?

Moderator: Jasmine L. Tyler, Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Mark Cooke, Policy Advocate, ACLU of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Nsombi Lambright, Executive Director, ACLU of Mississippi, Jackson, MS
- Harry Levine, Sociology Professor, Queens College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York, New York, NY
- Kris Nyrop, The Defender Association – Racial Disparity Project, Seattle, WA
- Amanda Petteruti, Associate Director, Justice Policy Institute, Washington, DC
- Alex Stevens, Professor in Criminal Justice, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, UK

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **State of the Movement: What's it going to take to make marijuana legal?**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

While support for making marijuana legal is growing rapidly and California's Prop. 19 came close to winning last year, we still haven't reached the tipping point. What can we expect to see on the ballot in 2012 and beyond? Leading advocates and political consultants will discuss what it will

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take to win at the state and national level, and share insights from the most extensive marijuana reform public opinion research ever conducted.

Facilitator: Graham Boyd, Esq., Advisor, Peter Lewis, Santa Cruz, CA

- Dave Fratello, Principal, Coast Campaign Group, Manhattan Beach, CA
- Anna Greenberg, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner, Washington, D.C.
- Celinda Lake, President, Lake Research Partners, Washington, D.C.
- Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Allen St. Pierre, Executive Director, NORML, Washington, D.C.
- Mark Steitz, Founder and Senior Principal, TSD Communications, Washington, D.C. (invited)

### **[Panel]**

#### **Psychedelic Science: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

What is the current status of psychedelic research in the context of the humanities and the social sciences, and what are the potentials for future research and interdisciplinary collaboration? Does the rejuvenated excitement and emphasis on “hard science” obscure any of the socio-cultural issues at stake? What are the drawbacks and advantages of the medical model? Which forms of psychedelic discourse are sanctioned by the university and which are not?

Moderator: Jag Davies, Publications Manager, Drug Policy Alliance

- Brad Burge, Director of Communications, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Santa Cruz, CA
- Ralph Metzner, PhD, Co-Founder and President, Green Earth Foundation
- Nese Lisa Senol, MA, Ph.D. candidate, Comparative Literature and Literary Theory, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia
- Kenneth Tupper, PhD, Educational Studies, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Youth Drug Education: When D.A.R.E Fails**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

It's obvious that the billions spent to deter America's youth from drug use has been a failure. How can we improve on the current paradigm? What are alternative models that deliver honest and realistic drug education? And what is the relationship between drug education and drug policy reform?

Facilitator: Marsha Rosenbaum, Director Emerita, San Francisco, Drug Policy Alliance

- Joel Brown, Executive Director, Center for Educational Research and Development (CERD), Berkeley, CA
- Eddie Einbinder, author, *How to Have Fun and Not Die*, New York, NY

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- Allen Frimpong, Capacity Building Assistance Specialist, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Morris Jenkins, Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, University of Toledo
- Tamara Kalnins, Substance Education Coordinator, Canadian Students for Sustainable Drug Policy
- Thomas Nicholson, Professor, Public Health, Western Kentucky University
- Jehrell Thomas, Coalition for Responsible Community Development, Los Angeles, CA

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **The Recovery Movement and Its Role in Ending the Drug War**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

People in recovery are playing an increasingly active role in drug policy reform efforts. This discussion will address the role of people in recovery in drug policy reform work as well as the challenges of bridging abstinence-based work with harm reduction. Where and how can people in recovery work with other drug policy reform advocates? What are the areas of agreement and shared goals? Why do people in recovery and harm reduction advocates often exclude each other from strategic conversations and policy debates? And how can we elevate the voice of the recovery movement in the drug policy reform debate and support people in recovery to become advocates to end the war on drugs?

Facilitator: Howard Josepher, Director, Exponents, New York, NY

- Anneke Campbell, Doctoral Student, California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco, CA
- Katherine Celetano, Columbia University Students for Sensible Drug Policy, New York, NY
- Adi Jaffe, Ph.D., Director, All About Addiction, Los Angeles, CA
- Lou Martinez, MSW, Graduate of Prop 36, Sacramento, CA
- William Cope Moyers, Executive Director, Hazelden's Center for Public Advocacy, Center City, MN
- Eric Sterling, President, Criminal Justice Policy Foundation, Silver Spring, MD
- Pat Taylor, Executive Director, Faces & Voices of Recovery, Washington, D.C.

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

**12:30 pm – 1:45 pm**

#### **Breakout Sessions**

**1:45 pm – 3:15 pm**

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Changing the System II—Drug Treatment and the Criminal Justice System: What Should It Look Like?**

*San Jose, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

Most of us agree that people should not enter the criminal justice system for drug use or possession, nor should they be mandated to treatment when they don't want or need it. But what about people whose crimes have victimized others, who enter the criminal justice system and want treatment? What are the best ways for the criminal justice system to provide drug treatment? What is the

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appropriate role for drug courts? And when is mandated treatment a reasonable alternative to incarceration?

Facilitator: Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Deputy State Director, Southern California, Drug Policy Alliance

- Daniel Abrahamson, Director of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA
- Pat Allard, Deputy Director, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Toronto
- Vitka Eisen, CEO, Walden House, San Francisco, CA
- Howard Josepher, Founder, President and CEO, Exponents, New York, NY
- Lou Martinez, social worker, substance abuse counselor and Proposition 36 graduate, Sacramento, CA
- Nastassia Walsh, Research Manager, Justice Policy Institute, Washington D.C.

### **[Training]**

#### **From Enthusiast to Entrepreneur: How to Make Marijuana Your Business**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

This training will help marijuana enthusiasts explore the variety of legal options that exist for starting a marijuana-related business, including how to identify potential investors. With so many potential businesses – ranging from marijuana-themed publications to retail stores selling marijuana-related clothing and accessories – what are the pros and cons of starting your own marijuana-related business?

- Troy Dayton, CEO, ArcView Group, San Francisco, CA
- Kris Krane, Principal and Managing Partner at 4Front Advisors, Phoenix, AZ

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Marijuana Policing and Urban Youth**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor*

Violations of marijuana laws account for about half of all drug-related arrests in the US each year. The overwhelming majority are for possession of very small amounts for personal use. Most of those arrested are young and disproportionately nonwhite. Although few receive long sentences, they do cause social marginalization, permanent criminal records, and denial of public benefits such as financial aid for college. What's driving these arrests? Who's tracking this phenomenon? And what can be done about it?

