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# International Drug Policy Reform Conference Program & Agenda

Hosted by the Drug Policy Alliance  
October 11-14, 2017  
Omni Atlanta Hotel @ CNN Center

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Fellow Reformers:

Welcome to Atlanta! And welcome to an extraordinary experience that will prepare and invigorate you for the challenges that lie ahead.

I am absolutely delighted to join you for my first Reform Conference since officially taking the helm at the Drug Policy Alliance last month.

The war on drugs has been at the root of many of the social justice problems to which I have devoted my career—from racial discrimination, mass incarceration, and large-scale deportations in the US, to killings and official corruption in Colombia, Mexico, and Afghanistan. Like many, I have also seen in my personal life how the drug war funnels people with mental health or other difficulties into the criminal justice system, instead of offering them the support they need. The road to a more just society requires new frameworks for looking at drugs and the people who use them: approaches based on compassion, science, health, and respect for basic rights.

The Reform Conference has a special place in my heart, as I know it does for many of you. This is a time to listen carefully, reflect on recent lessons, and build new bridges across our movement.

The good news is that we have made tremendous progress in recent years, and are poised to continue doing so. The public is increasingly aware of the need for reform, and that awareness is paving the way for new opportunities for our cause at the state, local, and international levels.

Yet at the federal level in the US, we are facing serious threats. The administration of US President Donald Trump is doubling down on the war on drugs while explicitly appealing to the most racist, xenophobic elements of society. They are appealing to fears about drugs as an excuse to justify abusive policing tactics, draconian sentences, and the criminalization of migrants, even as Trump endorsed health care bills that would have cut treatment access for millions.

This moment demands that each of us continue to grow past our learning edges. That's the only way we can consolidate the substantial gains our movement has made, and achieve even more far-reaching changes in the coming years – ending the criminalization of drug use, extensively expanding health and harm reduction services, equitably implementing the legal regulation of marijuana, and fomenting a broader re-envisioning of the role of drugs in our lives and in our society.

We're a diverse and growing movement, and the program reflects that. There are people here from all around the world and across the political spectrum, whose life experiences vary dramatically.

Make an effort to attend sessions on subjects about which you know the least. Have conversations with people you've never met. Explore new possibilities and partnerships.

As we embark upon this new stage, I want to express my deepest thanks to each of you for joining us in Atlanta. I am looking forward to getting to know many of you much better, and to working together to end the war on drugs!

Maria McFarland Sánchez-Moreno  
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## Getting Around

### Omni Atlanta Hotel @ CNN Center

A map of the Omni Atlanta Hotel @ CNN Center is on page 64 of this program book as well as on the conference app. This will show all meeting room locations. Here's a quick reference:

*Conference Registration:* Grand Ballroom Pre-Function area (located on Level M4 of the North Tower)

*Plenary Sessions:* Grand Ballroom (located on Level M4 of the North Tower)

*Breakouts:* Dogwood A&B (located on Level M1 of the North Tower); Cottonwood (located on Level M1 of the North Tower); Redwood (located on Level M1 of the North Tower); International Ballroom E&F (located on Level M2 of the North Tower)

*Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception:* Grand Ballroom (located on Level M4 of the North Tower)

The Omni Atlanta Hotel @ CNN Center is a smoke free hotel. Please smoke outside the hotel in areas that are clearly designated.

Water is provided in all meeting rooms and public space. The hotel sets clutter free water stations 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.

## At the Conference

### Registration/Information

Our registration staff will be on-site to answer any questions you may have throughout the conference.

The registration desk is located in the Pre-Function area of the Grand Ballroom on Level M4 of the North Tower.

Registration desk hours are:

Wednesday, October 11	9:00am – 8:00pm
Thursday, October 12	8:30am – 5:00pm
Friday, October 13	8:30am – 5:00pm
Saturday, October 14	9:00am – 5:00pm

### Exhibitors

Please visit our exhibitors located in section E of the Grand Ballroom, on level M4 of the North Tower. See page 60 for our full list of exhibitors.

Wednesday, October 11	Set up from 12:00pm – 4:00pm
Thursday, October 12	9:00am – 4:30pm
Friday, October 13	8:30am – 4:00pm
Saturday, October 14	9:30am – 3:00pm

### Mobile App

Want to organize your schedule, receive updates and reminders, or find a place to eat in the area? Then download the 2017 International Drug Policy Reform Conference app! You should have already received an email inviting you to register and enjoy the full functionality of the app, but if you didn't get to it just yet, here are the directions\*:

1. Go to the store (App Store on iOS devices or the Play Store on Android) and search for the CrowdCompass AttendeeHub app
2. Once the app is downloaded, search for the event 2017 International Drug Policy Reform Conference
3. On the side navigation bar, click on the hamburger icon.
4. The moment you click on the icon, it will ask you to enter your First and Last Name
5. As soon as you hit next, you will see a screen which informs you that an email has been sent to your registered email address with a 4 digit verification code
6. Look for the email from CrowdCompass in your inbox
7. Enter the 4 digit verification code in the app

\* If you're using a Blackberry or Windows phone, skip these steps. You'll need to use the web version of the app found here: <https://crowd.cc/reform17>.

### 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 breakout session evaluations and the general conference evaluation in your conference app. These evaluations are still anonymous, even in the app. Your valuable feedback will be helpful to the presenters and in our future planning.

### **Spanish & Portuguese Interpretation**

Thanks to support from the Open Society Foundations, we are pleased to offer interpretation services for some of the conference sessions. Spanish and Portuguese 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/Portuguese. Additionally, for the sessions that have some presentations in Spanish/Portuguese, 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**

When entering session rooms, please silence your cell phones and electronics.

## **Conference Policies and Services**

### **Emergencies**

In case of a medical emergency, you should first dial "911". After an ambulance has been dispatched, use a general phone or hotel guest room phone to inform Communications/Hotel Operators of the situation and that medical personnel have been called.

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404.616.1000

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CVS Pharmacy  
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404.681.1976  
Mon-Fri: 7:00am – 9:00pm  
Sat: 8:00am – 8:00pm  
Sun: 10:00am – 7:00pm

### **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.

Please also keep in mind that the Reform Conference draws attendees with all manner of different personal relationships to drug use, including those in various types of recovery. Attendees also have varied experiences with and relationships to the criminal justice system. Please be mindful of others' comfort and safety as you participate in the conference.

### **Harm Reduction and Recovery Services for Attendees**

Building on our 2015 on-site harm reduction initiative, this year the Reform Conference will provide even more information and services to support the health and safety of conference attendees – those who use drugs and those who do not. Please refer to the handout in your conference bag to find more information about methadone and buprenorphine dosing, syringe access and disposal, accurate and non-biased drug information, onsite peer counseling, local AA/NA meetings, a community meeting for those in recovery, and other services available at the Reform Conference.

### **Anti-Harassment**

We are committed to providing a conference experience where everyone is treated with respect, free from discrimination or harassment based on gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, disabilities, physical appearance, ethnicity, nationality, race, age, religion, or other protected category. Discrimination or harassment of conference participants, including exhibitors, will not be tolerated in any form. Conference participants violating this rule may be sanctioned or expelled from the conference without a refund at the discretion of the conference organizers. If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of conference staff immediately. Thank you and we value your attendance at the 2017 International Drug Policy Reform Conference.

### **Child Care**

Professional on-site child care will be offered free of charge in the 'Oak Room', located on the Lobby Level of the South Tower. Child care will be provided on the following days and times:

Thursday, October 12th	8:30am – 6:00pm
Friday, October 13th	8:30am – 6:00pm
Saturday, October 14th	9:00am – 5:00pm

Child care services provided by Your Happy Nest Nanny & Babysitting Agency.

## Special Events



### Atlanta Day Tour

On this day tour, you will experience the King Center, the Carter Center and a driving tour highlighting those who influenced Atlanta's civil and human rights. On our drive down Auburn Avenue, we will stop at the King Center where you will see Dr. King's Nobel Peace Prize, Dr. & Mrs. King's tomb, the eternal flame, and Ebenezer Baptist church where Dr. King performed his sermons. You will have the option to visit the Welcome Center and the Civil Rights Walk of Fame. We will drive by Dr. King's final home, as well as the Herndon Home. The Carter Center houses Jimmy Carter's presidential files, gifts given to him during his presidency and his Nobel Peace Prize.

October 12 or 13, 2017 - 1:00pm - 4:00pm  
Tours depart from North Tower/M2 Level International Blvd. (door adjacent to Morsel's)  
Tickets are \$39 and you can inquire about availability at registration.



### AFROPUNK

The Drug Policy Alliance has joined forces with AFROPUNK! DPA will be continuing its exciting partnership at AFROPUNK Atlanta, which is being held October 14-15. The flagship two-day AFROPUNK experience includes the AFROPUNK FEST showcasing some of the most exciting alternative artists and bands from the US and abroad and the Carnival of Consciousness, featuring the Solutions Sessions, a unique space within the weekend's programming that provide an opportunity to mobilize, to inspire, to engage, inform, to rally some of our brightest around the importance of civic participation and encourage attendees to envision themselves making a difference & supporting social innovations.

DPA will be the Presenting Sponsor for a Solution Session on Saturday, October 14, programming panels focused specifically on issues of drug policy reform and racial justice featuring speakers from our movement.

There will be opportunities for Reform Conference attendees to attend the DPA and AFROPUNK co-sponsored activities. We hope you enjoy!



### Atlanta Evening Tour

Buckle up and get ready to experience Atlanta. The guide will talk about the civil and human rights activists and events that have taken place in Atlanta. We will drive by the Carter Center, the Booker T Washington Monument, the final home of Dr. King, the Herndon Home, Morehouse College and Lena Horne's home. We will get out at the King Center to see the Civil Rights Walk of Fame, the Eternal Flame and Dr. and Mrs. King's tomb.

October 12 or 13, 2017 - 4:00pm - 7:00pm  
Tours depart from North Tower /M2 Level International Blvd. (door adjacent to Morsel's)  
Tickets are \$30 and you can inquire about availability at registration.



### Official Reform Conference Party!

Latin America and the United States join together once again to celebrate advances in drug policy reform with an unforgettable party! Following on the heels of the successful UNGASS party in New York, Acción Técnica Social (ATS) and DPA are hosting the official party for the 2017 International Reform Conference, including international and local DJs and all your favorite reformers tearing up the dance floor! Organizations that promote harm reduction in nightlife will be showcasing their work and providing information on risk and harm reduction. The party will take place at the Drunken Unicorn, 736 Ponce De Leon Ave NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30306, beneath Friends On Ponce. Doors open at 10pm on Saturday, October 14, with a cover charge of \$15. Check your conference bag for the full line-up and come by for a fun night of dancing!



### **Center for Civil and Human Rights**

DPA has negotiated a reduced rate for all Reform Conference attendees to visit the Center for Civil & Human Rights. The Center was first imagined by civil rights legends Evelyn Lowery and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young. It is one of the few places in the world educating visitors on the bridge between the American Civil Rights Movement and the contemporary struggle for Human Rights around the world.

The Center is located a short half mile (or 9 minute walk) from the Omni Hotel @ CNN Center. Please note the following important information:

- Transportation to the Center for Civil and Human Rights will not be provided.
- The reduced rate of \$14.00 + 8% tax is for a general admission ticket and grants you access to all the exhibits. If you care to bring along your spouse/significant other/friend/child, they will also be admitted at the reduced rate.
- You will need to identify yourself as an attendee of the “International Drug Policy Reform Conference” at the ticket counter in order to receive the special rate. The special rate is available from Monday, October 9th through Sunday, October 15th.



### **Candlelight Vigil**

There will be a candlelight vigil Thursday night, October 12, from 8:30pm-10:00pm at the Center for Civil and Human Rights to pay tribute to all those who have perished as a result of the drug war. The Center for Civil & Human Rights is located at 100 Ivan Allen Junior Boulevard. When entering the Center grounds, you must utilize the sidewalks along Ivan Allen Jr. Blvd. and Centennial Olympic Park and are not permitted to cross Pemberton Place at any point.



### **Morning Yoga/Dance Party**

Modeled after the “Daybreaker” events, come out and join us for a cleansing and nourishing early morning yoga session followed by a full-on dance party! A centering yoga class immediately followed by a high intensity dance party will get your first day at Reform off to a motivating and energizing start! A nutritional breakfast will be provided. All yoga mats will be donated to Centering Youth, a 501(c)(3) non-profit yoga service initiative bringing yoga and mindfulness to young people in the juvenile justice system, and to those who have been sexually exploited, abused or are homeless.

Tickets are \$15 and you can inquire about availability at registration.



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

The Community Art Space will feature “The Drug War,” a multi-media art installation curated by Anthony Papa, the Drug Policy Alliance’s Manager of Media & Artist Relations. Also on display will be the “Nation of Second Chances,” a powerful photography series of President Obama’s clemency recipients by Jonathan Perri.

Stop by the Community Art Space October 12-14 between 9:30am – 6:00pm in the Grand Ballroom Pre-Function area (located on Level M4 of the North Tower) to reflect upon your experiences at Reform and the war on drugs to create art, which can be taken home or displayed in the exhibition space. 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.



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9:00 – 8:00pm	<b>Registration</b>	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function (Level M4 of the North Tower)
6:00 – 8:00pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b>	Grand Ballroom E and Pre-Function (Level M4 of the North Tower)

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# Thursday

6:30 – 8:00am	<b>Morning Yoga/Dance Party</b>	Exhibit Hall (Motor Lobby Level of the South Tower)
8:30 – 9:30am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function (Level M4 of the North Tower)
9:30 – 11:00am	<b>Welcome and Opening Plenary</b>	Grand Ballroom (Level M4 of the North Tower)
11:30 – 1:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reallocating Revenue: Funding Reform with Reform? <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>• Moving Out of the Shadows: Harm Reduction for Stimulant Users <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>• A Double Edged Sword: CBD-Only Laws and Organizing for Medical Marijuana in the South</li> <li>• Food, Drugs, and Medicine: Where Do We Draw the Lines?</li> <li>• What Should High School Students Know About Drugs?</li> <li>• Organizing While Criminalized</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
1:00 – 2:30pm	<b>Lunch (On your own)</b>	
1:00 – 4:00pm	<b>Atlanta Day Tour</b> See page 4 for more info	Tour departs from North Tower/ M2 Level International Blvd. (door adjacent to Morsel's)
2:30 – 4:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How Does Criminalization Affect the Health of People and Communities? <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>• Social Clubs, Home Grow, Market Forces or Strict State Control: What is the Best Model for Regulating Marijuana? <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>• Changing Geographies of Criminal Justice: How Are Drug Use and Mass Criminalization Impacting Rural America?</li> <li>• Who Do We Silence When We Forget About the Intersections of Sexuality, Gender, and Incarceration?</li> <li>• Drug Policy and Immigration: Connecting the Dots</li> <li>• Self-Care as a Radical Act</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
4:00 – 4:30pm	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
4:00 – 7:00pm	<b>Atlanta Evening Tour</b> See page 4 for more info	Tour departs from North Tower/ M2 Level International Blvd. (door adjacent to Morsel's)
4:30 – 6:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Constitutional Right to Consume Drugs? Defeating the Drug War through Strategic Litigation <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>• Colonialism, Race and Psychedelics: How Do We Repair the Harms of Psychedelic Prohibition? <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>• How Has the Drug War Reshaped Space, Place, and Relationships?</li> <li>• Drug War Déjà Vu: How Can Harm Reductionists Push Back Against Drug-Induced Homicide Laws, Harsh Fentanyl Penalties, and the Further Demonization of Drug Users?</li> <li>• Defending the Most Harmed</li> <li>• Messaging and Social Media for Drug Policy Reform</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
7:15 – 9:15pm	<b>Film Screening</b> Written Off	Dogwood A
8:30 – 10:00pm	<b>Candlelight Vigil</b>	Museum of Civil and Human Rights

8:30 – 9:30am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function (Level M4 of the North Tower)
9:30 – 11:00am	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sex Work, the Drug War, and the Need for Decriminalization <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>But What About Pookie? An Honest Look into What Legalization Means for Local Drug Sellers <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>How to Create Change for Young Adults: College Campuses &amp; Beyond</li> <li>The Drug War in the South</li> <li>Mass Criminalization is the Problem: Broadening the Mass Incarceration Approach</li> <li>Vivitrol: Wonder Drug or “Shot” in the Dark?</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
11:30 – 1:00pm	<b>Feature Plenary</b> Who Run the World: Women’s Leadership & Drug Policy Reform	Grand Ballroom
1:00 – 2:30pm	<b>Lunch (On your own)</b>	
1:00 – 4:00pm	<b>Atlanta Day Tour</b> See page 4 for more info	Tour departs from North Tower/ M2 Level International Blvd. (door adjacent to Morsel’s)
2:30 – 4:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disrupting Narratives: Myths of the Drug Policy Reform Movement <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>Fundraising Best Practices from the Field <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>“Pills &amp; Potions”: How is Harm Reduction Different for Young Black People Who Party?</li> <li>Nine Months In: What’s Happening With Criminal Justice Reform Under Trump?</li> <li>Working to Overcome Stigma and Ensure Access to Healthcare for All Drug Users in Uncertain Times</li> <li>Beyond the Smoke, Behind Closed Doors: What Does Legalization Look Like in Private vs. Public Spaces?</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
4:00 – 7:00pm	<b>Atlanta Evening Tour</b> See page 4 for more info	Tour departs from North Tower/ M2 Level International Blvd. (door adjacent to Morsel’s)
4:30 – 6:00pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Checking Out Drug Checking: Can It Solve the Overdose Crisis? <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>The Global War on Drugs: A Tool of Oppression Against Black Lives around the World <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>Psychedelic Research: Remaining Obstacles and New Visions</li> <li>Who Profits From the Drug War?</li> <li>Why Criminal Justice and Drug Policy Reform are Latinx Issues</li> <li>Lobbying 101</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
7:30 – 9:00pm	<b>Town Hall: Case for Reparations: 50 Years After the Drug War and Mass Incarceration, What Does America Owe Us?</b>	Grand Ballroom
7:15 – 9:15pm	<b>Film Screenings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Last Stop</li> <li>Lifers Madness The Movie</li> <li>Cocaine Prison</li> </ul>	Dogwood Room A International Ballroom E International Ballroom F

# Saturday

9:00 – 10:00am	<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>	Grand Ballroom Pre-Function (Level M4 of the North Tower)
10:00 – 11:30am	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reform for People Who Sell Drugs?: Challenging a Taboo of Drug Policy Reform <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>• Marijuana Legalization and the Movements for Racial and Social Justice <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>• Psychedelics 101: What Do Psychedelics Have To Do With Drug Policy Reform?</li> <li>• One Size Doesn't Fit All: Culturally Competent Harm Reduction</li> <li>• The Fight in Asia: Drug Policy Reform in an Unforgiving Region</li> <li>• Drugs, Sex Work and Housing Insecurity: Reaching Hard-to-Reach Young People</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
11:30 – 12:00pm	<b>Morning Break</b>	
12:00 – 1:30pm	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marijuana Reform in Trump's America <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>• Coca &amp; Cocaine: Models for Legal Cultivation, Production and Sale <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>• What About the Children? Bridging the Gaps Between Drug Policy Reform and Child Welfare Advocacy</li> <li>• An Oxymoron No More: Red State Harm Reduction</li> <li>• Indigenous Voices and Experiences in the Drug War</li> <li>• Organizing In A Moment of Political Crisis</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
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>• Supervised Injection Facilities: Coming Soon to a City Near You <a href="#">Spanish translation available.</a></li> <li>• Learning from Each Other: A South-South Dialogue on Drug Policy <a href="#">Spanish and Portuguese translation available.</a></li> <li>• Ibogaine, Kratom, Marijuana and Psychedelics: What Role Can Drugs Play in Treating Addiction?</li> <li>• Prison Without Walls: The Drug War and the Expansion of the Surveillance State</li> <li>• The Untouchables: How the Drug War Justifies Police Misconduct</li> <li>• Intersectional Connections</li> </ul>	International Ballroom E International Ballroom F Cottonwood Dogwood A Dogwood B Redwood
4:30 – 5:00pm	<b>Afternoon Break</b>	
5:00 – 6:00pm	<b>Closing Plenary</b>	Grand Ballroom (Level M4 of the North Tower)
8:00 – 10:00pm	<b>Achievement Awards Ceremony &amp; Reception</b> Tickets are \$35 and there will be a limited number available for purchase at registration.	Grand Ballroom (Level M4 of the North Tower)



The ACLU Campaign for Smart Justice is an unprecedented, multiyear effort to reduce the U.S. jail and prison population by 50% and to combat racial disparities in the criminal justice system. We are working in all 50 states for reforms to usher in a new era of justice in America.