Facilitator: gabriel sayegh, State Director, New York, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Marisa Garcia, Drug Policy Reform Advocate, Santa Fe Springs, CA
- Harry Levine, Marijuana Arrest Research Project, New York, NY
- Kyung Ji Rhee, Director, Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform & Alternatives, Brooklyn, NY
- Armando Rodriguez, Deputy Public Defender, Los Angeles, CA

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Detention, Deportation, and the Drug War: The Impact of the War on Drugs on Immigrant**



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### **Rights in the US**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

Immigrants arrested on drug charges face not just the criminal justice system, but the immigration system as well. Tens of thousands of legal residents and other noncitizens are deported for drug law violations each year. What efforts are under way to protect immigrants from this? How are drug policy reformers and immigrant rights advocates working together – or not? How can we better understand the intersection of the drug war and immigration? And how can we effectively mitigate the harmful impacts of drug laws on immigrant communities by organizing immigrant communities around drug law reform?

Facilitator: Loren Siegel, Co-Director, Marijuana Arrest Research Project, Brooklyn, NY

- Donald Anthonyson, Organizer, Families for Freedom, New York, NY
- Daniel Carrillo, Field Organizer, Enlace, Los Angeles, CA
- Jumana Musa, Deputy Director, Rights Working Group, Washington, DC
- Hans Myer, Policy Director, Colorado Criminal Justice Coalition, Denver, CO
- Theshia Naidoo, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

### **[Training]**

#### **Bad Trips: How to Respond to Unwanted or Dangerous Side Effects of Psychedelics, Opiates & Stimulants**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

This training will teach people who use drugs or work with drug users how to respond to undesired or dangerous side effects associated with stimulants, psychedelics and opiates.

Presenters:

- Luciano Colonna, International Consultant, Public Health/Policy
- Rick Doblin, Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies, Santa Cruz, CA
- John Harrison, Principal Investigator, Ibogaine Outcome Study, San Diego, CA
- Eliza Wheeler, Drug Overdose Prevention and Education (DOPE) Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, San Francisco, CA

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Where Health Care Reform Meets Drug Policy Reform**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

Various advocacy groups are analyzing whether and how the Federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will lead to coordinated and comprehensive treatment services for people struggling with drug addiction. Does the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act hold promise for those at risk for or in need of treatment? What, if any, provisions in the legislation align with harm reduction and other drug policy reform goals?

Facilitator: Emily Kaltenbach, State Director, New Mexico, Drug Policy Alliance

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- David C. Lewis, Founding Director, Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI
- Ron Manderscheid, Executive Director, National Association of County Behavioral Health and Developmental Disability Directors, Washington DC
- Bruce Trigg, Addiction Treatment and Single-Payer Advocate, Albuquerque, NM
- Justina Trott, Senior Fellow, RWJF Center for Health Policy at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM
- Mohini Venkatesh, Senior Director of Public Policy at the National Council for Community Behavioral Healthcare, Washington DC

### **Breakout Sessions**

#### **3:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Changing the System III—Sentencing and Prison Reform Is Real: Lessons and Warnings**

*San Jose, 2nd Floor*

States are reducing their prison populations, Congress has undertaken unprecedented sentencing reform, and the US Supreme Court has deemed California's prison overcrowding to be a violation of inmates' constitutional rights. Why and how has the tide turned? What is needed to maintain the momentum? And what are the threats to the continuation and expansion of these reforms?

Facilitator: gabriel sayegh, State Director, New York, Drug Policy Alliance

- Rachel Bloom, Advocacy and Policy Strategist, Center for Justice, American Civil Liberties Union, New York, NY
- Gwendolyn Fields, Executive Director, Criminal Justice Reform Advocacy Council, Norman, OK
- Dorsey E. Nunn, Executive Director for Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
- Tim Silard, Executive Director, Rosenberg Foundation, San Francisco, CA (invited)
- Jasmine L. Tyler, Deputy Director, National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC
- Ana Yanez-Correa, Executive Director, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, Austin TX (invited)

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Spillover Activism: The Bi-National Movement to End the Drug War in Mexico**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

The war on drugs has inflicted enormous harms on Mexico in recent years, generating extreme violence, crime, corruption and human rights abuses. What are the national and regional implications of the Mexican drug war? What effects has it had on border and migrant communities? What is the significance of the upcoming Mexican elections, and the role of the US in the ongoing crisis? What has been the impact of increasing support for legalization and the emerging national peace and justice movement?

Facilitator: Ted Lewis, Human Rights and Mexico Program Director, Global Exchange, San Francisco, CA

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- Miguel Alvarez, President, Serapaz, Mexico City, Mexico
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- John Gibler, Journalist and Author, To Die In Mexico, San Francisco, CA
- Zulma Mendez, Assistant Professor, University of Texas at El Paso and Director, Pacto por la Cultura, Juarez, Mexico
- Diego Osorno, Journalist and Author, El Cartel de Sinaloa, Mexico
- Victor Quintana, Former Congressman, Chihuahua, Mexico

#### **[Roundtable]**

##### **Marijuana Reform Hotspots: Colorado and Washington**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Colorado and Washington are set to host viable legalization ballot initiatives in 2012. How do the initiatives differ from one another? How will they affect medical marijuana? What political compromises are being made to increase the likelihood of victory? And what headlines can we expect over the next year as the campaigns ramp up?

Facilitator: Art Way, Drug Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, CO

- Steve Fox, Director of Government Relations, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- Alison Holcomb, Campaign Director, New Approach Washington, Seattle, WA
- Peter Holmes, City Attorney, Seattle, WA
- Mason Tvert, Executive Director, SAFER, Denver, CO
- Sean T. McAllister, Esq., Cannabis Law Center, Denver, CO
- Ted Trimpa, President, Trimpa Group, Denver, CO

#### **[Training]**

##### **More Money, Fewer Problems: Fundraising Tips from the Inside and Outside**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

You need more money to sustain and build your organization – but the economy is a mess and raising funds is more competitive than ever. What should you do? Experienced drug policy reform fundraisers and donors share their secrets for success and answer your questions about grants, individual giving, events, direct mail and more.

Facilitator and Presenter: Clovis Thorn, Managing Director of Development, Drug Policy Alliance

- Asha Bandele, Director of Advocacy Grants Program, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Jodie Evans, Co-Founder, Code Pink, Los Angeles, CA
- David Glowka, Manager of Foundation Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, Philadelphia, PA
- Hilda Vega, Senior Program Officer, The Libra Foundation, Chicago, IL

#### **[Panel]**

##### **Pushing the Envelope: Supervised Injection Facilities and Other Good Ideas**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

A Supervised Injection Facility (SIF) is a place where people who inject illegal drugs can do so in a safe place – off the streets, with access to health services. Evaluations of these facilities have

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consistently demonstrated that they are effective in reducing new HIV infections, overdose deaths, and public nuisance – and that they do not increase drug use or criminal activity. As of 2010, there were 92 such facilities operating in 61 cities around the world – and even a few behind prison walls – but none in the United States. What’s the story behind North America’s only SIF in Vancouver, efforts to establish SIFs in the Bronx and San Francisco, a new SIF-on-wheels in Denmark, and other strategies that push the envelope in harm reduction?

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

- Liz Evans, Co-director, Portland Hotel Society, Vancouver, Canada
- Nanna W. Gotfredsen, Lawyer, The Street Lawyers/Gadejuristen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Fred Johnson, Syringe Exchange Program Coordinator, Citiwide Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY
- Thomas Kerr, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine, University of British Columbia
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Services at St. Vincent's Hospital, and President, Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation, Sydney, Australia

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Making Sense of Drug Testing**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

Despite drug testing’s many limitations, it is used extensively in the criminal justice system, and its use is expanding into other areas such as DUID checkpoints and welfare eligibility. This panel will examine the scientific limits of drug testing, emerging trends in the use of these tests, and strategies to curtail their use.

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

- Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, NORML, Washington, DC
- Patt Denning, Therapist, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA
- Becky Lo Dolce, San Francisco Probation Department, San Francisco, CA
- Mark O’Brien, Policy Associate, Legal Action Center, New York, NY
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Rod Skager, Professor, Emeritus at University of California, Los Angeles, CA

### **[Panel]**

#### **Psychedelics, Religion and Cultural Translation**

*San Gabriel C, Lobby Level*

In the 20th century, ayahuasca and other indigenous healing medicines have spread beyond their native origins and have been incorporated into syncretistic practices that are being adopted by non-indigenous peoples in modern Western contexts, including scientific research into possible therapeutic uses of these medicines. This growing interest from modern non-indigenous peoples poses significant conceptual challenges regarding drugs and drug policies. What are the indigenous

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roots of plant-based medicines and what is their relation to Western psychonauts? Are psychedelics a medicine or a sacrament ... or something else?

Moderator: Jill Harris, Acting Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance

- Bia Labate, Brazil
- Ralph Metzner, Co-Founder and President, Green Earth Foundation
- Mona Polacca, International Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers
- Kenneth Tupper, Educational Studies, University of British Columbia

### **No More Drug War: a Rally and Concert to End the War on Drugs**

**6:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

*Levitt Pavilion, MacArthur Park*

Join national reform leaders, elected officials, victims of the drug war, medical marijuana patients, students, and thousands of people who simply believe the war on drugs is doing more harm than good. Featuring local musicians and spoken word artists, this event acknowledges President Nixon's declaration of the drug war 40 years ago and demands an exit strategy from this unwinnable war. Protest punitive, inefficient, and biased drug policies. Support health-centered alternatives. Buses will be available to shuttle conference attendees to and from the rally.

## **Friday, November 4**

### **Continental Breakfast**

**8:30 am – 9:30 am**

*California Foyer, 2nd Floor*

### **Breakout Sessions**

**9:15 am – 10:45 am**

#### **[Roundtable]**

### **Changing the System IV—Surveillance vs. Incarceration: Reducing the Prison Population Isn't the End**

*San Jose, 2nd Floor*

Prison reformers are gradually reversing the decades-long trend of increasing prison populations. But there's also a new momentum to expand the use of surveillance for people on probation and parole, as states are now looking for cheaper ways to punish and monitor those suspected or convicted of breaking the law. As prison populations shrink, is the expanded criminal justice surveillance of more Americans inevitable? What types of surveillance are acceptable? And what does this mean for a criminal justice system that is marked by extraordinary, institutionalized racial bias?

Facilitator: Ira Glasser, President, Board of Directors, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Shahid Buttar, Executive Director, Bill of Rights Defense Committee, Northampton, MA
- J. Brian Huff, Presiding Circuit Court Judge, Jefferson County Family Court, Birmingham, AL (invited)

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- Tim Lynch, Director, Project on Criminal Justice, Cato Institute, Washington, DC
- Michael Jacobson, Director, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY (invited)
- Mack Jenkins, Probation Chief, San Diego County, CA
- Deborah Peterson Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Salvia, Synthetic Marijuana, and Emerging Drug Criminalization Trends**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Even as state policymakers increasingly embrace various drug policy reforms, the knee-jerk criminalization of salvia and other new drugs demonstrates that elected officials still tend to prohibit first, and ask questions later. What specific regulatory options can be used to control access to substances in a way that reduces the harm to individuals, families and society as a whole. How can policymakers be persuaded to consider policy tools other than criminalization to balance the competing interests of criminal justice and public health? And what lessons have we learned from regulating other substances such as alcohol and tobacco?

Facilitator: Jag Davies, Publications Manager, Drug Policy Alliance

- Corey Davis, Staff Attorney, Public Health Law Network
- Earth and Fire Erowid, Erowid Center, Grass Valley, CA
- Roger Goodman, Washington House of Representatives, Seattle, WA
- Grant Smith, Federal Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington DC
- Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, Reason Magazine, Dallas, TX

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **State of the Movement: Whither Medical Marijuana?**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

What's the political future of medical marijuana in the United States? Why does the Obama administration appear to be obstructing state-sponsored distribution systems? Why does it remain so hard to expand and enhance safe access when so many Americans support it? How has growing support for marijuana legalization affected support for medical marijuana? This panel of national leaders looks at the big picture and shares their prescriptions for progress.