[www.aclu.org/smartjustice](http://www.aclu.org/smartjustice)





Welcome Reception

6:00pm – 8:00pm | Grand Ballroom E and Pre-Function (Level M4 of the North Tower)

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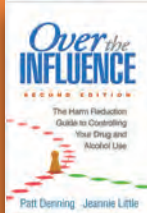
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## Morning Yoga/Dance Party

6:30am – 8:00am | Exhibit Hall  
(Motor Lobby Level of the South Tower)



## Breakfast & Registration

8:30am – 9:30am  
Grand Ballroom Pre-Function  
(Level M4 of the North Tower)



## Welcome & Opening Plenary

9:30am – 11:00am | Grand Ballroom  
(Level M4 of the North Tower)  
[Spanish interpretation available.](#)

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## Break

11:00am – 11:30am



## Breakout Sessions

11:30am – 1:00pm

### Reallocating Revenue: Funding Reform with Reform?

International Ballroom E

For decades, the federal, state and local governments have thrown billions of dollars into police forces and jails. But this massive spending on policing and incarceration has done little to reduce drug addiction or to increase public safety. Some states shifted funding from law enforcement into community-based alternatives, such as education, local restorative justice services, and employment programs. How did they make this happen? What can other states learn from what has been done?  
[Spanish translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Lynne Lyman, Director of Strategy and Expansion, A New Way of Life, Los Angeles, CA

- Juston Cooper, Deputy Executive Director, Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition, Denver, CO
- Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Criminal Justice and Drug Policy Director, ACLU of California, San Diego, CA
- Andy Ko, Executive Director, Partnership for Safety and Justice, Portland, OR
- Michael Mitchell, Senior Policy Analyst, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, Washington, DC

### Moving Out of the Shadows: Harm Reduction for Stimulant Users

International Ballroom F

While most harm reduction services focus on reducing the risks of opioid use, they remain conspicuously limited with respect to stimulants. What does a harm reduction framework for stimulant use look like? What are the potential harms of stimulants and how can those harms be mitigated? Which novel interventions are practitioners and service providers utilizing? Which interventions might benefit from scientific evaluation and assessment? What can we learn from the practices and strategies of people who use stimulants? And what policy reforms are needed to support stimulant harm reduction?

[Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

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

- Mike Discepola, Director, Substance Health Services, San Francisco Aids Foundation, San Francisco, CA
- Liz Evans, Executive Director, New York Harm Reduction Educators, New York, NY
- Issac Jackson, Chapter President, Urban Survivor's Union, San Francisco, CA
- Shilo Hassan Jama, Executive Director, The People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Seattle, WA
- Magalie Lerman, Reframe Health and Justice, Washington, D.C.
- Daniel Raymond, Policy Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Mindy Vincent, Executive Director, Utah Harm Reduction Coalition, Salt Lake City, UT

## A Double Edged Sword: CBD-Only Laws and Organizing for Medical Marijuana in the South

Cottonwood

Organizing led by parents of children suffering from medical conditions like epilepsy, autism and mitochondrial diseases has prompted the passage of “CBD-only” laws in states that previously had no medical marijuana access. These laws will help some people who are suffering, but many who could benefit from access to medical marijuana are left out. Are CBD-only laws helping or hurting the larger effort to establish robust state medical marijuana programs? Do they help destigmatize attitudes about marijuana, or reinforce stereotypes? What opportunities are there for other southern states now that Florida and Arkansas have passed medical marijuana laws?

*Moderator:*

Jolene Forman, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- David Brown, President, Sensible Marijuana Policy for Louisiana, Baton Rouge, LA
- Kevin Caldwell, Executive Director, CommonSense NOLA, New Orleans, LA
- Sebastien Cotte, National Business Director, Flowering Hope Foundation, Atlanta, GA
- Rebecca Forbes, Co-Founder and CEO, NC Women for Cannabis; Director, American Cannabis Coalition, Harnett, Durham, NC
- Thalia Michelle, Co-Founder, Director of Advocacy and Policy, Mothers Advocating Medical Marijuana for Autism, Austin, TX
- Karen O’Keefe, Director of State Policies, Marijuana Policy Project, Los Angeles, CA
- Steph Sherer, Executive Director, Americans for Safe Access, Washington, DC

## Food, Drugs, and Medicine: Where Do We Draw the Lines?

Dogwood A

The distinctions between food, drugs, and medicine are historical and social constructions imbued with political and economic interests. What are the differences between foods, drugs and medicines and where do they come from? What political interests do these distinctions currently serve? How do the economic interests of certain industries shape these discourses? How do race and gender shape these delineations? How does the commodification of these substances impact our understandings and experiences of them?

*Moderator:*

Jules Netherland, Director, Office of Academic Engagement, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Victoria Albina, Integrative Medicine Nurse Practitioner & Life Coach, Victoria Albina Health and Wellness, New York, NY
- Cristin Kearns, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA
- Craig Reinerman, Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA
- Deborah Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA
- Ingrid Walker, Associate Professor, University of Washington Tacoma, Tacoma, WA

## What Should High School Students Know About Drugs?

Dogwood B

Talking to high school-aged youth about drugs prepares them to make safer choices – whether they choose to use drugs or not. But sharing the honest truth about drugs with teens isn’t always easy. What do teens need to know before they step into adulthood? How do advocates work with school systems to bring in quality drug education programs? How can we evaluate the success of these programs in an abstinence-only world? Join drug education researchers, developers and practitioners as they discuss the methods they are using to engage with teens on issues related to drug use.

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*Moderator:*

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

- Matt Aragon, Volcano Vista High School student, Albuquerque, NM
- Jessica Colvin, MSW, MPH, PPSC, Wellness Director, Tamalpais Union High School District, Larkspur, CA
- Nicholas Kent, President, Students for Sensible Drug Policy University of Melbourne and Graduate Teacher, Kew High School, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- Harvey Milkman, PhD, Professor of Psychology, Metropolitan University of Denver, Denver, CO
- Dan Riest, Assistant Director, Knowledge Exchange, Centre for Addictions Research of BC, University of Victoria, Vancouver, Canada
- Amani Rushing, Curriculum Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

## Organizing While Criminalized

Redwood

What are the particular barriers imposed upon people who are criminalized in our society that can keep them from being front and center in the work and what do allies need to do to support and ensure them? How do travel bans and other parole restrictions impact criminalized organizers? And how does our own internal stigma impact them when we see people for their stories but not their strategies?

*Moderator:*

asha bandele, Senior Director, Grants, Partnerships, and Special Projects, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Gretchen Burns-Bergman, Co-Founder & Executive Director of A New PATH, San Diego, CA
- Susan Burton, Founder, A New Way of Life/All of Us or None, Los Angeles, CA
- Michelle Crentsil, Program Associate, Open Philanthropy Project, New York, NY
- Kenny Glasgow, Executive Director, The Ordinary People Society, Dothan, AL
- Dorsey Nunn, Executive Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children/ Co-founder All of Us or None, San Francisco, CA



## Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm – 2:30pm



## Atlanta Day Tour

1:00pm – 4:00pm

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## Breakout Sessions

2:30pm – 4:00pm

### How Does Criminalization Affect the Health of People and Communities?

International Ballroom E

The war on drugs has decimated communities through intrusive and violent policing practices. Such disruptions on daily life impact public health and, through mass criminalization, have long-term consequences for communities. How is the criminalization of certain communities counterproductive when it comes to public health? What are the particular impacts of the criminal justice system and law enforcement on health? How are policing, surveilling and supervising communities and community members deterrents to good public health? What are the intended and unintended impacts of policies aimed to improve health, like drug monitoring programs? [Spanish translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Alexis Posey, Director of Policy, Center for Health Equity, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY

- Leo Beletsky, JD, MPH, Associate Professor of Law and Health Sciences, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, Adjunct Professor, Division of Global Public Health, UC San Diego School of Medicine, San Diego, CA
- Tracie Gardner, Associate Director, Legal Action Center, New York, NY
- Akwasi Owsu-Bempah, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto, Mississauga, Toronto, CA
- Tracy Pugh, PhD Candidate, Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY
- Tina Reynolds, Co-Founder, Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH), New York, NY

## **Social Clubs, Home Grow, Market Forces or Strict State Control: What is the Best Model for Regulating Marijuana?**

International Ballroom F

As more and more jurisdictions move to legally regulate marijuana, policymakers and advocates are grappling with key questions about how to best implement a legal marijuana market. What are the models in other countries and what can we learn from them? What are the best ways to ensure good public health outcomes? How involved should state governments and other regulators be? What is the real threat of “Big Marijuana”? What are the pros and cons of alternatives like social clubs and home grow? [Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Graham Boyd, Director, New Approach PAC, Santa Cruz, CA

- Steve Fox, Director, VS Strategies, Denver, CO
- Nazlee Maghsoudi, Knowledge Translation Manager, International Centre for Science in Drug Policy, Canada
- Maria Emilia Perez Espinosa, Member, Proderechos, Uruguay
- Dan Riffle, Senior Legislative Assistant, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC
- Steve Rolles, Senior Policy Analyst, Transform Drug Policy Foundation, United Kingdom
- Constanza Sánchez Avilés, Law, Policy and Human Rights Director, International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service, Spain

## **Changing Geographies of Criminal Justice: How Are Drug Use and Mass Criminalization Impacting Rural America?**

Cottonwood

Some rural counties continue to send huge numbers of people to prison per capita, often for lengthier terms than they would serve if they had been arrested in nearby urban areas. How has the nationwide, bipartisan trend toward reducing incarceration and criminalization impacted rural areas? What kinds of reform and advocacy efforts are necessary to make change happen in rural areas? What kinds of conversations about these issues are happening on the ground? What are the differences

between rural criminal justice experiences in different regions of the country? And what is the impact of the prison-industrial complex in rural areas?

*Moderator:*

Emily Kaltenbach, Senior Director, Criminal Justice Reform Strategy, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

- LaTosha Brown, Project Director, Grantmakers for Southern Progress, Atlanta, GA
- Hannah Cooper, Associate Professor, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Ryan Kiesel, Executive Director, ACLU of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, OK
- Tatewin Means, Graduate Studies Department Chair, Oglala Lakota College, Kyle, SD
- Leah Pope, Senior Research Associate, Substance Use and Mental Health, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY
- Nick Szuberla, Executive Director & Co-Founder, Working Narratives & Nation Inside, Wilmington, NC

## **Who Do We Silence When We Forget About the Intersections of Sexuality, Gender, and Incarceration?**

Dogwood A

The criminal justice system is based on the notion of reform – reforming behaviors, reforming drug use, and reforming sexuality and gender. But what happens when all these meet? How are LGBTQIA+ people's identities recognized and erased in the carceral state? How has drug use played a role in this community's survival? What is the impact of policing on LGBTQIA+ people? What work have LGBTQIA+ organizations been doing to end the war on drugs and the prison-industrial complex?

*Moderator:*

Queen Adesuyi, Policy Associate, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Cecilia Chung, Senior Director of Strategic Projects, Transgender Law Center, Oakland, CA
- Mik Kinkhead, Staff Attorney & Prisoner Justice Project Director, Sylvia Rivera Law Project, New York, NY
- Alejandro Lanz Sánchez, Executive Director, Parces, Bogotá, Colombia
- Alexis Martin, Development Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

## Drug Policy and Immigration: Connecting the Dots

Dogwood B

Immigration policy has taken center stage unlike any other political period in recent history. This roundtable discussion brings together a panel of experts to provide an overview of the intersections of drug policy and immigration across the American Sunbelt, where long established and emerging immigrant communities continue to grow. We will examine the current political climate under Trump's escalation of the war on drugs, look at federal and state legislation, and examine what some municipalities are doing to stem the drug war's increasing harms to immigrants.

*Moderator:*

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

- Arnaldo Alonso, State Director, Texas Victory Project, Brownsville, TX
- Danny Cendejas, Organizing Director, Detention Watch Network, Washington, DC
- Angie Junck, Supervising Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resources Center, San Francisco, CA
- Francesca Menes, Policy and Advocacy Director, Florida Immigrant Coalition, Miami, FL

## Self-Care as a Radical Act

Redwood

As racial and social justice advocates, we strive to draw strength from intersectional movements past and present and affirm one another in the face of hate and oppression. How do we manage stress, build community, and stay healthy while fighting the good fight? How can we acknowledge and reduce the harm that doing this work can cause, especially to those directly impacted? And how can we do it intentionally in a way that heals ourselves and our communities? This workshop aims to provide advocates with concrete self-care skills to sustain activism over the long haul.

*Trainer:*

Victoria Albina, Integrative Medicine Nurse Practitioner & Life Coach, Victoria Albina Health and Wellness, New York, NY



## Atlanta Evening Tour

4:00pm – 7:00pm

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## Breakout Sessions

4:30pm – 6:00pm

### A Constitutional Right to Consume Drugs? Defeating the Drug War Through Strategic Litigation

International Ballroom E

How can we build a successful drug policy litigation strategy that would secure expanded freedoms for people who use drugs? What would such a strategy look like? What can we learn from court victories in countries like Mexico, Canada and Spain? How can we use courts to fight for the right to possess and consume drugs, to inject in safe spaces, to abolish the death penalty for drug offenses? What can we learn from creative litigators in the U.S. that fought for desegregation, voting rights, juvenile justice, and marriage equality? What do we need to do now to foment constitutional litigation that yields systemic change down the line? [Spanish translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Alejandro Madrazo, Professor-Researcher, Drug Policy Program, Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas, Mexico

- Scott Bernstein, Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian Drug Policy Coalition, Canada
- Mikhail Golichenko, Senior Policy Analyst, Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network, Canada
- Amber Marks, Director, Criminal Justice Centre, Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom
- Henrique de Souza, Justice Program Officer, Conectas, Brazil
- Tripti Tandon, Deputy Director, Lawyers Collective, India

### Colonialism, Race and Psychedelics: How Do We Repair the Harms of Psychedelic Prohibition?

International Ballroom F

Psychedelic prohibition is a legacy of racism, colonialism and the repression of indigenous cultures. This legacy continues today, with thousands of people – disproportionately young, non-white, and socioeconomically marginalized – getting handcuffed,

arrested, branded for life as criminals, and serving time behind bars every year simply for using or possessing a psychedelic substance. How might we go about reducing the role of criminalization in psychedelic drug policy?

How can we do so while avoiding the trap of “psychedelic exceptionalism”? Why is the “psychedelic community” so white? And how might we address the potential risks and benefits of “psychedelic tourism” in places such as Mexico, Peru, and Gabon? [Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Nicholas Powers, PhD, Poet, Journalist and Professor of Literature at SUNY Old Westbury, New York, NY

- Ismail Ali, J.D., Policy & Advocacy Counsel, MAPS, Oakland, CA
- Camille Barton, Diversity & Inclusion Consultant, Director of The Collective Liberation Project, and Social Justice Researcher, Bristol, UK
- Ifetayo Harvey, Communications Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY
- Paula Graciela Kahn, Cultural Worker, Social Justice Leader, and Iraq War Tribunal Producer at CODEPINK, Los Angeles, CA
- Bia Labate, PhD, Professor, Center for Research and Post Graduate Studies in Social Anthropology, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Constanza Sánchez Avilés, Law, Policy and Human Rights Director, International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service, Spain
- Tehseen Noorani, PhD, Research Scientist and Adjunct Professor in Science & Technology Studies, NYU, New York, NY

### **How Has the Drug War Reshaped Space, Place, and Relationships?**

Cottonwood

From prison towns to million dollar blocks -- where more than \$1 million is spent each year to incarcerate people from one city block -- drug policy is shaping what our communities and relationships look like. How has the drug war reshaped geography in the U.S.? What impact do these changes have on individuals and families? How do spatial shifts affect communities most impacted by the war on drugs? What are some current projects and solutions underway to address these shifts in geography?

*Moderator:*

Tommy McDonald, Director of Multimedia, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

- LaTosha Brown, Project Director, Grantmakers for Southern Progress, Atlanta, GA
- Dominic Corva, Founder co-Executive and Social Science Research Director, Political Geography Specialist, Seattle, WA
- Natasha Frost, Associate Dean for Graduate Studies; Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University, Boston, MA
- Jesse Proudfoot, Junior Research Fellow, Department of Geography, Durham University, Canada
- Nick Szuberla, Executive Director and co-founder, Working Narratives, Wilmington, NC

### **Drug War Déjà Vu: How Can Harm Reductionists Push Back Against Drug-Induced Homicide Laws, Harsh Fentanyl Penalties, and the Further Demonization of Drug Users?**

Dogwood A

With the media hysteria over fentanyl, and some politicians clamoring for tough penalties on people who sell them, how should harm reductionists respond? In what ways do drug sellers practice harm reduction for themselves and for clients? What are appropriate harm reduction interventions for fentanyl? How do we message around this drug and efforts to enhance penalties, in light of its potency? What are effective public health responses to overdose deaths that can be traced to products laced with fentanyl? How do we respond to the recent rash of drug-induced homicide prosecutions and bills?

*Moderator:*

Keegan Hamilton, Reporter, Vice News, New York, NY

- Dan Ciccarone, Professor of Family and Community Medicine at UCSF, San Francisco, CA
- Traci Green, Deputy Director of Boston Medical Center's Injury Prevention Center and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine and Epidemiology at Brown University, Rhode Island
- William Miller Jr., Peer Advocate, Baltimore POWER, Baltimore, MD
- Daniel Raymond, Policy Director, Harm Reduction Coalition, New York, NY
- Robert Suarez, Advocate and Health Educator, VOCAL-NY, Brooklyn, NY

## Defending the Most Harmed

Dogwood B

How do we shape our policy and messaging to ensure they benefit those who have been made most vulnerable by the drug war? How has the nation taken an ever more hostile turn toward people who engage with illegal drugs or because of their birthplace or identity? Can rising tides lift all boats? Have they? And if they have or have not, what lessons are there to be culled in the storms we are now experiencing?

*Moderator:*

Melissa Franqui, Manager, Communications and Marketing, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Mary Hooks, Co-Director, Southerners on New Ground, Atlanta, GA
- Antonio Gonzalez, President, William C Velasquez Institute, San Antonio, TX
- Shilo Hassan Jama, Executive Director, The People's Harm Reduction Alliance, Seattle, WA
- Deborah Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA
- Rafael Torruella, Executive Director, Intercambios Puerto Rico, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Michelle Wright, Policy Manager, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.

## Messaging and Social Media for Drug Policy Reform

Redwood

Great storytelling is an essential component of any successful advocacy campaign. In our drug policy work, it's especially important to understand which audiences we need to persuade, and to frame reforms in a way that advances our values and best resonates with key audiences. Who needs to know about your issue and why? What messages will move your audience from mere listeners to action takers? How do you mobilize audiences on social media? This workshop will use case studies of legislative advocacy and online campaigns to illustrate the importance of compelling messaging and storytelling.

*Moderator:*

Melissa Moore, Deputy State Director, New York, Drug Policy Alliance, New York

- Jamila Brown, Digital Strategist, The Opportunity Agenda, New York, NY
- Christian Perez, Manager of Advocacy and Digital Strategy, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, New York, NY
- Roseanne Scotti, State Director, New Jersey, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ



## Film Screenings

7:15pm – 9:15pm

Written Off: Dogwood Room A



## Breakfast & Registration

8:30am – 9:30am  
Grand Ballroom Pre-Function  
(Level M4 of the North Tower)



## Breakout Sessions

9:30am – 11:00am

### Sex Work, the Drug War, and the Need for Decriminalization

International Ballroom E

The war on sex workers and the war on drugs share some underlying logics and points of intersection. But often missing from the conversation has been deep discussion about the advantages of decriminalization versus legal regulation. How are the war on sex workers and the war on drugs linked? What rhetoric and ideologies do they share? What can drug policy reformers learn from conversations in the sex worker community about legalization and decriminalization? How is the law enforcement and criminal justice apparatus deployed in both arenas? [Spanish translation available.](#)

#### Moderator:

Sheila Vakharia, Policy Manager, Office of Academic Engagement, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Cyndee Clay, Executive Director, HIPS, Washington, DC
- alix Iutnick, PhD, Senior Research Scientist, RTI International, San Francisco, CA
- Sarah Mann, Editor, Open Minds Quarterly, Northern Initiative for Social Action, Sudbury, Ontario, Canada
- Andrea Ritchie, Attorney and Organizer, New York, NY
- Caitly Simon, Co-editor, Tits and Sass, Holyoke, MA

### But What About Pookie?: An Honest Look Into What Legalization Means for Local Drug Sellers

International Ballroom F

In 2014, D.C.'s successful marijuana legalization campaign adopted the slogan, "Legalization ends discrimination." Has it? What are the direct and indirect impacts of legalization on impacted communities most harmed by the drug war? Where has the legal market left people who support themselves and their families by selling drugs? How do Black and Brown dealers and their communities get a piece of the billion dollar pie that legalization has cooked up? How could legalization help address systemic structural inequalities in communities deeply impacted by the racist drug war and mass incarceration? [Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

#### Moderator:

Chris Alexander, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Vicki Hanson, Member, Ganja Growers & Producers Association, Jamaica
- Nico Montano, Research Associate, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY
- Steven Pacheco, Fellow, Ron Moelis Social Innovation Fellowship, Bronx, NY
- Cat Packer, Executive Director, Department of Cannabis Regulation, Los Angeles, CA
- Dorsey Nunn, Executive Director, Legal Services for Prisoners with Children/ Co-founder All of Us or None, San Francisco, CA

### How to Create Change for Young Adults: College Campuses & Beyond

Cottonwood

Young people all around the world are taking active roles in creating and sharing honest drug education, promoting harm reduction services and advocating for policy change – whether it's on their college campus or in other areas. What cutting edge campaigns are taking place, and who's leading them? How did they organize their communities and overcome the same challenges of resistance and misunderstanding that other drug policy reform advocates face? And how can adults best support and partner with these rising young stars?

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*Moderator:*

Vilmarie Fraguada Narloch, PsyD, Drug Education Manager, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Chicago, IL

- Zane Bader, Board Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Athens, GA
- Kevin Garcia, Board Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Miami, FL
- Kristin Karas, Director of Programs, DanceSafe, Denver, CO
- Nicholas Kent, President, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, University of Melbourne and Graduate Teacher, Kew High School, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
- Imani Oakley, Chapter Member, Howard Law School Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Washington, DC
- Sarah Saucedo, Chapter Advisor, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ

## The Drug War in the South

Dogwood A

The drug war has been particularly harsh in the Deep South, where drug reform advocates have long been fighting against some of the most draconian policies. What have been some of the collateral consequences that communities have faced? How do those align with what we are seeing nationally? Where and what are the possibilities for reform?

*Moderators:*

Michelle Wright, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, DC

- Rev. Kenny Glasgow, Executive Director, The Ordinary People Society, Dothan, AL
- Deon Haywood, Executive Director, Women With a Vision, New Orleans, LA
- Mary Hooks, Co-Director, Southerners on New Ground, Atlanta, GA
- Nsombi Lambright, Director of Resource Development & Communications, One Voice, Jackson, MS
- Julia Negron, Founder, Suncoast Harm Reduction, Sarasota, FL
- Sharon Ravert, Executive Director, Peachtree NORML, Atlanta, GA

## Mass Criminalization is the Problem: Broadening the Mass Incarceration Approach

Dogwood B

The so-called criminal justice system and its many tentacles extend well beyond jails and prisons. How do we unwind from this carceral state where too many behaviors are criminalized and considered jail-able offenses? Are heavily punitive administrative sanctions in lieu of criminal penalties really an improvement? How exactly has mass incarceration been supported by broader mass criminalization? Why is it that simply reducing the number of people behind bars doesn't do enough to repair the communities that have borne the brunt of mass criminalization? How are the drug war and its intrusive tactics an extension of mass criminalization, and vice versa?

*Moderator:*

asha bandele, Senior Director, Grants, Partnerships and Special Projects, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Tracie Gardner, Associate Director, Legal Action Center, New York, NY
- Angie Junck, Supervising Attorney, Immigrant Legal Resources Center, San Francisco, CA
- Lisa Sangoi, Soros Justice Advocacy Fellow, NYU Law Family Defense Clinic, New York, NY
- Deborah Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA
- Art Way, Senior Director, Criminal Justice Reform Strategy, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, CO

## Vivitrol: Wonder Drug or "Shot" in the Dark?

Redwood

Will opioid antagonist treatments like naltrexone become widespread as a potential solution to the opioid epidemic? How are such treatments currently used, and what's the best practice when deciding between agonist and antagonist treatments? Is naltrexone's popularity solely a result of its non-agonist formulation (meaning it cannot get you "high")? What does the research say about the effectiveness of naltrexone in coercive settings, as compared to voluntary, non-coercive settings? Can a treatment principally used in coercive settings become more widely adopted (court mandated and criminal justice in U.S., only available pharmacotherapy in Russia)? Why are proponents and opponents of this treatment often at odds? Is there a middle ground?



*Moderated by:*

Chinazo Cunningham, MD, MS, Associate Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine; Director, General Internal Medicine Fellowship Program; Director, Diversity Affairs, Dept. of Medicine; Professor of Medicine, Albert Einstein College of Medicine/Montefiore Medical Center; New York, NY

- Patt Denning, PhD, author of Practicing Harm Reduction Psychotherapy; Director of Clinical Services and Training, The Center for Harm Reduction; San Francisco, CA
- Josiah “Jody” Rich MD, MPH., Professor of Medicine, Professor of Epidemiology, the Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University and Attending Physician, the Miriam Hospital; Director and Co-founder of The Center for Prisoner Health and Human Rights at The Miriam Hospital, Co-Founder of the Centers for AIDS-Research collaboration in HIV in corrections (CFAR-CHIC) initiative; Providence, RI
- Maia Szalavitz, journalist and author of Unbroken Brain; New York, NY



## Break

11:00am – 11:30am



## Feature Plenary

11:30am – 1:00pm | Grand Ballroom

**Who Run the World: Women’s Leadership & Drug Policy Reform** [Spanish interpretation available.](#)



## Lunch (on your own)

1:00pm – 2:30pm



## Atlanta Day Tour

1:00pm – 4:00pm

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## Breakout Sessions

2:30pm – 4:00pm

### Disrupting Narratives: Myths of the Drug Policy Reform Movement

International Ballroom E

The stories we tell about drugs matter. But what if those stories we hold most dear are lies? How then, do the dualisms we maintain (e.g., user/dealer, officer/arrestee, violent/non-violent, researcher/subject, expert/novice) impede our ability to think innovatively? This interactive session will explore the power and seduction of narratives – their organizing structures and casts of characters; and their ability to turn arbitrary facts into self-evident truth. Working together, we’ll explore how telling a different story brings us closer to ending the war on drugs – and the role of mixed methods, ethnographic and historical research in getting us there. [Spanish translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Laura McTighe, Postdoctoral Fellow, Dartmouth Society of Fellows, Co-founder and Associate Director of Front Porch Research Strategy, Hanover, NH

- Shaquita Borden, Director of Research and Evaluation, Women with a Vision, New Orleans, LA Helena Hansen, Assistant Professor, New York University, New York, NY
- Lynn Paltrow, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Dr. Samuel Roberts, Director, Columbia University Institute for Research in African-American Studies (IRAAS), Associate Professor of History, Columbia Univ. Sch. of Arts & Sciences, Associate Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia Univ. Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY
- Shaun Shelly, Researcher/Policy, Advocacy and Human Rights Manager, University of Pretoria/ TB/HIV Care Association, Cape Town, South Africa

## Fundraising Best Practices from the Field

International Ballroom F

We all need to fundraise to advance the missions of our organizations. But it is getting more challenging to do so as our field grows and the philanthropic environment evolves. What are foundations looking for these days? What do individual donors want? What works best to motivate online giving? Get answers to these questions and much more – and bring your questions for an extended Q-and-A session. [Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Ellen Flenniken, Managing Director, Development, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Laura Cole, Associate Director of Account Services, Sanky Communications, New York, NY
- Michelle Crentsil, Program Associate, Open Philanthropy Project, New York, NY
- Jason Flom, President, Lava Records, DPA Board Member, New York, NY
- Nsombi Lambright, Director of Resource Development & Communications, One Voice, Jackson, MS
- Maggie Lear, President, The Frances Lear Foundation, New York, NY

## “Pills & Potions”: How is Harm Reduction Different for Young Black People Who Party?

Cottonwood

To be young, Black and using alcohol and other drugs recreationally is a triple threat of potential risk. From prescription pills to “lean” to classics like alcohol and marijuana, what are the drug use patterns of young black people in various party scenes? What are the best ways to do outreach and education work with this community and keep them safe? How do traditional drug education and harm reduction efforts fall short? How are safe spaces for enjoyment and fun created and protected, given the ongoing police targeting that these young people experience in their everyday lives?

*Moderator:*

Morgan Humphrey, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA

- Joey Nunez Estrada Jr., Assistant Professor, School Counseling Program, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA
- Paidamoyo Azehko, Creative Director of Erostribe, San Francisco, CA
- Kellye Greene, Director, Northeast Region and NY DanceSafe chapter, New York, NY
- Joel Gullet, Texas Nightlife Personality, Dallas-Fort Worth, TX
- Manushka Magloire, Director of Community Affairs & Culture, Afropunk Festival, New York, NY
- Jake Plowden, Co-Founder, Cannabis Cultural Association, New York, NY

## Nine Months In: What’s Happening With Criminal Justice Reform Under Trump?

Dogwood A

How has criminal justice reform fared under Trump? What has happened to the much-lauded bipartisan coalition? What progress has been made at the local, state and federal levels? What are the most hopeful opportunities for successful reform initiatives? What will the next three years (and beyond) look like?

*Moderator:*

Michael Collins, Deputy Director of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.

- Sakira Cook, Senior Counsel, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, Washington D.C.
- Craig DeRoche, Senior Vice President of Advocacy & Public Policy, Prison Fellowship Ministries, Lansdowne, VA
- Jason Hernandez, Youth Outreach, Grace To Change, McKinney, TX
- Jesselyn McCurdy, Senior Legislative Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union, Washington D.C.
- Jason Pye, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, FreedomWorks, Atlanta, GA

## Working to Overcome Stigma and Ensure Access to Healthcare for All Drug Users in Uncertain Times

Dogwood B

For people who use drugs, or are recovering from problematic drug use, stigma can be a barrier to a wide range of opportunities and rights, including access to health and harm reduction services. How can we help dismantle

the barriers of stigma around drug use to ensure access to quality healthcare and harm reduction services? Is disparate Hep C treatment illustrative of the barriers that people who use drugs face in attempting to get care? Given the uncertainty about the Affordable Care Act, what is the best way to address stigma and disparities in access and care for people who use drugs?

*Moderator:*

Kellen Russoniello, Staff Attorney, Health & Drug Policy, ACLU San Diego, San Diego, CA

- Alyssa Aguilera, Executive Director, VOCAL NYC, New York, NY
- Tina Broder MSW, MPH, Program Director, National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable, Washington, D.C.
- Katie Burk, Viral Hepatitis Coordinator, Community Health Equity & Promotion Branch, Population Health Division, San Francisco Department of Public Health, San Francisco, CA
- Denise Cullen, Executive Director, Broken No More, Burbank, CA
- Rachel McLean, MPH, Chief, Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention, California Department of Public Health, Richmond, CA
- Christine Rodriguez, Program Advisor, California Department of Public Health, Richmond, CA
- Chad Sabora, Founder, MO Harm Reduction Network, St. Louis, MO
- Dr. Mojgan Zare, Executive Director, Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Atlanta, GA

### **Beyond the Smoke, Behind Closed Doors: What Does Legalization Look Like in Private vs. Public Spaces?**

Redwood

With marijuana legalization making strides across the globe, how to regulate public consumption is a hot topic. How have jurisdictions that allow for possession and private use of marijuana dealt with public smoking and vaping? What lessons can be learned from previous discussions regarding tobacco and alcohol? How have the restaurant and bar industries responded so far? What are the most pressing public health implications of public consumption? What do responsible, effective and harm reduction-minded modes of regulation look like? What are the best examples of pending proposals and ongoing advocacy campaigns? What could be some unintended consequences of this advocacy?

*Moderator:*

Chris Alexander, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Patricia Amiguet, President of the Federation of Cannabis Associations, Catalonia, Spain
- Bruce Barcott, Deputy Editor, Leafly.com, Seattle, WA
- Kaitlyn Boecker, Policy Manager, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington D.C.
- Kayvan S.T. Khalatbari, Founder, Denver Relief Consulting, Denver, CO
- Ashley Kilroy, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy, Mayor's Office, Denver, CO



### **Break**

4:00pm – 4:30pm



### **Atlanta Evening Tour**

4:00pm – 7:00pm

See page 4 for more info.



### **Breakout Sessions**

4:30pm – 6:00pm

### **Checking Out Drug Checking: Can It Solve the Overdose Crisis?**

International Ballroom E

“Drug checking,” or testing a substance in order to provide information about its contents and purity, is a crucial and potentially life-saving harm reduction intervention. And yet it isn't widely called for in the U.S. – even in light of the increasing number of overdoses related to fentanyl and other novel psychoactive substances. How exactly does drug checking work? Who's already doing it successfully around the world and what can we learn from them? How can the nightlife and opiate harm reduction communities band together to make expensive-but-vital drug checking technology accessible? [Spanish translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Stefanie Jones, Director of Audience Development, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

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- Tino Fuentes, Former Director, Naloxone Program and Former Co-Director, Syringe Access Program, St. Ann's Corner of Harm Reduction, Bronx, NY
- Mitchell Gomez, Executive Director, DanceSafe, Denver, CO
- Mark Lysyshyn, MD MPH FRCPC, Medical Health Officer, Vancouver Coastal Health, Vancouver, BC, Canada
- Fiona Measham, Professor of Criminology, Durham University and Founder, The Loop, Durham, UK
- Chloe Sage, Education Prevention Coordinator, ANKORS, Nelson, BC, Canada
- Eliza Wheeler, Overdose Response Strategist, Harm Reduction Coalition, Oakland, CA

## The Global War on Drugs: A Tool of Oppression against Black Lives Around the World

International Ballroom F

Across the world, the war on drugs was created and has been consistently used as a tool of oppression against racial and ethnic minorities. How are the origins of the war on drugs inextricably linked to racism and racial prejudice? How do patterns of racial disparities in drug war arrests, murders and treatment responses transcend national borders? What does the drug war look like for people of color in Brazil, France, Jamaica, the United Kingdom and the U.S.? How are advocates around the world working to fight this systemic oppression? [Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Jasmine L. Tyler, Advocacy Director, US Programs, Human Rights Watch, Washington, D.C.