Facilitator: Caren Woodson, The Green Cross, San Francisco, CA

- Tom Daubert, Founder, Patients and Families United, Helena, MT
- Allen Hopper, Police Practices Director, ACLU of Northern California, San Francisco, CA
- Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access, Washington, DC
- Karen O'Keefe, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- F. Aaron Smith, Executive Director, National Cannabis Industry Association, Phoenix, AZ
- Tamar Todd, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Can Hip Hop Help End the Drug War?**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

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Throughout history, artists have used their work as vehicles for social change. How can hip hop artists create opportunities to mobilize the public around drug policy reform?

Facilitator: Yolande A. Cadore, Director of Strategic Partnerships, Drug Policy Alliance

- Tray Chaney, "Poot" on HBO's The Wire, Rapper, Writer, Producer (Invited)
- andre douglas ponds cummings, Law Professor, West Virginia, College of Law
- Saigon, Hip Hop Artist, New York, NY (Invited)
- Donald Tibbs, Associate Law Professor, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
- Jasmine Tyler, Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Office of National Affairs, Washington DC  
Froggy Vazquez, SSDP, Los Angeles Community College

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **From School to Prison: Enough Already!**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

A remarkably high percentage of young people – particularly those of color – end up in prison instead of college. What's driving this? What efforts are under way to dismantle it? And what are the opportunities for drug policy reformers to play a pivotal role?

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

- Samarah Blackmon, Graduate Student, University of California Los Angeles
- Manuel Criollo, Director of Organizing, Labor Strategy Center and Community Rights Campaign, Los Angeles, CA
- Jim Freeman, Director, Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Track, Advancement Project, Washington, DC  
Annette Fuentes, author, *When the Schoolhouse Becomes a Jailhouse*, San Francisco, CA
- Malachi Larrabee-Garza, Community Justice Network for Youth, Oakland, CA
- Edward Little, Department of Justice Affairs, Office of Reentry, Cleveland, OH
- Joyce Parker, Organizer, Southern Echo, Greenville, MS (invited)

### **[Training]**

#### **Throwing a Monkeywrench at the Drug War: How to Use Their Money and Data to Support Your Anti-Drug War Program**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

As states dramatically slash budgets, promising opportunities are emerging to expose – and to even end – drug war waste. Drawing on lessons from Baltimore, California and New York, participants will learn about data- and information-gathering tools and lay out a step-by-step plan for redirecting drug war dollars (i.e., Byrne Grants) away from drug arrest programs at the local and/or state level.

Presenters:

- Lori Albin, Director, Fiscal Policy Center, National Juvenile Justice Network, Washington DC
- Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Deputy State Director, Southern California, Drug Policy Alliance

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### **Breakout Sessions**

**11:15 am – 12:45 am**

#### **[Panel]**

#### **Review and Update on Clinical Psychedelic Research**

*San Jose, 2nd Floor*

We are now in the midst of a psychedelic research renaissance, with clinical studies under way at top medical schools and research institutes worldwide. To date, the results have shown that psychedelic-assisted therapy is more effective than conventional treatments for easing anxiety in the dying, interrupting the hold of addictive drugs, alleviating post-traumatic stress disorder, and treating other psychological conditions. The idea of psychedelics as powerful psychiatric medicines is now beginning to be re-accepted by the medical community. What does this mean? And What new directions will the future hold?

Moderator: Ralph Metzner, President, Green Earth Foundation

- Rick Doblin, Founder and Executive Director, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)
- Amanda Feilding, Executive Director, Beckley Foundation
- Charles Grob, Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **What's Going On In Latin America?**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

The persistent failure of US-driven drug war strategies in Latin America has resulted in increasingly frequent and diverse calls for reform. The 2009 Latin American Commission on Drug Policy and the recent Global Commission have legitimized calls for reform, as national advocacy efforts in Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Mexico and elsewhere gain momentum. What has been the impact of these Commissions? What are courts and national legislatures increasingly endorsing reforms? What sorts of coordination exist between national reform movements within Latin America? And what opportunities are afforded by the declining influence of the US in the region?

Facilitator: Coletta Youngers, Senior Fellow, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC

- Pedro Vieira Abramovay, Professor, Fundação Getulio Vargas Law School, and former Justice Ministry official, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Eduardo Vergara Bolbarán, Director, *Asuntos del Sur*, Santiago, Chile
- Alejandro Corda, Secretary of Justice in the Federal Criminal Jurisdiction and Member, *Intercambios Asociación Civil*, Buenos Aires, Argentina



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- Catalina Pérez Correa, Researcher and Professor, *Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)*, Aguascalientes, Mexico
- Diego Grooscors, Representative, *Alianza por una nueva política de drogas en Costa Rica*, San José, Costa Rica
- Rodrigo Uprimny Yepes, Director, *Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad (DeJuSticia)* and former magistrate of the Constitutional Court, Bogotá, Colombia

#### **[Roundtable]**

##### **The New, Improved Marijuana Reform Coalition**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Last year's groundbreaking Proposition 19 campaign in California forged a remarkable coalition as long-time marijuana law reformers joined with mainstream civil rights organizations, major trade unions, parent activists and other relatively new allies. Legalization campaigns across the country are breaking new ground and expanding the coalition even further. What will it take to build greater support from new and existing allies?

Facilitator: Stephen Gutwillig, California Director, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- LaResse Harvey, Policy Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford CT
- Kassandra Frederique, Policy Associate, New York, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Antonio Gonzalez, President, William C. Velasquez Institute, Los Angeles, CA
- Alice Huffman, President, California NAACP, Sacramento, CA
- Kyndra Miller, NORML Women's Alliance, San Francisco, CA
- Dan Rush, Director, Medical Cannabis and Hemp Division, UFCW International Union, San Francisco, CA

#### **[Roundtable]**

##### **Innovative Policy Responses to Overdose**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

The number of overdose deaths has climbed dramatically in the last decade, mostly because of prescription drugs. Accidental drug overdose is now the second leading cause of accidental death in the United States. Significant federal funding is directed toward preventing HIV/AIDS and homicide, but virtually no federal dollars are designated for overdose prevention – even though overdose kills more people than murder or HIV/AIDS. What is the significance of the successful passage of 911 Good Samaritan legislation in several states, and the expansion of access to the overdose reversal drug Naloxone? And what other effective policy responses are available to stem this easily preventable epidemic?