- Vicki Hanson, Member, Ganja Growers & Producers Association, Jamaica
- Fabrice Olivet, Director, Auto Support des Usagers de Drogues (ASUD), France
- Eduardo Ribeiro, Director, Black Initiative for New Drug Policies, Brazil
- Deborah Small, Executive Director, Break the Chains, Berkeley, CA
- Simon Woolley, Director, Operation Black Vote, England, United Kingdom

## Psychedelic Research: Remaining Obstacles and New Visions

Cottonwood

We are now in the midst of what is often called 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. Yet the drug war and its ideology continue to drastically limit the scope of scientific research. Where are we at in the effort to make psychedelics legally available for medical and therapeutic purposes? What does this mean for efforts to reduce the role of criminalization outside of medical or other clinical contexts? What are the limitations of psychedelic medicalization in the context of the drug war and its ideology? How can we shift decision-making authority away from law enforcement, while empowering health and science experts?

*Moderator:*

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

- Nese Devenot, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Puget Sound, and Research Fellow at the NYU Psilocybin Cancer Anxiety Study
- Rick Doblin, PhD, Founder & Executive Director, MAPS, Boston, MA
- Katherine Maclean, PhD, Director, Psychedelic Education and Continuing Care Program, New York, NY
- Tehseen Noorani, PhD, Assistant Professor, Clinical and Community Psychology, University of East London, UK

## Who Profits from the Drug War?

Dogwood A

The war on drugs has historically targeted poor communities and communities of color. As forms of mass criminalization and social control continue to evolve, one thing remains true –those who profit from the drug war continue to prosper off the destruction of peoples' lives throughout the world. What criminal justice policies and practices perpetuate such profiteering? How can advocates advance reforms that eliminate financial profit in the criminal justice system? What do these new policies look like and how do they protect individuals' civil liberties and human rights?

*Moderator:*

Lynne Lyman, Director of Strategy and Expansion,  
A New Way of Life, Los Angeles, CA

- Alex Friedmann, Human Rights Defense Center, Seattle, WA
- Mary Hooks, Co-Director, Southerners on New Ground, Atlanta, GA
- Bob Libel, Executive Director, Grassroots Leadership, Austin, TX
- Roseanne Scotti, State Director, New Jersey, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ
- Sara Totonchi, Executive Director, Southern Center for Human Rights, Atlanta, GA
- Pamela Winn, Fellow, JustLeadership, Atlanta, GA

### Why Criminal Justice and Drug Policy Reform Are Latinx Issues

Dogwood B

The war on drugs has always been a war on immigrants and people of color. How can we best unpack the impacts of criminal justice and drug policies on the Latinx community? How do we frame criminal justice and drug policy reform through a Latinx lens? How has the drug war been used to criminalize Latinxs? How can Latinxs best organize to reform the criminal justice system?

*Moderator:*

Lex Stepling, National Organizer, Equal Justice USA,  
Brooklyn, NY

- Juan Cartagena, President and General Counsel, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, New York, NY
- Eunisses Hernandez, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
- Jason Hernandez, Youth Outreach, Grace To Change, McKinney, TX
- Maritza Perez, Soros Justice Fellow, MALDEF, Washington, D.C.
- Jorge Renaud, Organizer for Texas advocates for justice, Texas Criminal Justice Coalition, Austin, TX

### Lobbying 101

Redwood

How does an idea become a law? This workshop will walk you through the legislative process and provide insights on how a bill becomes a law. We will hear directly from people who craft and grapple with state and federal legislation on how to be effective advocates for policy reform.

*Moderator:*

Jolene Forman, Staff Attorney, Drug Policy Alliance,  
Oakland, CA

- Michael Collins, Deputy Director, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- Eunisses Hernandez, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
- Artie Malkin, Co-founder and Principal, Malkin & Ross, Albany, NY



### Live National Town Hall

7:00pm

Grand Ballroom

#### Case for Reparations: 50 Years After the Drug War and Mass Incarceration, What Does America Owe Us?



### Film Screenings

7:15pm – 9:15pm

The Last Stop: Dogwood Room A

Lifers Madness The Movie: International Ballroom E

Cocaine Prison: International Ballroom F



## Breakfast & Registration

9:00am – 10:00am  
Grand Ballroom Pre-Function  
(Level M4 of the North Tower)



## Breakout Sessions

10:00am – 11:30am

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

International Ballroom E

How can we advocate for those who sell drugs? Is this another area where DAs hold too much power? How does marijuana legalization and the reality of structural inequity provide a platform for advocacy? How have women been impacted by draconian drug selling laws? How does the punitive talk around drug policy emanating from the White House impact state reform efforts? What can be done on a local level? What would the ideal diversion program for those who sell drugs look like? Are there international models we can build from? [Spanish translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

asha bande, Senior Director, Grants, Partnerships and Special Projects, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Daryl Atkinson, Formerly Incarcerated, Convicted Peoples and Family Movement, Leadership Council, Raleigh, NC
- Deniel Denvir, Fellow at the Fair Punishment Project, Providence, RI
- Constanza Sánchez Avilés, Law, Policy and Human Rights Director, International Center for Ethnobotanical Education, Research & Service, Spain
- Lyn Ulbricht, CEO, Ross Ulbricht Defense Fund, Florence, CO
- Kemba Smith, Author, Poster Child: The Kemba Smith Story, Norfolk, VA

### Marijuana Legalization and the Movements for Racial and Social Justice

International Ballroom F

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 and Portuguese translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Kristen Maye, PhD Candidate, Brown University, Providence, RI

- Juan Cartagena, President and General Counsel, LatinoJustice PRLDEF, New York, NY
- Scott Hechinger, Senior Staff Attorney, Brooklyn Defender Services, Brooklyn, NY
- Lynne Lyman, Director of Strategy and Expansion, A New Way of Life, Los Angeles, CA
- Marie Mark, Supervising Attorney, Padilla Support Center, Immigrant Defense Project, New York, NY

### Psychedelics 101: What Do Psychedelics Have To Do With Drug Policy Reform?

Cottonwood

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

*Moderator:*

Stefanie Jones, Director of Audience Development, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY



- Natalie Ginsberg, Policy & Advocacy Director, MAPS, Oakland, CA
- Mitchell Gomez, Executive Director, DanceSafe, Denver, CO
- Julie Holland, M.D., Psychopharmacologist, Psychiatrist, and Author of *Moody Bitches* and *Weekends* at Bellevue, New York, NY
- Andrea Langlois, Communications & Development Officer, ICEERS, Victoria, Canada
- Andrew Tatarsky, PhD, Founder & Director, Center for Optimal Living, New York, NY

### **One Size Doesn't Fit All: Culturally Competent Harm Reduction**

Dogwood A

As the opioid crisis grows across the country, many are looking toward alternatives to punitive drug policies, namely, harm reduction services. While this is a positive step in the right direction, we must acknowledge that a “one-size fits all” approach to harm reduction leaves many in harm’s way. Can we truly fulfill the harm reduction promise to “meet people where they are at” if we do not approach our work with a culture-specific lens? What is culturally competent harm reduction? How can we integrate it into the current harm reduction framework? What are the benefits and challenges to a culture-specific framework for harm reduction? What role can allies and the traditional harm reduction movement play in broadening the scope of what we define as harm reduction?

*Moderator:*

Dr. Samuel Roberts, Director, Columbia University Institute for Research in African-American Studies (IRAAS), Associate Professor of History, Columbia Univ. Sch. of Arts & Sciences, Associate Professor of Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia Univ. Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY

- Zina Age, CEO, Aniz, Inc., Atlanta, GA
- Lyn Ayala, Prevention Specialist, Washington Heights Corner Project, New York, NY
- Dr. Carrie Ann Lawrence, Assistant Researcher, Indiana School of Public Health-Bloomington, Project Director, Project Cultivate, Bloomington, IN
- Sasanka Jinadasa, Capacity Building and Community Resource Manager, HIPS, Washington, DC

### **The Fight in Asia: Drug Policy Reform in an Unforgiving Region**

Dogwood B

The rights of people who use and sell drugs are severely under attack in many parts of Asia – with capital punishment for drug offenses in Indonesia, extrajudicial killings in the Philippines, widespread torture in treatment centers in China, and virulent vigilante groups in Myanmar. Why are many of these policies so widely supported by the public? What historical and cultural features are informing current political approaches? How do advocates in the region work toward drug policy reform in such hostile circumstances? What strategies do they use to affect change? Where do they find hope for the future?

*Moderator:*

Matt Wilson, Deputy Director, Global Drug Policy Program, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY

- Edo Agustian, National Coordinator, Persaudaraan Korban Napza Indonesia (PKNI), Indonesia
- Inez Feria, Director, No Box Transitions, Philippines
- Ricky Gunawan, Director, LBH Masyarakat, Indonesia
- Goro Koto, Director, Japan Advocacy Network for Drug Policy, Japan
- Tripti Tandon, Deputy Director, Lawyers Collective, India

### **Drugs, Sex Work and Housing Insecurity: Reaching Hard-to-Reach Young People**

Redwood

Young people who use drugs, involved in sex work, and/or lack housing are often the hardest to reach. What are the demographics of this growing population? What innovative restorative justice or harm reduction strategies have been employed? What’s worked and what hasn’t? What can the drug policy reform movement learn from the experiences of these young people?

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*Moderator:*

Samantha Master, African American Leadership and Engagement Specialist, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, Washington, D.C.

- Queen Adesuyi, Policy Associate, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- Shaena Johnson, Executive Director, EmpowerBR, Baton Rouge, LA
- Alejandro Lanz Sánchez, Executive Director, Parces, Bogotá, Colombia
- Gina Womack, Executive Director, Family and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children, New Orleans, LA



## Break

11:30am – 12:00pm



## Breakout Sessions

12:00pm – 1:30pm

### Marijuana Reform in Trump's America

International Ballroom E

For the past several years the federal government has largely restricted its enforcement of federal marijuana laws in states with medical marijuana or marijuana legalization laws. Under the Trump administration, the status quo may change. Since taking office, Trump and Attorney General Jeff Sessions have made several statements signaling that state marijuana programs may be subject to federal intervention. How will the Trump administration impact marijuana law reform efforts? How do reformers best protect victories? How can states prevent or mitigate damage from federal interference? What legal, legislative, and media strategies can we implement to limit federal marijuana enforcement? [Spanish translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Jasmine L. Tyler, Advocacy Director, US Programs, Human Rights Watch, New York, NY

- John Hudak, Deputy Director of the Center for Effective Public Management and a Senior Fellow in Governance Studies, Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.
- Wanda James, CEO, Simply Pure Dispensary, Denver, CO
- Rob Kampia, Executive Director, Marijuana Policy Project, Washington, D.C.
- Tamar Todd, Senior Director, Office of Legal Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Oakland, CA

### Coca & Cocaine: Models for Legal Cultivation, Production and Sale

International Ballroom F

Home to the three major coca-producing countries, drug policy reform in Latin America necessitates a conversation about the coca leaf and cocaine. How can a legal market for coca products be created that benefits local producers? What can we learn from models of production for cacao, coffee and marijuana? Can we envision a Fair Trade market for coca products that is socially, economically and environmentally responsible? How might regulating coca and cocaine help reduce drug war violence in Latin America? Is the public ready for a serious conversation about regulating cocaine? What are possible models for cocaine regulation that would ensure the best possible public health outcomes? [Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

*Moderator:*

Zara Snapp, Drug Policy Consultant, Drug Policy Alliance, ATS, EQUIS, Mexico

- Pedro Jose Arenas Garcia, Director, Observatorio de Cultivos y Cultivadores Declarados Ilícitos, Colombia
- Patricia Chulver Benitez, Director, Fundación Acción Semilla, Bolivia
- Diego Garcia-Devis, Senior Program Officer, Open Society Foundations, New York, NY
- Julián Andrés Quintero López, Executive Director, Corporación Acción Técnica Social, Colombia
- David Restrepo, Strategy and Innovation Consultant, Colombia and the UK
- Dora Troyano, Ecologist, Fundación Tierra de Paz- SENA Centro Agropecuario, Colombia

## What About the Children? Bridging the Gaps Between Drug Policy Reform and Child Welfare Advocacy

Cottonwood

This session will explore the unique challenges faced by pregnant and parenting people who use drugs, while considering the impact of drug policy within child welfare systems. What is the role of drug policy reform in child welfare policy? What are the priorities for a drug policy reform-minded child welfare advocacy agenda? How can drug policy reformers productively engage with and/or effectively resist the agendas of mainstream child welfare stakeholders? How do intersectional alliances between drug policy reformers and others promote our collective movement and ensure that reform efforts equitably address the needs of all parents who use drugs?

*Moderator:*

Meagan Glaser, Deputy State Director, New Jersey, Drug Policy Alliance, Trenton, NJ

- Indra Lusero, Founder and Executive Director, Elephant Circle, Denver, CO
- Joyce McMillan, Director of Programming and Parent Advocate, Child Welfare Organizing Project, New York, NY
- Dinah Ortiz, Parent Advocate Supervisor with the Family Defense Practice, The Bronx Defenders, Bronx, NY
- Lynn Paltrow, JD, Executive Director, National Advocates for Pregnant Women, New York, NY
- Joelle Puccio, Perinatal nurse and harm reductionist, National Perinatal Association's Workgroup on Perinatal Substance Use, Seattle, WA
- Lisa Sangoi, JD, Soros Justice Advocacy Fellow, Family Defense Clinic at NYU School of Law, Brooklyn, NY

## An Oxymoron No More: Red-State Harm Reduction

Dogwood A

What does harm reduction in red states look like? What strategies have yielded the best results in red states thus far and who have we still failed to reach? How does the approach/messaging need to change at the rural, urban and metropolitan levels, and what are some of the key lessons that have been learned? How do we engage voters in the red states hit hardest by the opioid epidemic in supporting harm reduction interventions?

Finally, as we move forward to ensuring that a critical mass of folks get access to health services and non-coercive treatment, what will success entail?

*Moderator:*

Robert Childs, Executive Director, NC Harm Reduction Coalition, Wilmington, NC

- Hannah Cooper, ScD, Associate Professor, Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Verna Gaines Mathis, Program Director, ATL Harm Reduction Coalition, Atlanta, GA
- Rhonda Irving, CEO/Founder, Capitol Area Reentry Program, Inc., Baton Rouge, LA
- Moki Macias, Executive Director, Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative, Atlanta, GA
- April Young, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Epidemiology, University of Kentucky College of Public Health, Lexington, KY
- Jon Zibbell, PhD, Senior Public Health Analyst, Behavioral & Urban Health Program, RTI International, Atlanta, GA

## Indigenous Voices and Experiences in the Drug War

Dogwood B

In a special intimate conversation with two experts from the indigenous community, we will explore the impact of the drug war on indigenous health, culture, and community. What has been the impact of the war on drugs on indigenous land? What are the most pressing issues and concerns of indigenous people impacted by the drug war and colonization? How have our drug classification system, and an influx of outsiders, affected sacred ceremonies? How can drug policy reformers create a movement that includes indigenous leadership and takes seriously the concerns and health needs of native peoples? What are some solid next steps that drug policy reformers can take to help raise awareness and address the ways indigenous peoples are impacted by the war on drugs?

*Moderator:*

asha bande, Senior Director of Grants, Partnerships and Special Projects, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Dawn D. Davis, Indigenous Scholar, BigTree Environmental LLC, Fort Hall, ID
- Crystal Lee, PhD, MPH, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine-Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services, Los Angeles, CA

**Organizing In A Moment of Political Crisis: Making Drug Policy Central to Social Justice Organizing**

Redwood

How do we organize our communities to advance long lasting policy reforms? How does a community mobilize to change laws and hold elected officials accountable? How can one person make a real difference? This session seeks to provide a brief overview of organizing strategies and tactics used to advance drug policy reforms. We will go over the inner workings of an advocacy campaign and explain how to mobilize your community.

Moderator:

Lex Steppling, National Organizer, Equal Justice USA, Brooklyn, NY

- Alyssa Aguilera, Executive Director, VOCAL NY, Brooklyn, NY
- Deon Haywood, Executive Director, Women With A Vision, New Orleans, LA
- Eunisses Hernandez, Policy Coordinator, Drug Policy Alliance, Los Angeles, CA
- Melody Lee, Co-Founder and Director of Strategy and Campaigns, Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice, New York, NY



**Lunch (on your own)**

1:30pm – 3:00pm



**Breakout Sessions**

3:00pm – 4:30pm

**Supervised Injection Facilities: Coming Soon to a City Near You**

International Ballroom E

Policies addressing opioid use such as safe injection sites have recently gained traction in some U.S. cities garnering national attention. How do you engage stakeholders, cultivate the media, and win over the public on such “cutting edge” harm reduction efforts? What challenges did advocates on the ground encounter on their road to success? What lessons can we learn from working with elected officials in these localities? This workshop will help prepare advocates to lay the groundwork for such reform back in their home states and municipalities. [Spanish translation available.](#)

Moderator:

Kaitlyn Boecker, Policy Manager, Office of National Affairs, Drug Policy Alliance, Washington, D.C.

- Terrell Jones, Outreach & Advocacy Manger, NY Harm Reduction Educators, New York, NY
- William Miller Jr., Peer Advocate, Baltimore POWER, Baltimore, MD
- Patricia Sully, Staff Attorney, Public Defenders Association, Seattle, WA
- Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director, California, Drug Policy Alliance, San Francisco, CA
- Gwen Wilkinson, Ithaca Drug Policy Coordinator, Ithaca, NY

**Learning from Each Other: A South-South Dialogue on Drug Policy**

International Ballroom F

Much of prohibitionist global drug policy has been handed down or enforced by the United States and the Global North. What are the particular challenges that come with being producer and transit countries for the vast majority of drug consumption that takes place in North America and Europe? What does harm reduction look like for different types of drugs in different countries? What does harm reduction look like for producer and transit countries? What can countries in Latin America and Africa learn from each other? [Spanish and Portuguese translation available.](#)

Moderator:

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

- Lugard Abila, Program Officer, Reachout Centre Trust, Kenya
- Maria-Goretti Ane, IDPC Consultant for Africa, International Drug Policy Consortium, Ghana
- Ernesto Cortés, Director, Asociación Costarricense de Estudios e Intervención en Drogas, Costa Rica
- Amaya Ordorika Imaz, Member, ReverdeSer Colectivo; Researcher, Mexican Commission for the Defense and Promotion of Human Rights, Mexico
- Isabel Pereira Arana, Drug Policy Lead Researcher, Center for the Studies of Justice, Law and Society (Dejusticia), Colombia
- Ted Wandera, Program Officer, Key and Affected Populations, KELIN, Kenya

### **Ibogaine, Kratom, Marijuana and Psychedelics: What Role Can Drugs Play in Treating Addiction?**

Cottonwood

As opioid overdose deaths in the U.S. tragically continue to climb, researchers and people who use opioids have been investigating the benefits of using other drugs to help reduce the use of opioids. What do we know about exit drugs like kratom and marijuana to reduce opioid use? What role can ibogaine and psychedelics play in mitigating the opioid crisis? What research is still needed? What lessons from the legalization of marijuana and the recent fight to keep kratom legal can be applied to advancing the therapeutic use of these and other drugs to address opioid use disorder?

*Moderator:*

Jessica Gelay, Policy Manager, Drug Policy Alliance, Santa Fe, NM

- Anita Briscoe, Advance Practice Registered Nurse, Taos, NM
- Kevin Franciotti, Graduate Psychology Student, The New School for Social Research, New York, NY
- Philippe Lucas, PhD(c), VP Patient Research and Access, Tilray, Centre for Addictions Research of BC, Nanaimo, Canada
- Gabriel Pendas, Director of Programs, Minority Cannabis Business Association, Portland, OR
- Clare Wilkins, Director, Pangea Biomedics, San Diego, CA

### **Prison Without Walls: The Drug War and the Surveillance State**

Dogwood A

How have invasive surveillance practices become normalized outside of prisons and jails? To what extent are surveillance technologies initially used in prisons or jails emerging in people's daily lives? What are the financial, social and psychological costs of these technologies? What role has the drug war played in justifying increased surveillance in communities, especially poor communities and communities of color? For those under formal criminal justice control, to what extent do surveillance technologies help keep people in their communities and with their families, and how should these benefits be weighed against the normalization of such invasive conditions?

*Moderator:*

Art Way, Senior Director, Criminal Justice Reform Strategy, Drug Policy Alliance, Denver, CO

- Margaret Dooley-Sammuli, Criminal Justice and Drug Policy Director, ACLU of California, San Diego, CA
- Rufus Hunley, Business Operations Manager & Paris Patrick, Investigator, Fulton County Government, Atlanta, GA
- Reuben Jonathan Miller, Assistant Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- Steven Renderos, Organizing Director, The Center for Media Justice, Oakland, CA
- Christopher Scott, Senior Policy Advisor, Open Society Foundations, Washington, DC

## The Untouchables: How the Drug War Justifies Police Misconduct

Dogwood B

Charged with enforcing drug criminalization, police are often the conduit into the criminal justice system for people who use or sell drugs. How does drug prohibition serve as a political cover for unlawful police searches, raids, brutality and even murder? How is the demonization of people who use or sell drugs used to legitimize police misconduct? Is the drug war simply the current iteration of state-sanctioned violence against people of color? Do diversion programs like LEAD help alleviate some of these issues? How can police play a more helpful and productive role in drug policy?

*Moderator:*

Maria McFarland Sánchez-Moreno, Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- André Contrucci, Coordinator, Centro de Convivência É de Lei, Brazil
- Neill Franklin, Executive Director, Law Enforcement Action Partnership, Baltimore, MD
- Harry Levine, Professor of Sociology, City University of New York; Co-Director, Marijuana Arrest Research Project, New York, NY
- Kris Nyrop, LEAD National Support Director, Public Defender Association, Seattle, Washington
- Andrea Ritchie, Attorney and Organizer, New York, NY
- Marcela Tovar Thomas, Director, Centro de Pensamiento y acción para la Transición, Colombia

## Intersectional Connections

Redwood

Intersectionality is crucial when assessing how to move drug policy forward. What is intersectionality and how do we incorporate that into our work as drug policy reformers? How can we use intersectionality to reframe our work? What is our role? How do we begin to analyze and break down these systems to end the war on drugs, from many vantage points? How do we frame our advocacy to ensure that we are intersecting with varying communities?

*Moderator:*

Ifetayo Harvey, Communications Associate, Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY

- Dr. Iva Carruthers, General Secretary of Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Chicago, IL
- Shakyra Diaz, Regional Director of Alliance for Safety and Justice, Cleveland, OH
- Angie Milan-Cruz, Hep C Navigator VOCAL-NY, New York, NY
- Mike Nguy, School of Public Health, Columbia University, New York, NY



### Break

4:30pm – 5:00pm



### Closing Plenary

5:00pm – 6:00pm | Grand Ballroom  
(Level M4 of the North Tower)

[Spanish translation available.](#)



### Achievement Awards Ceremony & Reception

8:00pm – 10:00pm | Grand Ballroom  
(Level M4 of the North Tower)

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



### Official Reform Conference Party

10:00pm | Drunken Unicorn

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.



## Wednesday, October 11

### **2017 MCBA Policy Summit**

Redwood | 10:00am-6:00pm

The Minority Cannabis Business Association Policy Summit plays a leading role in the process of drafting MCBA's model legislation. Last year, we helped to set the industry standard by releasing a state-level model bill that encourages participation of POC in the cannabis industry. This year, we will be focusing on municipal regulations and ordinances and crafting great municipal level policy. This policy summit seeks to craft the most comprehensive municipal regulations in the industry. Pre-registration is required.

### **Formation of the Addiction Theory Network in the USA**

Hickory | 12:00pm-1:30pm

The Addiction Theory Network is an international group of addiction scientists and practitioners who are organized to advance scientific understanding of the complexities of addiction, and to raise concerns about the overly simplistic brain disease model of addiction now being promoted by government funders and others.

### **Reform, Recovery, and Abstinence: A Community Discussion**

Dogwood B | 12:00pm-2:00pm

This is a safe space for drug policy reformers who identify as in recovery as well as those who prefer not to use drugs recreationally and their allies to connect with one another and discuss topics of interest determined by attendees. Topics may include, what do folks need to feel safe and welcomed? How do we build trust and community across different lifestyles? In what ways is this community well-supported in the movement and where is there room for improvement?

## Thursday, October 12

### **Latinoamérica: Oportunidades y desafíos en los debates en las políticas de drogas a nivel regional en el actual contexto Mundial**

Dogwood B | 7:30am-9:30am

Invitamos a tod@s los delegados latinoamericanos a continuar fortaleciendo el diálogo entre los actores y las organizaciones de la sociedad civil de América Latina, promoviendo la articulación de iniciativas que sigan impulsando reformas de las políticas de drogas a nivel local, regional e internacional, así como coordinar y sinergizar esfuerzos para abordar los difíciles procesos que se están afrontando en la región.

### **A Town Hall-Style Community Listening Session with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Addressing the Opioid Epidemic**

Redwood | 1:00pm-2:30pm

The opioid epidemic that is gripping parts of the United States is fueling increases in new viral hepatitis infections, HIV infections, and overdose. Despite rises in opioid use and injection drug use, many people do not have access to viral hepatitis and HIV screening, hepatitis B vaccines, prevention information, syringe services programs, medication assisted treatment, and other services that can prevent infectious disease and overdose. State and local health departments can now reallocate federal funds to support certain components of syringe exchange, but more action is needed to address the growing problems related to the epidemic. This Town Hall-style meeting would facilitate a listening session for the CDC and conference attendees, many of whom may have insight and creative solutions into the epidemic that CDC representatives may not.

Moderated by Laura Thomas, Deputy State Director of DPA's California Office, this session will provide a venue for representatives from CDC's Division of Viral Hepatitis, Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention, and the Division of Unintentional Injury Prevention to hear from the community about how best to reach populations impacted by opioid use, health priorities in rural and suburban America, how to communicate availability of federal dollars for syringe service programs and other opportunities, and how to improve our surveillance and understanding of drug use in order to best address the risks related to opioid use.



## Community Sessions (continued)

### **Cultural Influence on Drug Use (African Perspective)**

International Ballroom F | 1:00pm-2:30pm

A preview of the influences of cultural practices on drug use and choice of intervention and consent to rehabilitation.

### **DMV (DC-Maryland-Virginia) Community Meet Up**

Chestnut | 1:00pm-2:30pm

### **How Hard are Hard Drugs: African Stories**

International Ballroom E | 1:00pm-2:00pm

In the African community, hard drugs are considered HARD. Literally. Hard on the users, the community bears down in a very hard way on people they believe use these drugs. There is no excusable reason for using. No one wants to know why, no one remotely cares why, matter of fact it is a taboo. Family members cut off from such ones, the community all but ostracizes them and their friends are warned to desist from mixing with these “bad eggs”.

### **Nightlife Harm Reduction Network Meeting**

Hazelnut | 1:00pm-2:30pm

If you work on drug checking or harm reduction in festival, club or concert environments or want to learn more about it, please come to this networking meeting!

### **Women in Reentry: Healing and Organizing Session**

Hickory | 1:00pm-2:30pm

Please feel free to bring your own lunch to the session. (Lunch will not be provided.)

### **Safety First Educators' Training**

Beechnut | 2:00pm-4:00pm

The Drug Policy Alliance will be piloting Safety First, a harm reduction-based teen drug education curriculum, during the 2017-2018 school year. Local educators have been invited to take the curriculum for a test drive during this invite-only community session.

### **Broken No More/GRASP Channeling Grief to Advocacy**

Hickory | 4:30pm-5:30pm

The members of Broken No More will discuss how we can further the goals of this organization. It is also an invitation to those who are not members to join us in our efforts to eliminate the prohibitionist policies of this country, eradicate stigma, implement Harm Reduction programs, promote science-based treatment for addiction including the use of the medications methadone, buprenorphine, and heroin for opioid disorder, and fight for social justice. We will also discuss how to go forward when the current administration wants to return us to the darkest days of the Drug War.

### **Sharing Experiences of Drug User Organizing in Baltimore and DC**

Beechnut | 6:00pm-8:00pm

This community session will provide people engaged in drug user organizing the opportunity to meet, from the Chosen Few and BMore Power (others are welcome!) Building power among communities of people who use drugs to demand progressive drug policies requires sustained community engagement, issue identification, and compelling campaigns. This session will provide leaders in drug user organizing groups with the opportunity to share experiences, best practices, and strategies.

### **Canadian Drug Policy Coalition Working Session on Drug Policy Reform in Canada**

Chestnut | 6:00pm-8:00pm

This meeting is for all Canadian participants at the Reform conference and their international allies. The focus of the meeting is to seek input into the development of strategies that will lead to increased support for governments to develop and implement new regulatory models for currently illegal drugs.

### **Black, Queer and Advocating For Our Lives**

Cottonwood A | 7:00pm-8:15pm

Allies to the Black community are getting something that we've known all along; we do this work because our community is dying. It's necessary. But even as Black queer bodies are being erased, our voices aren't being amplified. Let's find some time to celebrate our successes, share our stories, network and see what tactics we can use locally to advocate for our issues.



Friday, October 13

**Moms United to Defend and Protect**

Hickory | 8:00am-9:00am

Join Moms United to End the War on Drugs in leading the charge to end the global war on drugs, and in defending human rights and dignity while protecting the futures of our children.

**Building a Broad Black Community  
Anti-Criminalization Movement**

International Ballroom E | 12:30pm-2:00pm

This session will focus on IBW's work on building local, regional and statewide collaborative efforts – such as Proposition 64, Initiative 71, the Police Accountability Task Force, Black Justice Collaboratives and Black Family Summits of Afrocentric physical, mental and social care professionals – to advance the healing of our communities.

**Critical Drug Pedagogy: Teaching About Drugs and Drug Policy**

Dogwood A | 1:00pm-2:00pm

This community session will bring together a diversity of people from a range of institutional settings who consider themselves educators on drugs or drug policy in order to discuss our varying pedagogical strategies—whether our audiences include students, patients, professionals, policymakers, or the lay public. In traversing this contentious and complicated terrain, it is important for those of us who strive to teach these topics in a responsible manner that we have a reliable set of tools and innovative methods, and the support of others in this emerging field. Ideally this Community Session on Drug Policy Pedagogy will evolve into a permanent fixture of the Reform Conference as public awareness continues to grow and innovative reforms sweep the country and the globe.

**Psychedelic Law and Policy Working Group**

Hickory | 1:00pm-2:30pm

This meeting will provide an opportunity for policy-minded folks to discuss questions and strategy around psychedelic law and policy, as well as develop a network dedicated to visioning legal frameworks for psychedelic use.

**From Mass Incarceration to Mass Criminalization:  
Building a Broad Coalition for Drug Decriminalization  
Across the U.S.**

Redwood | 1:00pm-2:00pm

This session follows up on a convening on mass criminalization organized by DPA in July, where 17 organizations from all across the political spectrum came together to discuss how to build support for drug decriminalization throughout the U.S. How does shifting the narrative from mass incarceration to mass criminalization benefit drug policy reform efforts? How does this better reflect the full human impacts of the criminal legal system? What intersectional interests must be addressed as we build support for ending the criminalization of people who use drugs?

**Equity & Inclusion Micro-grants Information Session**

Hickory | 4:00pm-5:00pm

The Criminal Justice Initiative of the Solidago Foundation is currently accepting application for Equity & Inclusion Micro-grants intended to strengthen community-driven health services and resource interventions made prior to or instead of arrest. The goal is to improve the capacity of community based organizations to deliver resources and harm-reduction services shown to improve health and well-being. Small, one-time micro-grants between \$5,000 and \$25,000 are available through a competitive application process. Applications are due on October, 20, 2017, at 11:59 PM EDT. More information available at [www.DiversionHub.org](http://www.DiversionHub.org). Please join staff of the Criminal Justice Initiative and the Open Society Foundations for an information session on the Equity & Inclusion MicroGrants and the application process. Staff will walk participants through the application process and answer any questions.

**SSDP Model UN**

Cottonwood A | 6:00pm-8:00pm

SSDP's Model UN will serve as a way for students to become familiar with the ins and outs of global drug policy reform. Aside from amplifying the youth voice, Model UN will provide student participants with an opportunity to deepen their understanding of the broad spectrum of drug policies around the world, analyze policies comparatively and objectively, and examine the various cultural factors that influence domestic policies.

## Community Sessions (continued)

### **Tobacco Harm Reduction for Drug Users**

Pecan | 6:00pm-8:00pm

Part one of this community session is designed for attendees to discuss the exceptionally high rates of smoking among drug users and the need for tobacco harm reduction. The second part will be a discussion about the controversies around electronic cigarettes/vaping and the special challenges involved in helping drug users transition from smoking to vaping.

### **Supervised Injection Services Advocacy Network (SISAN)**

Dogwood B | 6:30pm-8:30pm

Open meeting for members of the network and anyone else engaged in, or interested in, supervised consumption services advocacy. Will include updates from around the country and discussion of next steps for building the movement in the US.

### **Veterans Roundtable**

Hickory | 6:30pm-8:00pm

Veterans Roundtable: Open to all conference participants, this Community Session is designed to give military Veterans in attendance of the conference an opportunity to share ideas, strategies and best practices.

### **Women in Psychedelic Research**

Hazelnut | 6:30pm-8:30pm

Join us for this community forum aimed at strengthening the network of women involved in psychedelic research and drug policy reform. Together we will engage in a dialogue about the important contributions that women have and are making in this field and discuss how we can build on these successes. Through this session, we hope to outline a collaborative path forward through which we can work together to create space for greater diversity in psychedelic research and policy reform. This session will be led by Bia Labate, Julie Holland and Andrea Langlois.

### **Networking Reception for Academics, Researchers & Scholars**

Redwood | 7:00pm-8:30pm

Academics, researchers and scholars: Please join us for an informal networking reception to connect across disciplines, foster new relationships, and have fun.

## Saturday, October 14

### **Escenarios de Reducción de Daños en América Latina y el Caribe**

Dogwood B | 7:30am-9:30am

Les invitamos a un encuentro de reflexión y construcción colectiva de los distintos escenarios de Reducción de Daños que tenemos en nuestra región, nuevas prácticas que hemos desarrollado ante nuevos desafíos y las articulaciones de organizaciones y actores comprometidos con un cambio político y social. Language: Spanish & Portuguese / No translation available

### **“For Your Own Good” vs. “Meeting People Where They’re At”**

Grand Ballroom ABCD | 1:30pm-3:00pm

A panel and discussion about intersectional issues related to self-determination, institutionalization, and harm reduction.

### **Psychological & Spiritual Benefits of Cannabis**

Hazelnut | 1:30pm-2:30pm

Emotional healing, insights, peace of mind, calm & joy. Facilitated by Dr Michael Whitty (Detroit & Oakland, CA)

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Ballroom E (Level M4, North Tower)



Thursday, October 12

**The Dead Inside  
We Can't Be Friends**

11:00am – 11:30am  
*Cyndy Etler*

**NoNonsense Legalizing Drugs: The key to  
ending the war**

11:00am-11:30am  
*Steve Rolles*

**Over the Influence – The Harm Reduction Guide to  
Controlling Your Drug and Alcohol Use**

1:00pm – 1:30pm  
*Patt Denning*

**Becoming Ms. Burton**

2:00pm-2:30pm  
*Susan Burton*

**Invisible No More: Police Violence Against  
Black Women and Women of Color**

4:00pm-4:30pm  
*Andrea Ritchie*

Friday, October 13

**Stories of birds and cages – A compilation between  
art and research that tells stories of women arrested  
for drugs**

11:00am – 11:30am  
*Patricia Chulver*

**Select Works by Jessica Care**

1:00pm-1:30pm  
*Jessica Care*

(Please note this signing will take place outside the Grand  
Ballroom immediately following the Featured Plenary)

**Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking:  
Beyond Victims and Villains**

1:30pm – 2:00pm  
*Alexandra Lutnick*

**Unbroken Brain: A Revolutionary New Way  
of Understanding Addiction**

1:30pm – 2:00pm  
*Maia Szalavitz*

**This Side of Freedom: Life After Clemency**

3:30pm – 4:00pm  
*Tony Papa*

**Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drugs  
in the Era of Mass Incarceration (Critical Issues  
in Crime and Society)**

3:30pm – 4:00pm  
*Allison McKim*

Saturday, October 14

**High: Drugs, Desire, and a Nation of Users**

11:30am – 12:00pm  
*Ingrid Walker*

**Assassin of Youth: A Kaleidoscopic History  
of Harry J. Anslinger's War on Drugs**

2:15pm – 2:45pm  
*Alexandra Chasin*

## About the Presenters

**Caroline Jean Acker** is Professor Emerita 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) and co-editor, with Sarah W. Tracy, of *Altering American Consciousness: The History of Alcohol and Drug Use in the United States, 1800-2000* (University of Massachusetts Press, 2004). In 1995, she co-founded Prevention Point Pittsburgh, a needle exchange program.