Facilitator: Meghan Ralston, Harm Reduction Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Caleb Banta-Green, Research Scientist, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Institute, University of Washington, Seattle, WA
- Alice Bell, Overdose Prevention Project Coordinator, Prevention Point Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
- Maya Doe-Simkins, Consultant, Boston Medical Center, Boston, MA

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- Nguyen Phuong Lan, Director's Assistant, Center for Supporting Community Development Initiatives, Hanoi, Vietnam
- Azzi Momenghalibaf, Program Officer - Access to Essential Medicines Initiative & International Harm Reduction Development Program, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY
- Elizabeth Owens, Leader, VOCAL, New York, NY

**[Roundtable]**

**No Child Left Behind? Creating Drug Policies to Include Young People**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

Young people in the US are disproportionately targeted and impacted by prohibitionist policies. Despite this, drug policy reformers often end up advocating for new policies that exclude protection for those under 21, or that even increase penalties directed at youth. Given that public opinion research suggests that drug policy reform initiatives cannot win when youth are afforded the same protections as adults, how can young people exert greater influence over drug policy reform advocacy and legislation?

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

- Stacia Cosner, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington DC
- Kassandra Frederique, Policy Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Member Representative, Youth Justice Coalition, Los Angeles, CA
- Member Representative, Center for Young Women's Development, San Francisco, CA
- Kim McGill, Organizer, Youth Justice Coalition, Los Angeles, CA
- Jordan Seaberry, Organizer, DARE, Providence, RI

**[Training]**

**What Do You Say To That Question? How To Have Conversations About Drug Use And Harm Reduction**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

Harm reduction and drug policy are such broad topics that few of us can really describe it without giving a lecture. This workshop will give you tools to talk to people of all backgrounds about the particulars of harm reduction, especially common myths and criticisms.

Presenters:

- Patt Denning, Director of Clinical Services and Training, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA
- Jeannie Little, Executive Director, Harm Reduction Therapy Center, San Francisco, CA

**Lunch (on your own)**

**12:30 pm – 1:45 pm**

**Feature Plenary**

**2:00 – 3:30 pm**

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**Breakout Sessions**  
**3:45 pm – 5:15 pm**

**[Roundtable]**

**Stigma and Exclusion: How Can We Overcome It?**

*San Jose, 2nd Floor*

People who use drugs or have a criminal record for a drug law violation are often stripped of their humanity and face extensive hurdles to leading stable and productive lives. These hurdles can exclude people from public assistance for basic needs like food and housing, deny students financial aid for college, and even lead to loss of child custody. What are some strategies to fight back? Panelists will share their stories.

Facilitator: Grant Smith, Federal Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Susan Burton, Founder and Executive Director, A New Way of Life Reentry Project, and Co-Founder, All of Us or None, Los Angeles, CA
- Becky Dennison, Co-Director, Los Angeles Community Action Network, Los Angeles, CA
- JoAnne Page, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Fortune Society, New York, NY
- Nicole D. Porter, State Advocacy Coordinator, The Sentencing Project, Washington, DC
- Michelle Natividad Rodriguez, Staff Attorney, National Employment Law Project, Oakland, CA
- Karen Shain, Policy Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA

**[Roundtable]**

**Global Drug Policy: Challenges, Trends and Opportunities**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Who will shape the future of global drug policy reform? What is the impact of the Global Commission? What are cutting edge issues and questions at the intersection of drug policy and human rights, HIV/AIDS prevention and public health? How are the UNODC and other global agencies evolving in their perspective on drug policy? How is the US role evolving? What's the latest with efforts to revise the UN anti-drug Conventions or to put forward a new model? And to what extent is drug policy reform gaining ground in Asia and Africa?

**Facilitator:**

- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundation, Warsaw, Poland
- Jonathan Cohen, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY
- Amanda Fielding, Executive Director, Beckley Foundation, Oxford, UK
- Rebecca Schleifer, Human Rights Watch, New York, NY
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Services at St. Vincent's Hospital, and President, Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation, Sydney, Australia
- Coletta Youngers, Senior Fellow, Washington Office on Latin America, Washington, DC

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### **[Roundtable]**

#### **How Are We Ever Going to Clarify Medical Marijuana in California?**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Prop. 215 gave Californians the right to possess and grow marijuana for medical use, but failed to establish a legal distribution system. Instead, it encouraged the federal and state governments to "implement a plan to provide for the safe and affordable distribution of marijuana to all patients in medical need." This mandate has been sorely neglected, resulting in hundreds of lawsuits, raids and arrests. What needs to happen next?

Facilitator: Dale Gieringer, State Director, California NORML, Berkeley, CA

- Tom Ammiano, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA
- Yamileth Bolanos, Greater Los Angeles Collectives Alliance
- Lanette Davies, Director, Crusaders for Patients' Rights, Sacramento, CA
- Don Duncan, California Director, Americans for Safe Access, Oakland, CA
- George Mull, California Cannabis Association, Sacramento, CA
- Chris Norby, California State Assembly, Orange, CA
- Cynara Velazquez, Patient Care Association, San Diego, CA

### **[Training]**

#### **How to Engage and Utilize the Ever-Changing Media World**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

The media landscape has changed dramatically over the last 10 years, with different players and rules of engagement. Communications experts will discuss how to engage and utilize both traditional and emerging media outlets. From the downsizing of traditional media to the rise of social networking, the playing field has changed. Hear from media and communications experts on how to engage and utilize the world of media.

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

- Tom Angell, Media Relations Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, San Francisco, CA
- Jan Frel, Former Editor, AlterNet.org, Los Angeles, CA
- Dani McClain, Campaign Manager, ColorofChange.org, San Francisco, CA
- Tony Newman, Director, Media Relations, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Anjuli Verma, Ph.D. Candidate in Criminology, Law and Society, University of California, Irvine

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Connecting Juvenile Justice and Drug Policy Reform: Opportunities and Challenges Ahead**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

While the drug war is a driving factor for over-criminalization of both youth and adults in the United States today, there is seemingly little collaboration between the fields of drug policy reform and juvenile justice. What are some of the obstacles to collaboration? And what opportunities have

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yet to be explored? Speakers will tackle thorny issues such as adolescent drug use and selling, and innovative interventions that aim to avoid pathologizing young people.

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

- Lori Albin, Director, Fiscal Policy Center, National Juvenile Justice Network, Washington DC
- Kyung Ji Rhee, Director, Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform and Alternatives, Brooklyn, NY
- Mike Males, Principle Investigator, Youthfacts.org (Invited)
- Kim McGill, Director, Youth Justice Coalition, Los Angeles, CA (Invited)
- Chuck Ries, Director, UpFront, San Diego, CA (Invited)
- Christopher L. Scott, Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations (Invited)
- Jason Ziedenberg, Director, Policy and Research, Juvenile Justice, M & R Strategic Services, Washington DC

### **[Panel]**

#### **Nightlife Harm Reduction: A New Harm Reduction Frontier?**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

Nightlife harm reduction has never truly caught on in America, despite a brief flare of interest around the late 90s and early 2000s. What has been the impact of the RAVE Act, eight years in? What can we learn from the strategies our neighbors in Europe and the UK have adopted? What might nightlife harm reduction in the US look like?

Moderator: Stefanie Jones, Event Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York

- Carissa Cornwell, National Outreach Director, DanceSafe, Madison, WI
- Benedict Lee, PhD, Chief, Research and Epidemiology, Los Angeles Department of Public Health, Substance Abuse Prevention and Control
- Dina Perrone, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, California State University Long Beach
- Lisa Campbell Salazar, TRIP! Project Coordinator, Toronto, Canada

## **Saturday, November 5**

### **Continental Breakfast**

**8:45 am – 9:45 am**

*California Foyer*

### **Breakout Sessions**

**9:45 am – 11:15 am**

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Think Global, Act Local: Grassroots Engagement to End the Drug War**

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No movement for social change can succeed without intensive engagement at the local level. The last few years have seen an explosion in drug policy reform activity at the local level. What are the particular challenges of advocating at the local level? How does this work connect with national priorities? And what can we learn from people who have launched efforts to mobilize communities to end the war on drugs?

Facilitator: Dan Berger, PhD, University of Pennsylvania

- Gretchen Burns-Bergman, Co-Founder, Moms United; Executive Director & Co-Founder A New PATH, Rancho Santa Fe, CA
- Susan Burton, Founder and Executive Director, A New Way of Life; Steering Committee Member, Formerly Incarcerated and Convicted Peoples Movement
- Neill Franklin, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP), Washington, DC Alice Huffman, Executive Director, California NAACP
- Ajeng Larasati, Drug Policy Reform Program Coordinator, Community Legal Aid Institute, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Dan Rush, Director of State Operations, United Food and Commercial Workers, Local 5, Los Angeles, CA

### **[Panel]**

#### **Medical Marijuana Science: Latest Advances**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

This isn't your father's medical marijuana. Learn about the latest advancement in medical marijuana science and treatment options in this frank, round-table discussion. What are the findings? And how do we make sense of the past, present and future of this versatile healing herb?

Moderator: Paul Armentano, Deputy Director, NORML, Vallejo, CA

- Jahan Marcu, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
- Amanda Reiman, Director of Research/Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, CA
- Craig Reinerman, Professor of Sociology, University of California Santa Cruz

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Psychedelic Healing: Can Psychedelics Reinvent Medicine... and Society?**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Psychedelics can trigger insight, but behavior change takes time and a changed environment to take root. Through personal stories, participants will explore the concept and process of change in psychedelic therapy. How do psychedelics redefine medicine and science, and how can we effectively reintegrate them into contemporary society?

Moderator: Rick Doblin, Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies, Boston, MA

- Jim Fadiman, Co-Founder, Institute for Transpersonal Psychology
- Neal Goldsmith, Psychotherapist and Counselor, New York, NY
- Marilyn Howell, Author, Honor Thy Daughter, Boston, MA

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- Charles Grob, Director, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and Professor of Psychiatry and Pediatrics at the UCLA School of Medicine

#### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Crack Pipes, Cow Wormer, and Controversy: Stimulants and Harm Reduction**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

Despite the perception that . . . “doesn’t work” with stimulants – crack, methamphetamine, cocaine, etc. – there are in fact effective harm reduction programs around the world working to reduce the harms of stimulant use. From testing cocaine for adulterants to providing a safe space for crack smoking, people are implementing a variety of cutting-edge harm reduction programs. What programs have been successful, and what can we learn from them in developing new ones?

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

- Michael Discepolo, Director, Stonewall Project, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- Zoe Dodd, South Riverdale Community Health Centre, Toronto, Canada
- Don Habibi, Professor of Philosophy, University of North Carolina Wilmington
- Carl Hart, Associate Professor, Psychology & Psychiatry Department, Columbia University, New York, NY Nathan Messer, Board President, DanceSafe, Seattle, WA
- Eliza Wheeler, DOPE Project Manager, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA
- Evan Wood, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS & Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

#### **[Panel]**

#### **Too High a Cost: HIV & Drug Policy Reform**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the war on drugs and the 30th anniversary of the discovery of AIDS. The two disasters have grown side by side – and have deeply influenced each other. In some respects, the silver lining of the black cloud of HIV/AIDS has been the impetus it created for drug policy reform, such as the passage of state medical marijuana laws and efforts to expand access to sterile syringes and methadone. Why has HIV/AIDS been such a compelling rationale for drug policy reform? And how can we push it further?