**Dinah Adames** is the Parent Advocate Supervisor with The Bronx Defenders' Family Defense Practice. For over seven years, she's been advocating for vulnerable women in a variety of contexts and working with formerly incarcerated parents in their use of illegal substances. She has appeared on dozens of panels nationwide to discuss harm reduction strategies and the unique challenges facing pregnant women in the criminal justice system.

**Queen Adesuyi** is a policy associate at the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of National Affairs in Washington, D.C., where she supports ONA's work to advance DPA's federal legislative agenda. Her areas of focus include collateral consequences and reentry hurdles for those involved in the criminal justice or juvenile justice systems. She also co-chairs the Reentry and Housing Coalition, a broad coalition of advocates with the mission of expanding access to affordable housing for the justice-involved. Prior to joining DPA, Adesuyi worked with the Georgetown University Prisons and Justice Initiative, the National Reentry Network

for Returning Citizens, Office of Congressman Jose E. Serrano (D-NY), Mic.com and the *New York Times*.

**Zina Age** is a graduate of Louisiana State University and holds Masters' degrees in both Social Work and Addiction Counseling. In 2015, county commissioner Emma I. Darnell appointed Ms. Age as a member of the Fulton County HIV/AIDS Task Force. One of the tasks accomplished was the Resolution by the Board of Commissioners expressing support for syringe services programs as a legitimate medical intervention.

**Allyssa Aguilera** is the Co-Executive Director of VOCAL-NY, a grassroots community organizing group that builds power among low-income people impacted by HIV/AIDS, the drug war, and mass incarceration.

**Chris Alexander** is a policy coordinator with the New York Policy Office of the Drug Policy Alliance. As policy coordinator, Chris works to support forward-thinking policies and organizes community groups to pass legislation to end marijuana prohibition in New York State. Chris is a native of Queens, New York, and comes to DPA with legislative and community organizing experience that he utilizes in the fight to end mass incarceration and the drug war. Chris is an advocate for social justice, racial equity and a champion for civic engagement. He received his BA in political science from Syracuse University.

**Michelle Alexander** is a highly acclaimed civil rights lawyer, advocate, legal scholar, and best-selling author. Her award-winning book, *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, helped to spark

a national debate about the crisis of mass incarceration in the United States, and inspired racial justice organizing and advocacy efforts nationwide.

**Victoria Albina**, FNP-C, MPH, has formal training in functional medicine, herbalism, and public health, as well as over a decade of experience as a medical provider, healer, and life coach focused on affirmative, mindfulness-based cognitive behavioral techniques that acknowledge the inherent power and resilience of the human mind and body. She works with people who have a range of hopes, goals, concerns, and challenges to work through, both medical and behavioral.

**Patty Amiguet Adell** was born in Barcelona in 1983. She is a cannabis activist, anti-prohibitionist and feminist. In 2011 she founded Pachamama Association. She is President of the Catalan Cannabis Association Federation, and foundress of REMA, an anti-prohibitionist women's network. She is also a member of the Social Directive Board of Barcelona Association City Council.

**Maria-Goretti Ane** is the African Consultant for International Drug Policy Consortium and serves as the focal point for IDPC in Africa. She is also a lawyer, having previously worked with Adawudu Law Consultancy, now Lord & Lords legal practitioners based in Accra. She has special interests in human rights and drug policy reforms and has been involved in high level engagements and advocacy on drug use and the law both locally and internationally.

**Matthew Aragon** was born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where he is currently a senior in high school. He is the Students for Sensible Drug Policy chapter leader at Volcano Vista High School, where he works to educate his peers on harm reduction and the realities of the War on Drugs. His interests include psychedelic research, drug education, and access to treatment.

**Linda Ayala** is Washington Heights Corner Project's Condom Program Coordinator. A lifelong resident of Washington Heights, she's well-known on the street for her good heart & work. She loves her hood, is proud of & dedicated to her community. Her goal is to empower her extended family through education & harm reduction. She believes that when you love what you do, it's not work.

**Zane Bader** is in the last year of his undergraduate studies in Mathematics at the University of Georgia (UGA). He began harm reduction as a DanceSafe visionary in the summer of 2015. Since then, he has founded the UGA Psychedelic Club and now sits on the Board of Directors for Students for Sensible Drug Policy. He previously worked at the UGA's Center for Research on Behavioral Health, where he helped conduct the largest and longest comprehensive study on substance abuse treatment within the U.S.

**asha bandele**, DPA's Senior Director of Grants, Partnerships and Special Projects, joined the organization in 2005. She built and continues to manage DPA's grants program, which supports grassroots organizations by providing financial and intellectual resources, while regularly engaging a wide array of audiences in public conversations about drugs and drug policy. The award-winning, best-selling author of *The Prisoner's Wife*, and four other books, asha is also a journalist whose articles have been read widely in publications that include the the New York Times, the Nation, Vibe, Ebony and Essence.

**Bruce Barcott** is the Deputy Editor of Leafly, where he directs the site's news and political coverage. He's the author of *Weed the People: The Future of Legal Marijuana in America*, and the TIME special edition "Marijuana Goes Main Street." His features and cover stories have also appeared in National Geographic, The New York Times Magazine, Rolling Stone, and other magazines.

**Leo Beletsky** is an Associate Professor of Law and Health Sciences at Northeastern University and is also on faculty of UCSD School of Medicine. His expertise is on the use of law to improve health, with focus on drug policy, reducing the spread of HIV and other infectious diseases, and the role of the criminal justice system in shaping public health outcomes.

**Scott Bernstein** is Senior Policy Analyst with the Canadian Drug Policy Coalition and a lawyer in Vancouver. He has participated in strategic litigation focused on advancing human rights of people who use drugs, including advocating for prescription

heroin treatment and defending Insite, North America's first sanctioned injection site. Scott recently worked for the Open Society Foundations, building collaboration within a global reform movement targeted at the 2016 UNGASS and supporting drug policy reform in Africa.

**Kaitlyn Boecker** is a policy manager at the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of National Affairs in Washington, D.C., where she supports ONA's work to advance DPA's federal legislative agenda. Kaitlyn's interest in drug policy issues stems from witnessing the devastation the drug war has wreaked on families and communities, and from her commitment to promoting social and racial justice and ending the inequities in the US criminal justice system. Before joining DPA, Kaitlyn worked in government affairs at the American Hotel & Lodging Association, the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget's Campaign to Fix the Debt, and Mehlman Vogel Castagnetti Inc. (a boutique lobbying firm), and served as an intern in the Office of the Vice President.

**Graham Boyd** is an attorney specializing in political efforts to reform drug laws and reduce mass incarceration. Graham advises a group of philanthropists and has played a guiding role in opinion research, legal drafting and campaign design for marijuana reform measures throughout the United States and abroad. Previously, Boyd was the founding director of the ACLU's Drug Law Reform Project. He has litigated before the U.S. Supreme Court and federal courts across the nation.

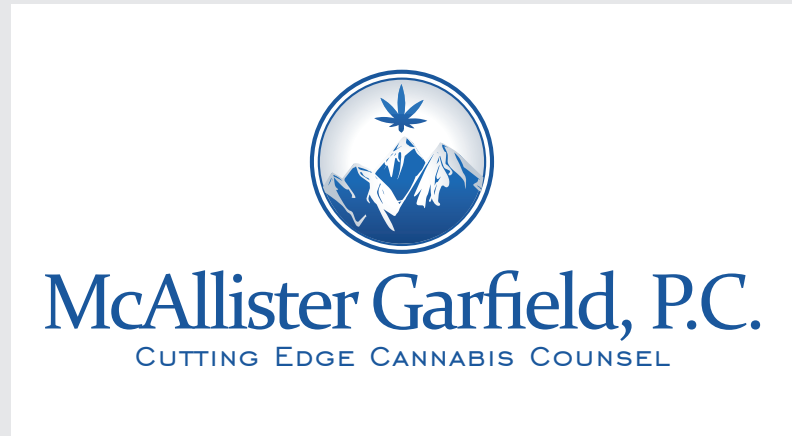
## About the Presenters (continued)

**Anita Willard Briscoe** is a psychiatric nurse practitioner from New Mexico. She has been a nurse for 40 years, a nurse practitioner for 13 years, and has been referring patients to the state's Medical Cannabis Program for 8 years. In the process, she discovered that patients with the diagnoses of PTSD or pain were able to get off heroin and/or prescription opiates using cannabis. Anita successfully petitioned the state Medical Cannabis Board to make opiate dependence a qualifying condition. Although New Mexico's governor later blocked this reform, Anita's efforts gained nationwide attention.

**Tina Broder** created and leads the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable's Program providing hepatitis C education, technical assistance, and coalition building. She has worked as a project coordinator for drug and alcohol research studies at Kaiser Permanente and as a case manager for homeless women. She has significant experience in the translation of patient and community input to inform research, medical guidelines, program development, and policy.

**Latosha Brown** is the Project Director for Grantmakers for Southern Progress. GSP is comprised of Southern and national funders committed to improving the outcomes, conditions, and opportunities for those who are least well off socially, economically, and politically in the South. She is also principal owner of TruthSpeaks Consulting, a philanthropy advisory consulting business based in Atlanta. Over 25 years, she has served as a consultant/advisor for private foundations, public foundations and individual donors.

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**Katie Burk** is Viral Hepatitis Coordinator at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, where she oversees hepatitis programming as well as harm reduction training and overdose prevention contracts. She is also co-founder of End Hep C SF. Prior to her current role, Katie was Program Manager at the Harm Reduction Coalition, where she supported national expansion of syringe access services, and as an Evaluator at Public Health Seattle & King County's Health Care for the Homeless team.

**Gretchen Burns-Bergman** is the Co-Founder & Executive Director of A New PATH, a non-profit organization that works to reduce the stigma of drug addiction, increase access to substance abuse treatment opportunities, and end discrimination against individuals who suffer from the illness of addiction. Her family's experience with substance abuse, give her a unique ability to develop, communicate and promote projects to end discrimination against people with addictive illness. In 2010 she created

the national Moms United to End the War on Drugs collaborative campaign and serves as lead organizer.

**Susan Burton** is the founder and executive director of A New Way of Life, a nonprofit that provides sober housing and other support to formerly incarcerated women. She is nationally known as an advocate for restoring basic civil and human rights to those who have served time. Burton was a winner of AARP's prestigious Purpose Prize and has been a Starbucks® "Upstander," a CNN Top 10 Hero, a Soros Justice Fellow, and a Women's Policy Institute Fellow at the California Wellness Foundation, and she is the co-author, with Cari Lynn, of *Becoming Ms.* Burton.

**Kevin Caldwell** has been actively working in drug policy reform since 2013. He has advocated on behalf of CommonsenseNOLA and Sensible Marijuana Policy Louisiana on the municipal and state level. He was a member of a counter-terrorism



training team from 2001-2009. He worked for the City of New Orleans for five years after Hurricane Katrina. He has also served his community in several positions with the Broadmoor Improvement Association since 2005.

**Dr. Iva E. Carruthers** is a founding trustee and General Secretary of the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference (SDPC), an interdenominational organization within the African American faith tradition focused on social justice issues. SDPC is both a 501c3 and United Nations Non-Governmental Organization. Dr. Carruthers has a long history of engagement in community development initiatives and social justice ministry, fostering interdenominational and interfaith dialogue in the United States, Caribbean, South America and Africa.

**Juan Cartagena** is one of the nation's leading voices on equality and nondiscrimination. He litigates, advocates, and researches on how Latinos are uniquely harmed by racial profiling, excessive policing, prison gerrymandering, felon disfranchisement, outdated drug policies, and employment discrimination against persons with criminal histories to create systems change. Juan is President & General Counsel of LatinoJustice PRLDEF, a national civil rights public interest law office.

**Patricia Chulver** is CEO of Fundación Acción Semilla and a columnist for the digital publication Oxigeno.

**Cecilia Chung**, Senior Director of Strategic Projects at Transgender Law Center, is an advocate for HIV/AIDS awareness and access to care, LGBT equality and equity, and human rights. In 2005, she joined Transgender Law Center and is widely credited with shaping the organization's mission and programs. In 2015, Cecilia launched Positively Trans, a national, constituents-led project that focus on mobilization, advocacy and leadership of transgender people living with HIV, especially transgender women of color.

**Dan Ciccarone** is Professor of Family & Community Medicine at UCSF. He has been principal or co-investigator on numerous NIH sponsored research projects in the areas of public health and HIV/AIDS prevention. He is currently leading the Heroin in Transition study with its integrated multidisciplinary aims to examine the expanding diversity of heroin source-forms and illicitly-made synthetic opioids (e.g. fentanyl) and their relationship to increases in illicit opioid-involved morbidity and mortality.

**Jim Clapes** is DPA's events manager. He handles logistics for DPA's International Drug Policy Reform Conference, staff retreat and other organizational events. He has ten years' experience in meeting and event management, including more than eight years coordinating events in the nonprofit sector. Before joining DPA, he served as the manager of conferences & events with the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) for more than seven years, where he spearheaded the Greenbuild International Conference & Expo. Prior to USGBC, he served as

events director for the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce in Washington, D.C., planning the organization's two annual flagship events. He started his career in events and developed a passion for the industry as a conference director at Financial Research Associates, where he produced industry events in the financial services arena. He also served as a Congressional intern on Capitol Hill in the office of Representative Sam Farr (D-CA). Jim grew up in Northern California and received his Bachelor of Arts in political science from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

**Cyndee Clay** is an internationally recognized expert with over 20 years of experience in program development, nonprofit management, and evaluation for improving the health and safety of injection and non-injection drug users, sex workers, and transgender individuals. She is a graduate of the UCLA/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Program at UCLA Business School.

**Chloe Cockburn** leads the Open Philanthropy Project's strategy for investing in criminal justice policy and practice reforms to substantially reduce incarceration while maintaining public safety. Prior to joining Open Philanthropy, she oversaw state policy reform work for the ACLU's Campaign to End Mass Incarceration. Chloe graduated from Harvard University with a BA in Classics and Visual Art, and has a JD from Harvard Law School. She joined Open Philanthropy in August 2015.

## About the Presenters (continued)

**Laura Cole** works with nonprofits in a wide range of verticals as a digital fundraising and marketing strategist at Sanky Communications. She loves thinking creatively about what an email can be, exploring attribution models, and using social media to create engagement. Prior to joining Sanky, she worked on the marketing team for the Broadway musical *Wicked*. Laura graduated from Columbia University and is currently pursuing a M.A. in Media Studies at The New School.

**Michael Collins** is deputy director at the Drug Policy Alliance's Office of National Affairs, in Washington, D.C., where he works with Congress on a wide variety of drug policy issues including drug war spending, syringe access funding, appropriations, and Latin America. He is originally from Scotland, and lived in France, Spain and Mexico, before moving to the U.S. Before joining DPA, Michael worked at the Information Technology Industry Council, interned for Rep. Joe Crowley (D-NY) in the U.S. House of Representatives, and worked on drug war issues in Mexico for the CIP Americas Program.

**Jessica Colvin**, MSW, MPH, PPSC, has been in the field of adolescent health for 20 years. Currently she is the Wellness Director for the Tamalpais Union High School District, where she is implementing Wellness Centers that offer coordinated health, mental health, substance use/abuse and sexual health services including prevention and educational programming focusing on youth development and harm reduction. Previously, Jessica spent 13 years growing the San Francisco Wellness Initiative into a nationally recognized model for student health and wellness.

**Sakira Cook** is a Senior Counsel at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Ms. Cook leads the development of a federal policy agenda to reform the justice system and coordinates advocacy campaigns around law enforcement reform and accountability, sentencing and prison reform, and reentry. Ms. Cook attended Howard University where she earned a B.A. in International Business and Management, and Wayne State University Law School, where she earned her JD.

**Hannah Cooper** is an Associate Professor at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. Her research focuses on relationships of policing, social policies, and place characteristics to the health of people who use drugs.

**Juston L. Cooper** is a native of Denver, Colorado and the Deputy Director of the Colorado Criminal Justice Reform Coalition. He holds a Bachelor's of Science in Business Marketing and Masters in Public Policy & Administration. Juston's work has been instrumental in public sector in addressing criminal justice reform and an extended career committed to ensuring public health and safety in the most marginalized communities.

**Ernesto Cortés** is a Social Anthropologist with a Master's Degree in Criminology and Master's Degree in Mental Health. He is Executive Director of Asociación Costarricense para el Estudio e Intervención en Drogas (ACEID), professor at the University of Costa Rica, representative for Latin America for the International Drug Policy Consortium (IDPC), researcher at the Collective on Studies on Drugs and the Law (CEDD), and member of the Latin American Network of People Who Use Drugs (LANPUD).

**Dr. Dominic Corva** is the founder and Social Science Research Director at the Cannabis and Social Policy Center, a Seattle-based federal 501(c)(3) research and education nonprofit. His ethnographic and mix-method research focuses on the political economy of cannabis legalization.

**Sebastien Cotte** became actively involved in the field of medical marijuana in 2013 while seeking alternative treatments for his son's rare terminal mitochondrial disease. He serves as an ambassador for the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation and is one of the co-founder of Georgia's Hope, the leadership parent group that was successful in getting a medical cannabis law passed in Georgia.

**Michelle Crentsil** joined the Criminal Justice Reform team at Open Philanthropy Project in September 2016. Before working at the Open Philanthropy Project, Michelle led campaign work at the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) in their healthcare and property services divisions to develop worker-led organizing to improve working conditions. Michelle is deeply committed to fighting for racial and economic justice. She graduated from Harvard University with a BA in women, gender, and sexuality studies and African-American studies.