Moderator: Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director, San Francisco, Drug Policy Alliance

- Tom Ammiano, Member, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA
- Jonathan Cohen, Director, Law and Health Initiative, Open Society Foundation, New York, NY
- Michael D. Siever, Director of Behavioral Health Services, San Francisco AIDS Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- Bobby Tolbert, Board Member, VOCAL, New York, NY
- Ivan Varentsov, Project Coordinator, Andrey Rylkov Foundation, Moscow, Russia

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- Evan Wood, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

#### **[Training]**

##### **Know Your Rights: How to Deal with Law Enforcement and NOT Get Arrested**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

The Bill of Rights provides each of us with certain inalienable rights. Flex Your Rights' *Know Your Rights* Training incorporates practical scenarios designed for easy application during police encounters. Learn practical methods for retaining and protecting your rights during car stops, street encounters and when the police knock at your door.

Presenters:

- Neill Franklin, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition, Medford, MA
- Chino Hardin, Community Organizer, Institute for Juvenile Justice Reform and Alternatives, New York, NY

#### **Breakout Sessions**

**11:45 am – 1:15 pm**

#### **[Roundtable]**

##### **Conservatives, Libertarians and Drug Policy Reform**

*San Jose, 2nd Floor*

The growing momentum for criminal justice and drug policy reform in the United States has been given a boost by not just libertarians, but also conservatives and other Republicans. Some of these groups have been instrumental in winning major sentencing reform measures in a number of states. What are the differences between traditional conservatives, fiscal conservatives, and libertarians? What are the best ways to message to each on drug policy reform issues? Will they ever support harm reduction programs, even if they are cost-neutral? What is the significance of the Right on Crime initiative? And how do we build stronger, more diverse coalitions to support drug policy reform?

Facilitator: Jill Harris, Acting Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Craig DeRoches, Former Speaker, Michigan House of Representatives, Detroit, MI
- Richard Feldman, President, Independent Firearm Owners Association, Rindge, New Hampshire
- Jim Gray, former Superior Court Judge, Orange County, CA
- Jerry Madden, Chairman, Texas House Corrections Committee; Co-Chair, Public Safety Task Force, American Legislative Exchange Council, Plano, TX
- Stacie Rumenap, Co-chair, Public Safety Task Force, American Legislative Exchange Council, Washington DC
- Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, Reason Magazine, Dallas, TX

#### **[Roundtable]**



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### **The Portuguese Decriminalization Model in the European Context**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Portuguese drug policy is widely heralded as an international model. How do we situate the Portuguese experience within a broader international context to examine its significance for global drug policy? Is Portugal a model that other countries can replicate? Should we be concerned about the Dutch back-tracking? What's going on in Greece, where the Prime Minister recently introduced a decriminalization proposal? Is Denmark emerging as a new leader? And what's the evolving role of the European Union?

Facilitator: Craig Reinerman, Professor of Sociology, University of California Santa Cruz

- Thanasis Apostolou, Association Diogenis, Netherlands/Greece
- Caitlin Elizabeth Hughes, Drug Policy Modelling Program, National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre, University New South Wales, Australia
- Ted Goldberg, Sweden (invited)
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundation, Warsaw, Poland
- Sebastian Saville, Executive Director, Release, United Kingdom (invited)
- Valentin Simionov, Romania (invited)
- Alex Stevens, Professor in Criminal Justice, University of Kent, Canterbury, Kent, UK
- Georg Wurth, German Hemp Association, Berlin, Germany

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **How Does Money Shape Marijuana Reform?**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

It's time to address an elephant in the room – the role that those with financial interests in medical marijuana distribution may be playing in determining the direction of marijuana law reform in the US. Many industry professionals openly advocate for legalization while others would just as soon keep things as they are. What influence does this burgeoning industry have on campaigns to make marijuana legal? What's the appropriate balance between making money and making change?

Facilitator: Tim Cavanaugh, Senior Editor, Reason, Los Angeles, CA

- Steven DeAngelo, Executive Director, Harborside Health Center, Oakland, CA
- Debby Goldsberry, United Cannabis Collective, San Francisco, CA
- Rob Kampia, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, DC
- Michael Kennedy, High Times Attorney, New York, NY
- Ethan Nadelmann, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Building a Global Movement for Drug Policy Reform: Can Young People Lead the Way?**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

What are the optimal roles for young people in the struggle for global drug policy reform? What particular value do they bring to the movement? Should young people focus solely on issues that disproportionately affect youth, or can they make substantial contributions to upending the global prohibition regime? With social media tools increasingly being used to promote and organize

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political transformations and uprisings all over the world, are young people positioned to lead a global mass movement against prohibition?

Facilitator: Chantal Kallas, Network Development Coordinator, Youth Rise, Lebanon

- Aram Barra, Programme Director, Espolea, Mexico City, Mexico
- Caleb Chepesiuk, Executive Director, Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Adeolu Ogunrombi, Youth Rise and Youth Network on HIV/AIDS, Nigeria
- Daniel Pancheco, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Jonathan Perri, Senior Organizer, Change.org, Washington DC
- Evan Goldstein, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA
- Lisa Sanchez, Drug Policy and Harm Reduction Programme Coordinator, Espolea, Mexico City, Mexico

#### **[Panel]**

#### **Substitution and Maintenance Therapy: Confronting Ignorance, Prejudice and Stigma**

*San Gabriel A, Lobby Level*

Despite persistent public resistance to substitution and maintenance therapies, innovative programs are advancing around the world. These programs are easing access to methadone, winning support for heroin-assisted treatment, and utilizing marijuana as an alternative to prescription pain medications. Although decades of evidence overwhelmingly show that substitution and maintenance therapies are cost-effective, humane and beneficial to public health, they still are not widely accepted as legitimate treatments for people struggling with addiction. What will it take to move the acceptance of substitution and maintenance therapies forward?

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

- Tim Christie, Regional Director of Ethics Services, Horizon Health Network, New Brunswick, Canada
- Eugenia Oviedo-Joukes, Research Scientist, Centre for Health Evaluation and Outcome Sciences, Vancouver, Canada
- Olena Kucheruk, Coordinator, Harm Reduction Program, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine
- Amanda Reiman, Director of Research/Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, CA
- Alex Wodak, Director, Alcohol and Drug Service at St Vincent's Hospital & President of the Australian Drug Law Reform Foundation, Sydney, Australia

#### **[Training]**

#### **Messaging for Change**

*San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

What messages resonate with people who remain skeptical of drug policy reform? We'll review the latest and best drug policy reform message testing and polling results – and provide opportunities to practice using those messages. Participants will gain new tools for the debate and learn what specific messages work for persuadable audiences.