**Denise Cullen** is a licensed social worker with experience in AIDS and harm reduction. She is founder and executive director of Broken No More, an advocacy organization working to change harmful policies affecting those who use drugs. She is also executive director of GRASP, an international grief support network for those who have someone to drug use/overdose.

**Chinazo Cunningham, MD, MS**, is a Professor of Medicine at Einstein/Montefiore. For two decades, she has been providing care, developing programs, and conducting research focused on drug users with or at-risk for HIV. Her research focuses on improving access to care, health care utilization, and health outcomes. She has authored over 90 manuscripts and has been principal investigator on numerous federal grants. She serves on several advisory committees and chairs an NIH study section.

**Dawn D. Davis** is Tribal person belonging to the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. She holds a master's degree from the University of Arizona, where she researched the conservation and sustainability of peyote, an Indigenous medicine, within its natural habitat. She continues to discuss endangerment levels of peyote and preservation efforts among peyotists. Dawn is currently a PhD student at the University of Idaho studying her first medicine, water, with an emphasis in Law, Management, and Policy.

**Jag Davies** is director of communications strategy at the Drug Policy Alliance. He works with DPA's communications, program and development staff to manage content production and to facilitate best practices in the implementation of the organization's messaging and brand identity. Before joining the organization, he served as director of communications for MAPS and as policy researcher for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Drug Law Reform Project.

**Henrique De Souza** is a lawyer with a criminal defense background, currently helping in Conectas' work in torture prevention and redress, right to protest, and drug policy reform.

**Dr. Patt Denning** is one of the primary developers of Harm Reduction therapy. She is co-author of *Practicing Harm Reduction Psychotherapy*, 2nd ed. (with co-author Jeannie Little). The 2nd edition of her book for the general public was just published (*Over the Influence: The Harm Reduction Guide for Managing Drugs and Alcohol*. Guilford Press, 2017.) Dr. Denning is a Diplomate-Fellow in Psychopharmacology and a certified addiction specialist through APA's College of Professional Psychology

**Craig DeRoche** is Senior VP of Advocacy and Public Policy for Prison Fellowship, the former Speaker of the House in Michigan, and author of *Highly Functional: A Collision of Justice, Addiction and Grace*. He's a leading voice on criminal justice reform as a former elected official and his own interactions with the justice system. Craig served on the Vera Institute's "Reimagining Prison" project and the Charles Colson Task Force for Federal Prison Reform.

**Nese Devenot, PhD**, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2015 with a doctorate in comparative literature, and she currently serves as Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Puget Sound. She was a Research Fellow with the NYU Psilocybin Cancer Anxiety Study, and she was awarded Best Humanities Publication in Psychedelic Studies from Breaking Convention in 2016. Her research explores the function of metaphor and other literary devices in verbal accounts of psychedelic experiences.

**Shakya Diaz** is a strategist with extensive public policy and organizing experience. Shakya plays a crucial leadership role in community-building in coordination with Alliance for Safety and Justice's campaigns. She has provided direction in advancing criminal justice reforms and establishing trauma recovery centers. Prior to joining ASJ, Shakya led campaigns that impacted drug policies, protections for sexual assault victims, access to counsel, voting rights for currently and formerly incarcerated people, and routine juvenile shackling.

**Mike Discepola** is the Director of Behavioral Health Services & Stonewall Project. Mike oversees a continuum of programs that include Syringe Access, low-threshold counseling & support services, & enrollment based outpatient drug treatment. Mike has a long history of service in the fields of HIV Prevention, community-based mental health, and substance use and misuse support, education and treatment. He currently serves as a member of San Francisco's Safer Injection Services (SIS) Task Force.

**Margaret Dooley-Sammuli** is the ACLU of California Director of Criminal Justice and Drug Policy. Based in San Diego, she leads the ACLU's statewide criminal justice and drug policy projects – including addressing the state's broken money bail system, transition to a legal marijuana market, and protecting the significant reforms embedded in Proposition 47. She has a decade of experience working on criminal justice and drug policy reform in California.

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**Sonia Espinosa's** academic work explored the nation's "booming cannabis industry" and access through race, class, and citizenship. Prior to graduating with Harvard's class of 2016, Espinosa co-founded the Cannabis Cultural Association, an organization focused on underrepresented communities in the legal cannabis industry. Thereafter, Espinosa co-founded the Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council, whose efforts bridge the gap between communities and local legislators. Aside from MRCC and #WeedTalk, Sonia runs @EatMe.Land, a cannabis art collective.

**Lucy Evans** has worked for the Drug Policy Alliance as an organizer in Kentucky since February of 2017.

**Ellen Flenniken** manages the Drug Policy Alliance's development and donor engagement efforts. Before joining DPA, Ellen worked extensively as a political campaign manager and fundraiser. She served as finance director for Oregon's successful campaign to regulate, legalize and tax marijuana, campaign manager for Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR), finance director for Kate Brown's winning campaign for Oregon Secretary of State, and deputy finance director at Oregon United for Marriage. Ellen received her B.A. in political science and Mandarin Chinese from Middlebury College.

**Rebecca Forbes** is a cannabis reform activist and cancer survivor. She has actively lobbied the North Carolina legislature since 2009. She has been featured in local news, ReLeaf magazine, NC Health News, and The Exile Nation Project Documentary. Her lifelong mentor was Jean Marlowe, the Godmother of NC Cannabis Reform.

**Jolene Forman** is a staff attorney with the Drug Policy Alliance's office of legal affairs. She engages in legislative and initiative drafting, policy advocacy, litigation, and public education in support of drug policy reform. Since joining DPA, Forman has authored multiple pieces of state legislation, including marijuana legalization and racial and ethnic impact statement bills. She has also drafted amicus briefs challenging draconian drug laws that are applied to people who sell drugs and pregnant women who use drugs. In addition, Forman has written several reports for DPA, including analyses of racially disparate drug arrests in California. Prior to joining DPA, Forman worked at the ACLU of Northern California on criminal justice and drug policy reform and managed the Blue Ribbon Commission on Marijuana Policy in California, chaired by Lt. Governor Gavin Newsom.

**Steve Fox, Esq.,** Director of VS Strategies, has, since 2002, been one of the leading figures in the movement to create a legal, regulated marijuana market in the United States. He is a co-founder of the National Cannabis Industry Association and currently serves as the director of NCIA's Policy Council. In seven years at the Marijuana Policy Project, he lobbied Congress and guided numerous ballot initiative campaigns, including the 2012 Amendment 64 campaign in Colorado.

**Kevin Franciotti** is a graduate student at the New School for Social Research, studying harm reduction for people with substance use disorders. As an undergraduate, he helped found the Northeastern University chapter of Students for Sensible Drug Policy, which in 2009 hosted the Boston Ibogaine Forum. Kevin was a participant in the Multidisciplinary

Association for Psychedelic Studies sponsored trial of ibogaine for treatment of opioid dependence, and is a writer and advocate of his recovery experience.

**Melissa Franqui** is the manager of communications and marketing for the Drug Policy Alliance, based in New York. She is responsible for supporting the execution of campaigns with visual components, as well as the development and promotion of the organization's publications and merchandise. Franqui also manages internal and external branding for DPA's offices, conferences and events. She is passionate about social justice and is driven to combat the inequities created by America's failed war on drugs, particularly in communities of color. Franqui has ten years of experience in communications strategy and event management. She previously worked as a communications consultant for Housing + Solutions, a grassroots nonprofit serving homeless women in Brooklyn. She also previously served as the director of communications for the Abyssinian Development Corporation, a community-based organization dedicated to the empowerment of Harlem residents through economic development, affordable housing, education and social services.

**Kassandra Frederique** is DPA's State Director, New York. She previously ran the day-to-day operations of the statewide campaign to end New York's racially biased marijuana arrests, which cut the number of NYC marijuana arrests in half. She also represented DPA as a member of Communities United for Police Reform, which focused on addressing Stop & Frisk and broader police reform/accountability measures bridging



the gap between the War on Drugs and policing. In addition to working for policy solutions to reduce the harms associated with drug use, she works with communities throughout the state to address and resolve the collateral consequences of the War on Drugs – state violence. As a co-author of Blueprint for a Public Health and Safety Approach to Drug Policy and as technical advisor to Ithaca Mayor Svante Myrick’s The Ithaca Plan, she cultivates and mobilizes

powerful coalitions in communities devastated by drug misuse and drug criminalization to develop municipal strategies to foster healthier and safer communities. Her professional focus includes building a reparative justice framework that positions Black and Latinx leaders to create solutions that not only end and repair the harms of the drug war but also create accountability structures between policymakers and people who use drugs. She is currently working on an emerging body of work that discusses

Black recreation and drug use. A native New Yorker, she holds a M.S. in Social Work from Columbia University and earned a B.S. in Industrial Labor Relations at Cornell University.

**Alex Friedmann** serves as associate director of the Human Rights Defense Center and managing editor of Prison Legal News ([www.prisonlegalnews.org](http://www.prisonlegalnews.org)). He is also president of the Private Corrections Institute, a non-profit watchdog group that opposes the privatization of correctional services, and serves on the advisory board of the Prison Policy Initiative. Alex is an expert on a variety of criminal justice-related topics; he served 10 years behind bars prior to his release in November 1999.

**Natasha A. Frost, Ph.D.**, is associate dean of graduate studies in the College of Social Sciences and Humanities and professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northeastern University. Her most recent research on mass incarceration has focused on the impacts of incarceration on individuals, families and communities. Her book, *The Punishment Imperative: The Rise and Failure of Mass Incarceration in America*, co-authored with Todd Clear, was published by NYU Press (2014).

**Faustino (Tino) Fuentes’** time in harm reduction was born out of personal experience in the world of drug dealing and drug use. He understands first hand the importance of harm reduction and has seen it save the lives of hundreds of people he loves. Since entering this profession, he has worked at numerous syringe exchanges in NYC, holding multiple positions including outreach worker, coordinator, and director of programs.



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**Kevin Garcia** is a Research Assistant for Florida International University and a member of SSDPs Board of Directors. Kevin co-chairs the Issues and Resources, Scientific Research, and Harm Reduction Committees for SSDP. He is a certified SSDP Peer Educator, and has spoken at events and conferences on post-traumatic stress, problematic drug use, overdose prevention, psychedelic research, student activism, cognitive neuroscience, and medical marijuana. Kevin holds a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Florida International University.

**Diego Garcia-Devis** is a senior program officer for the OSF Global Drug Policy Program. Garcia-Devis is a Colombian political scientist with 15 years of experience in peacebuilding. Garcia-Devis holds a MA degree on War Studies from King's College, London. He has worked for the OAS and USAID managing projects in disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of combatants and prevention of forced recruitment of children. He has researched about issues such as the relationship between violence, narco-trafficking.

**Tracie Gardner** is Legal Action Center's first Associate Director. She plays a leading role in the overall growth of the organization and creating strategic partnerships. She has more than 25 years' experience in the public health, public policy and not-for-profit fields. Tracie has led advocacy campaigns that won substantial increases in funding for substance use, HIV and alternatives to incarceration and reentry services, landmark HIV confidentiality and testing legislation, and landmark criminal justice reforms.

**Jessica Gelay** is the policy manager for the Drug Policy Alliance's New Mexico office. Her dedication to public health and social justice organizing is lifelong. Gelay works to end the prohibition of drugs and to stop the criminalization of people who use drugs. This entails engaging with community members and elected officials to lift up the stories of people negatively affected by current policies to create pressure for change. Gelay primarily works on issues related to marijuana law reform and is DPA's point person on issues related to military veterans.

**Meagan Glaser**, Deputy State Director for DPA's New Jersey office, works to diminish the harms associated with both drug use and the war on drugs. Prior to joining DPA, Glaser served as the director of legislative services for a New Jersey state assemblyman, worked in public affairs for Planned Parenthood Affiliates of New Jersey, and completed an internship at the Princeton Public Affairs Group, the largest government affairs firm in New Jersey.

**Pastor Kenneth Glasgow** is an advocate for harm reduction, prison reform, and restoration of rights and opportunities for formerly incarcerated people, and the founder and President of The Ordinary People Society. TOPS provides rehabilitation/habilitation to formerly incarcerated people.

**Mitchell Gomez** is the Executive Director of DanceSafe. A part of the EDM scene since the mid-90s, he joined Dancesafe as their National Outreach Director in 2014 and was promoted to Executive Director in March of 2017. He has volunteered with the Burning Man organization, SSDP, and other harm reduction projects for many years, sits on the

advisory council for Psymposia, and is a passionate advocate for reality-based drug policy and harm reduction.

**Dr. Traci Green** is an epidemiologist who researches drug use, addiction, and injury. She is Deputy Director of Boston Medical Center's Injury Prevention Center, and Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine at the Boston University and Brown University Schools of Medicine. Dr. Green helped co-found [www.prescribeprevent.org](http://www.prescribeprevent.org) and [www.prevent-protect.org](http://www.prevent-protect.org), advises the Rhode Island Governor on addiction and overdose, and consults for the CDC and the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

**Kellye Greene** is the director for DanceSafe's Northeast Region and New York Chapter. As a long-standing, active member of the music community, she organizes and oversees harm reduction, health & safety outreach to members of this community within New York, participates with DanceSafe nationally, and other global harm reduction agencies worldwide. Within the organization she sets up informational booths, gives college lectures, distributes resources, and through PlurRX on social media, spreads awareness.

**Armando Gudiño** is California Policy Manager at the Drug Policy Alliance's Los Angeles office, where he focuses on Latino outreach strategies and legislation. His portfolio includes issues of mass incarceration, taxation and regulation of marijuana, transnational criminal organizations, immigration and drug laws, and drug policy in the Latino



community throughout the US and Latin America. Over the last several years Armando has worked on key California legislation including the historic marijuana legalization initiative Proposition 64, civil asset forfeiture reform, deferred entry of judgement (retroactive), equalization of penalties for crack and powder cocaine, Proposition 47, and the state's 911 Good Samaritan Law.

**Joel Gullett** was born in Gary, Indiana, and relocated to Dallas, Texas during childhood. During his time as an undergraduate at Stephen F. Austin State University in Nacogdoches, Texas and navigating life as a young adult in the Dallas-Ft. Worth metroplex, Joel has been able to gather first-hand insights into the ways in which the war on drugs operates in the lives of people often marginalized within the larger narrative that is presented.

**Keegan Hamilton** is a writer, editor, and producer at Vice News, where he covers drug policy, criminal justice, and immigration, among other subjects. A Seattle native, his work has also appeared in *The Atlantic*, *The Village Voice*, and *The Guardian*.

**Helena Hansen, MD, Ph.D.**, is assistant professor of Anthropology and Psychiatry at NYU and a research scientist at Nathan Kline Institute. She has published on faith healing of addiction in Puerto Rico, addiction pharmaceuticals and race, and ethnic marketing of pharmaceuticals. She has received major funding from NIDA, the Mellon and RWJ Foundation.

**Vicki Hanson** 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 Industry in the Caribbean, using the case of Jamaica. She is also an advisor to the Students For Sensible Drug Policy, UWI-Mona (SSDP, UWI-Mona) Chapter. Vicki serves as the Director of Special Projects at the Cannabis Licensing Authority in Jamaica.

**Ifetayo Harvey**, Communications Associate, focuses on developing new systems and enhancing existing ones that foster communication and collaboration across DPA's communications team and other departments. Ifetayo also helps coordinate the communications team's regular retreats and meetings. Ifetayo comes to the Drug Policy Alliance after previously interning in the media department in 2013 and later opening the International Drug Policy Reform Conference in Denver, Colorado with a speech that focused on her experience of growing up with a parent incarcerated. Ifetayo has spoken about her experience on National Public Radio and HuffPost Live. She is a native of Charleston, South Carolina and has a B.A in History and African Studies from Smith College.

**Scott Hechinger** has represented thousands of low-income individuals accused of crimes in Brooklyn, while leading policy and advocacy initiatives on a range of justice issues. Scott co-founded the Brooklyn Community Bail Fund, a charitable bail organization, which pays bail for those too poor to buy their freedom. Scott's work and commentary has been featured in

the New York Times, New York Times Magazine, Washington Post, BBC, VICE, Village Voice, Politico, and at SXSW Interactive.

**Jason Hernandez** was sentenced to life without parole in 1998 for a nonviolent drug crime. Through self education he litigated his own appeals all to no avail. In 2010 he filed his own clemency petition to President Obama asking for a second chance at life. On December 19, 2013 Jason became one of the first inmates that President Obama granted clemency to. Since his release he has become a voice for Latinos and criminal justice reform.

**Julie Holland** was 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: 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*.

**Mary Hooks** is a Black, lesbian, feminist, mother and co-director of SONG. Mary joined as a member in 2009 and began organizing with SONG in 2010. Mary's commitment to liberation is rooted in her experiences growing up under the impacts of the War on Drugs. Her people are migrants of the Great Migration, factory workers, church folks, Black women, queer and trans people and all people fighting and struggling for the liberation of oppressed people.

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**John Hudak** is a Senior Fellow in Governance Studies & Deputy Director of the Center for Effective Public Management at the Brookings Institution. He is also co-founder & senior adviser at Freedman & Koski. His work examines marijuana policy and politics.

**Ebele Ifedigbo** is Economic Director of The Hood Incubator, directing the organization's business development and fundraising efforts. Ebele is a Yale MBA graduate committed to using business to foster innovation and racial equity in cannabis. Ebele received a joint B.A. in Economics and Philosophy/ minor in African Studies from Columbia University in New York City. Ebele grew up in Buffalo, NY, and is a proud graduate of Buffalo's City Honors School.

**Shilo Hassan Jama** is a former homeless person and long-time resident of Seattle's University District. He has worked at the University District needle exchange program for the past 21 years and is a co-founder and executive director of the People's Harm Reduction Alliance. Shilo is also a co-founder of the Urban Survivors Union. Most importantly, he is a proud drug user.

**Wanda James** is the CEO of Simply Pure Dispensary, and is a leading advocate in the cannabis industry. In 2009, she and her husband, Scott Durrah, became the first African Americans, legally licensed in America, to own a dispensary, grow facility and edible company. She is also the founder of the Cannabis Global Initiative (CGI), a marketing and consulting firm that specializes in cannabis production, dispensing and processing, regulatory framework and political outreach.