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Presenters:

- DeDe Dunevant, Managing Director, Communications, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Aaron Houston, Executive Director, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington DC

**Lunch (on your own)**  
**1:15 pm – 2:30 pm**

**Breakout Sessions**  
**2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

**[Roundtable]**

**Elected Officials: Hearing from our Representatives on Drug Policy Reform**

*San Jose, 2nd Floor*

Elected officials are pivotal to drug policy reform, yet they are often the last ones on board. What are the best arguments for us to use to persuade elected officials that drug use should be treated as a health issue rather than a criminal justice issue? How can we build bipartisan coalitions for drug policy reform? How can we best support our elected allies as they fight for drug policy reform? And what are the lessons of recent legislative victories and defeats?

Facilitator: Jill Harris, Acting Deputy Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Tom Ammiano, Member, California State Assembly, San Francisco, CA
- Roger Goodman, Washington House of Representatives, Seattle, WA
- Jerry Madden, Chairman, Texas House Corrections Committee; Co-Chair, Public Safety Task Force, American Legislative Exchange Council, Plano, TX
- Pat Steadman, Member, Colorado State Senate, Denver

**[Panel]**

**Innovative Approaches to Medical Marijuana Distribution and Services**

*Avalon Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

This panel will focus on the need for improved patient access to high-quality medical marijuana, support services, and increased civil and legal protections. What are the obstacles facing medical marijuana patients? How are different jurisdictions and providers addressing these issues? And how do state and national leaders perceive this issue?

Moderator: Tamar Todd, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Berkeley, CA

- Rielle Capler, Co-founder, Canadians for Safe Access, Vancouver, Canada
- Thomas Heddleston, Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Vincent Palazzotto, Medical Marijuana Assistance Program of America, Denver, CO
- Jacqueline Patterson, Advocate, Patients Out of Time/Sensible Missouri, Kansas City, MO
- Amanda Reiman, Director of Research/Lecturer, UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare, Berkeley, CA

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### **[Roundtable]**

#### **Sex, Drugs and Movement-Building**

*Emerald Bay Ballroom, 3rd Floor*

Sex workers and drug users are both criminalized for what we do with our bodies, yet we don't always work together. What are the connections between the sex worker advocacy movement and the drug policy reform movement? What lessons can we learn from each other? How have the laws criminalizing drug use and drug users been adapted and used against sex workers? What can we learn from the recent victory in Louisiana against an egregious form of stigmatizing and criminalizing sex workers? And how can we build stronger connections across these two movements to reach even larger victories?

Facilitator: Meghan Ralston, Harm Reduction Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Cyndee Clay, Executive Director, HIPS, Washington, DC
- Nanna W. Gotfredsen, Lawyer, The Street Lawyers/Gadejuristen, Copenhagen, Denmark
- Kiesha McCurtis, Project Coordinator, Desiree Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
- Laura McTighe, Member, Board of Directors, Women with a Vision, New Orleans, LA
- Katrina Pacey, Litigation Director, Pivot Legal Society, Vancouver, Canada
- Andrea Ritchie, Co-Coordinator, Streetwise and Safe (SAS), New York, NY
- Greg Scott, Director, Social Science Research Center at DePaul University and Director of Research, Chicago Recovery Alliance, Chicago, IL

### **[Panel]**

#### **Ban the Box: Ending Attacks on Civil Rights in Employment and Beyond**

*Santa Barbara A/B, Lobby Level*

People who have been convicted of a drug law violation face enormous obstacles. The drug war leads to the criminalization and incarceration of hundreds of thousands of people in the US every year, often preventing their full participation in community and civic life. For instance, gaining employment can often be nearly impossible when employers won't hire people with criminal records. This panel will provide conference participants with tools to fight discrimination against people with arrest or conviction records. Speakers will highlight numerous successful campaigns led by formerly incarcerated people that have removed barriers to employment, housing and other basic rights.

Moderator: Saúl Sarabia, Director, Critical Race Studies Program; Lecturer in Law, UCLA Law School

- Daryl Atkinson, Staff Attorney, North Carolina Office of Indigent Defense Services; Member, North Carolina Second Chance Alliance
- Linda Evans, Organizer, All of Us or None and Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, San Francisco, CA
- LaResse Harvey, Policy Director, A Better Way Foundation, Hartford, CT
- Bruce Reilly, Organizer, Direct Action for Rights and Equality, Providence, RI

### **[Panel]**

#### **Drugs, Criminalization and Public Health: Social Justice as Harm Reduction**

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### *San Gabriel B, Lobby Level*

Harm reduction is often defined in terms of practical strategies to reduce the negative consequences of drug use, especially overdose and disease transmission. Yet many of the harms drug users experience result directly from the criminalization of drug use. Public health researchers and advocates are increasingly turning their focus to understanding the health and social consequences of criminalization and incarceration. What are the links between drug user health and the criminal justice system? What can we learn from efforts to reduce the harms of legal drugs like alcohol and tobacco? And what roles can harm reduction practitioners and public health advocates play in dismantling the war on drugs?

Moderator: Laura McTighe, Faculty Fellow, Department of Religion, Columbia University

- Holly Bradford, Founder/Technical Advisor, Korsang, Cambodia
- Che Gossett, Queer Activist and Prison Abolitionist, Philadelphia, PA
- Thomas Kerr, PhD, Director, Urban Health Research Initiative, British Columbia Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Associate Professor, Dept. of Medicine, University of British Columbia
- Kasia Malinowska-Sempruch, Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundation, Warsaw, Poland
- Gabor Maté, M.D., physician and author, *In The Realm of Hungry Ghosts: Close Encounters With Addiction*, Vancouver, Canada

### **Closing Plenary**

**4:15 pm - 5:15 pm**

*California Ballroom*

### **Awards Reception**

**7:30 pm - 10:30 pm**

*Hollywood Ballroom*

Join us in honoring your contemporaries who have made exceptional accomplishments in eight award categories, including science, medicine, law, education, and more. What better way to celebrate excellence than over delectable desserts and sparkling wine! Awards Reception tickets are \$25 and will be available for purchase on-site at the Registration Area.