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**Sasanka Jinadasa** is an advocate and educator in Washington DC working to end the oppression and criminalization of people who experience social stigma and state violence. Their work centers Black and brown people, queer and trans people, women and femmes. Sasanka works to create brave and vulnerable spaces that offer opportunities for change-makers to manifest tangible, sustainable impact. They love cats, manicures, Toni Morrison and Missy Elliott.

**Shaena Johnson** is the former Co-Director at BreakOUT! and current Executive Director at EmpowerBR. Shaena brings over 15 years of advocacy experience in the community, focusing on youth in the juvenile justice system. Shaena investigated conditions of confinement for incarcerated youth and supported defense attorneys with an investigation for court-involved youth in New Orleans as a Youth Advocate at the Juvenile Justice Project of Louisiana and as an Investigator at the Louisiana Center for Children's Rights.

**Jacqueline Johnson, Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Department of Sociology and the Criminal Justice Program at Adelphi University in Long Island, New York. Her research concerns the operation of illegal cigarette markets in low-income neighborhoods in the South Bronx, New York in the aftermath of local and state policy initiatives, increased cigarette taxes, and community policing.

**Stefanie Jones** is director of audience development at the Drug Policy Alliance, based in New York. In this role she oversees communication and outreach to specific communities on drug use and drug policy topics, including on novel psychoactive substances (NPS) and DPA's youth drug education work. She personally runs the Music Fan program, which introduces harm reduction principles and drug policy alternatives to partygoers, public health officials and city nightlife regulators across the U.S. In her prior role within the organization as event manager she produced four progressively larger editions of the biennial International Drug Policy Reform Conference, as well as numerous local policy conferences, fundraisers and coalition-building meetings.

**Terrell Jones** is a leader with VOCAL-NY's Users Union and the co-chair of the Peer Network of New York.

**Angie Junck** is a supervising attorney at the Immigrant Legal Resource Center, where she has worked since 2005. She specializes in the crossover of immigration and crime, working to create alternative models and policies at the state and local levels to stop deportations and improve the unfair treatment of immigrants with criminal convictions.

**Paula Graciela Kahn** is CODEPINK's co-producer of The People's Tribunal on the Iraq War and Local Peace Economy Organizer and one of CIVIC's National Hotline Advocates, connecting people in immigrant detention to their loved ones. Her experience as a queer Guatemalan, Jewish-German, her radical high school education, and her simultaneous self-experimentation with psychedelics have shaped her into a healer & peace revolutionary who dreams of organizing festivals.

**Emily Kaltenbach** is a Senior Director for DPA's National Criminal Justice Reform Strategy and State Director for DPA's New Mexico Office. As Senior Director, Emily co-leads an internal process to generate a multi-year criminal justice reform strategy to guide DPA's efforts in the field and is responsible for establishing DPA's criminal justice policy and advocacy priorities, convening and coordinating a departmental criminal justice team to inform and advise priorities and strategy, devising and outlining reform campaigns that advance the organization's goals and objectives, and ensuring that criminal justice policy and advocacy campaigns across the organization are strategic, coordinated, and maximally efficient. Based in New Mexico, Kaltenbach also manages the staff of the New Mexico Office. As state director since 2011, she helped start the second Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program in the nation and was deeply involved in reforming New Mexico's asset forfeiture law, a model for the rest of the country.

**Rob Kambia** co-founded the Marijuana Policy Project in 1995 and has served as its executive director ever since. MPP has been responsible for enacting most of the state-level marijuana laws in

the United States since 2000. Rob co-led the landmark campaign that legalized marijuana in Colorado in 2012. He also orchestrated the passage of similar legalization initiatives in Alaska (2014) and Maine, Massachusetts, and Nevada, with an assist in California (2016).

**Kristin Karas** completed her B.S. in Public Health with a concentration in Community Health at East Carolina University. Since joining the team in 2014 as a member of the original DanceSafe Visionaries cohort, Kristin has held the titles of Volunteer, Intern, Visionaries Program Coordinator, Manager of Health Communications and Programs, and now acts as the Director of Programs managing the DanceSafe Visionaries Program, DanceSafe Training Program, Harm Reduction Talks, and other projects.

**Cristin E. Kearns, DDS, MBA**, is a postdoctoral fellow in the UCSF School of Dentistry, and is affiliated with the Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies. She is one of the first academics to rigorously study the influence of the sugar industry on public health policy. Her research has resulted in innovative and impactful publications that have garnered national and international attention, including a profile in Time Magazine.

**Nick Kent** is a teacher at an Australian High School, while also completing Masters research at the University of Melbourne into high school drug education curricula. Nick is interested in the relationship between drugs and youth cultures, and how these manifest in education and political discourses. Nick has also been a founding member of Students for Sensible Drug Policy Australia, advocating for innovative harm reduction drug checking programs for students on his University campus.

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**Kayvan S.T. Khalatbari** co-founded Denver Relief Consulting, which owns operations in 5 states, and has assisted clients in 12 states, Puerto Rico, D.C. and Canada. Kayvan has been active in drug policy for over a decade and currently sits on the board of directors for the National Cannabis Industry Association, Minority Cannabis Business Association, Students for Sensible Drug Policy, and Harm Reduction Action Center.

**Ryan Kiesel**, Executive Director of the ACLU of Oklahoma, has worked to craft and pass groundbreaking legislation on civil asset forfeiture reform, life without parole sentences, and mandatory minimum sentencing. Ryan recently served as co-counsel in an Oklahoma Supreme Court Case that paved the way for medical marijuana to reach the ballot in 2018. Additionally, Ryan played a leading role in the passage of Oklahoma SQ 780, which reclassified simple drug possession to a misdemeanor.

**Mik Kinkead** is a staff attorney with the Sylvia Rivera Law Project and the Director of SRLP's Prisoner Justice Project. Previously, Mik was a staff attorney at Prisoners' Legal Services of New York. SRLP's Prisoner Justice Project provides direct legal services, policy and organizing work, educational information, and impact litigation to support the needs of transgender gender non-conforming, and intersex people who are held in NYS prisons and NYC jails.

**Beatriz Labate** is a visiting Professor at the Center for Research and Post Graduate Studies in Social Anthropology (CIESAS), in Guadalajara, Mexico. She is also co-founder of the Interdisciplinary Group for Psychoactive Studies (NEIP, neip.info) in Brazil and Associate Editor at Chacruna (chacruna.net).

**Nsombi Lambright** is the Director of Development and Programs at One Voice. In that position, she is responsible for grassroots fundraising and program coordination at One Voice. Working very closely with the MS State Conference NAACP, Nsombi coordinates work to dismantle the school to prison pipeline, to reduce the mass incarceration of people of color and coordinates the organization's election protection work.

**Alejandro Lanz** works as the Executive Director of PARCES NGO, where he is responsible for coordinating the policy incidence strategies and the advocacy strategic litigations in order to catalyze actions to combat human rights related violations against LGBTIQ individuals, female and male (cis and trans) sex workers, people who use drugs, homeless folks, as well as victims of the armed conflict in Colombia.

**Lindsay LaSalle** is a senior staff attorney in DPA's office of legal affairs. She engages in litigation, legislative drafting, and public education in support of drug policy reform. She is particularly active in the areas of harm reduction and overdose prevention, 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. She received her B.A. and J.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, where she served as development editor of the California Law Review, chair of the Berkeley Law Police Review Advocates, chair of Juvenile Hall Outreach, and a member of the Death Penalty Clinic. Prior to joining DPA, she worked at Morrison & Foerster LLP for three years on commercial litigation matters. She also maintained an active pro bono practice, which included representing incarcerated individuals at parole hearings and assisting clients with expunging their criminal records. Before law school, she worked to expand access to affordable housing, child care, and charter schools at the Low Income Investment Fund. A native of Sacramento, she now lives in San Francisco with her husband and daughter.

**Maggie Lear** is the President of the Frances Lear Foundation. Maggie facilitates parent discussions in NYC's independent schools for grades K-12 through Parents In Action. At the non-profit Bottomless Closet, Maggie assists low-income women with job readiness skills. She serves on the Board of Youth Represent and is the Chair of The Youth Justice Funding Collaborative.

**Melody Lee** is co-founder and Director of Strategy and Campaigns at the Katal Center for Health, Equity, and Justice. Lee is one of the architects behind the #CLOSErikers campaign and was the director of the field team in the campaign's first year, forcing Mayor Bill de Blasio to adopt closing Rikers as official City policy. From 2012-2015, Lee worked at the Drug Policy Alliance, serving numerous roles, including Policy Coordinator in the New York Policy Office. Lee was a core member of the campaign team that passed New York's medical marijuana bill, and she played a critical leadership role in the campaign to end NYPD's racially biased marijuana arrest practice. Lee is one of the nation's leading experts in Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) and was one of the key organizers of the National Convening on LEAD hosted by the White House in 2015.

**Dr. Murlynn Lee** was born and raised on the Navajo Reservation in Arizona. Her tribal clans are Tachii'nii, Tabaaha, Tsenjikini, and Kin I ichii'nii. She is currently doing a Postdoctoral Fellowship at UCLA School of Medicine conducting HIV biomedical prevention research with a focus on Indigenous health. She started a non-profit organization, United Natives, helping Native American youth and works with the United Nations doing global advocacy on Indigenous issues.

**Julita Lemgruber** is a sociologist and coordinator of the Center for Studies on Public Security and Citizenship at University Candido Mendes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She has been the General Diretor of the State Prison

System and the Ombudsman for the Police, both in the State of Rio de Janeiro. In the last few years she has been dedicated to projects related to how drug policy, racism and police violence meet.

**Bob Libal** is Executive Director of Grassroots Leadership. He has worked for more than a decade on issues of prison privatization, immigration detention, and criminal justice reform. Bob is regularly interviewed by national, regional, and local press on issues including prison privatization, immigration detention, immigration enforcement policies, and the business of prisons. He has been interviewed for the New York Times, NPR, Business Week, Huffington Post, and numerous other local, state, and national media outlets.

**Philippe Lucas, MA**, is VP, Patient Research & Access at Tilray (tilray.ca), a federally authorized medical cannabis company based in Nanaimo, BC, and a Graduate Researcher with the Center for Addictions Research of BC. His scientific research includes the use of cannabis in the treatment of mental health conditions and addiction, and he has been invited to provide expert testimony before the Canadian House of Commons & Senate, and the BC Supreme Court.

**Indra Lusero** is a queer Latinx reproductive justice attorney, entrepreneur and parent. Indra's work defending rights around childbirth led them to the field of parental rights and dependency and neglect. As founder of Elephant Circle, and President of the Birth Rights Bar Association Indra is dedicated to defending clients and advocating for policy change that supports families, and honors our physiologic well-being.

**Dr. Alexandra Lutnick** is a former sex worker, and a current senior research scientist at RTI International. Her book, *Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking: Beyond Victims and Villains*, was published in 2016 by Columbia University Press. She has close to 20 years of experience conducting community-based participatory research with marginalized populations such as people who use drugs, sex workers, and people experiencing trafficking.

**Lynne Lyman** recently joined A New Way of Life, an award-winning organization providing pathways out of incarceration for women. Previously, Lynne spent 5 years as State Director, California for the Drug Policy Alliance, where she led the criminal justice portfolio and the 2016 marijuana legalization initiative. With an M.P.A. from Harvard, Lynne's career has spanned political campaigns, government service and civil rights advocacy, always focused on advancing racial and economic justice.

**Dr. Mark Lysyshyn** works as a Medical Health Officer with Vancouver Coastal Health where he is leading the health authority response to the opioid overdose emergency. He is a specialist in Public Health and Preventive Medicine and Internal Medicine and has previously practiced Addiction Medicine at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of British Columbia School of Population and Public Health.



## About the Presenters (continued)

**Moki Macias** is the Executive Director of the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative. Moki is an urban planner and community organizer that has worked in the fields of community development and criminal justice reform for the past 15 years. She makes her home in Atlanta with her partner, two babies, and lots of chosen family.

**Katherine MacLean, PhD** is a research psychologist with expertise in studying the effects of mindfulness meditation and psychedelics on cognitive performance, emotional well-being, spirituality, and brain function. Dr. MacLean is the co-founder and current director of the Psychedelic Education and Continuing Care Program in New York, where she leads training workshops, educational seminars, and monthly integration groups focused on increasing awareness and reducing risks of psychedelic use.

**Alejandro Madrazo** is a law professor at CIDE in Aguascalientes, Mexico. He got involved in drug policy reform in 2007, as legal advisor to the first bill proposing decriminalization of marijuana in Mexico. Since then, he has been both advisor and activist for drug policy reform. In 2013 he started the Drug Policy Program at his University which he headed until July. He is currently on a sabbatical as a fellow at Yale Law School.

**Nazlee Maghsoudi** is the Knowledge Translation Manager at the ICSDP, where she plays a lead role in the production and dissemination of evidence-based drug policy research. She is Strategic Advisor at Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy and an Outreach Volunteer at TRIP!

Project, a nightlife harm reduction program in Toronto. Nazlee holds a Bachelor of Commerce from Queen's University and a Master of Global Affairs from the University of Toronto.

**Artie Malkin** is a founding partner in the Albany based lobbying law firm Malkin & Ross which specializes in running progressive issue campaigns. Malkin has represented the Drug Policy Alliance for 20 years at the State Capitol and has been involved in numerous drug policy victories. In 2010, DPA gave Malkin an award for his lifetime commitment, highlighting his decades-long work to reform the Rockefeller Drug Laws.

**Sarah Mann** is editor of Open Minds Quarterly, a literary magazine about mental health published by Northern Initiative for Social Action in Northern Ontario. Sarah is a former sex worker and injection drug user, and she holds an MA in Literary Studies. She has taught courses on sexuality, labour and writing since 2012, and her writing can be found in Tits and Sass, Briarpatch, The Hamilton Spectator, rabble.ca, Canadian Theatre Review and Digital Studies.

**Marie Mark** has spent her legal career advising clients and attorneys about the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and other contacts with the criminal justice and representing non-citizens fighting to remain in the United States. She received her law degree from New York University School of Law, where she participated in the Children's Rights Clinic and Immigrant Rights Clinic. Marie holds an undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College.

**Verna Gaines-Mathis** works as a Program Director at the Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition (AHRC). She has worked with HIV/AIDS, STIs, viral hepatitis, alcohol, and other drug treatment and criminal justice reform issues for almost two decades. Ms. Gaines-Mathis continues to successfully oversee all three branches of Prevention, Linkage, and Direct Services that covers eight different programs at AHRC. She's highly experienced with monitoring grant deliverables, developing reports, and linkage to care.

**Kristen Maye** is a doctoral student at Brown University. She formerly worked with the New York State office of the Drug Policy Alliance, supporting the development of the Ithaca Plan and the campaign for Reparative Justice.

**Jesselyn McCurdy** is a Deputy Director at the Washington Legislative Office of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). She covers criminal justice issues, including federal sentencing, prison reform, and drug policy. She joined the U.S. House of Representatives Judiciary Committee and was the lead Counsel for the historic Fair Sentencing Act of 2010. She received a BA in Journalism and Political Science from Rutgers University and JD from Catholic University of America.

**Rachel Mclean** serves as the Chief of the Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention for the California Department of Public Health. Previously, she worked with people who are incarcerated, homeless youth, and people who inject drugs to reduce HIV, viral hepatitis, overdose, and other drug-related harms. She has a Master's of Public Health degree from Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.



**Joyce McMillan** is a thought leader, advocate, activist, community organizer and educator. She is currently works as the Director of Programming at Child Welfare Organizing Project (CWOP). Her mission is to remove systemic barriers in communities of color by bringing awareness to racial disparities in systems across the board where people of color are disproportionately affected.

**Laura McTighe** is the Co-Founder and Associate Director of Front Porch Research Strategy and a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Society of Fellows at Dartmouth College. Her ethnographic research is grounded in twenty-years of grassroots organizing to end state violence and advance community healing and reparation. Since 2008, she has worked as a partner to Women With A Vision in New Orleans. She earned her Ph.D. from Columbia University and M.T.S. from Harvard University.

**Tatewin Means** served as the Oglala Sioux Tribe's Attorney General from 2012-2017 and during her tenure she proposed the incorporation of medical assisted treatment into a comprehensive substance abuse treatment model through the collaborative efforts of law enforcement, judiciary, medical field, behavioral treatment and spiritual community. She continues to advocate for the restructuring of criminal justice systems to truly reflect the needs of the people they serve.

**Francesca Menes** is the Director of Policy and Advocacy for the Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC) and Political Director for FLIC Votes. She leads the development and implementation of strategic legislative, policy and voter engagement campaigns throughout the state. She is committed to creating spaces in our communities where individuals directly affected can embrace their own power to effect change within the electoral and political process. She is a proud product of Miami's Little Haiti community.

**Thalia Michelle** is mother to 12 year old twins, Lance and Trinity. Lance has moderate autism with low verbal skills, lack of impulse control, and behavioral issues. Thalia became interested in cannabis therapy for autism as stories from families in legal states began to offer hope. As Co-Founder and Advocacy Director for MAMMA, Thalia devotes much of her time and effort towards legalization of cannabis in the state of Texas.

**Angie Milan-Cruz** is a Hep C Peer Navigator for VOCAL NY, and was the Lead Plaintiff of a lawsuit against NYS Dept of Health Medicaid Program for Exclusion for TransCare.

**Harvey Milkman, PhD** is Professor Emeritus, Department of Psychology, Metropolitan State University of Denver and Visiting Professor, Reykjavik University, Iceland. He received a Fulbright-Hays Lectureship Award at the National University of Malaysia. He was Principal Investigator for Project Self-Discovery: Artistic Alternatives for At-Risk Youth. He is author of *Pathways to Self-Discovery and Change: Criminal Conduct and Substance Abuse Treatment for Adolescents*. On March 10, 2017, he was a featured guest on NPR's "Here and Now."

**Dr. Reuben Miller** is an Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago and a 2016 member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton. He has published widely on race, crime and social welfare policy, is co-editor of the Routledge Handbook on Poverty, and wrote a book on prisoner reentry in Chicago, Detroit, and NYC titled *Halfway Home*.

**William Glen Miller Jr** grew up in west Baltimore in the Murphy Homes high rise housing complex. His mom and Dad both were both IV drug users and he had to care for his three younger siblings. He now works on educating people through various outreach efforts.

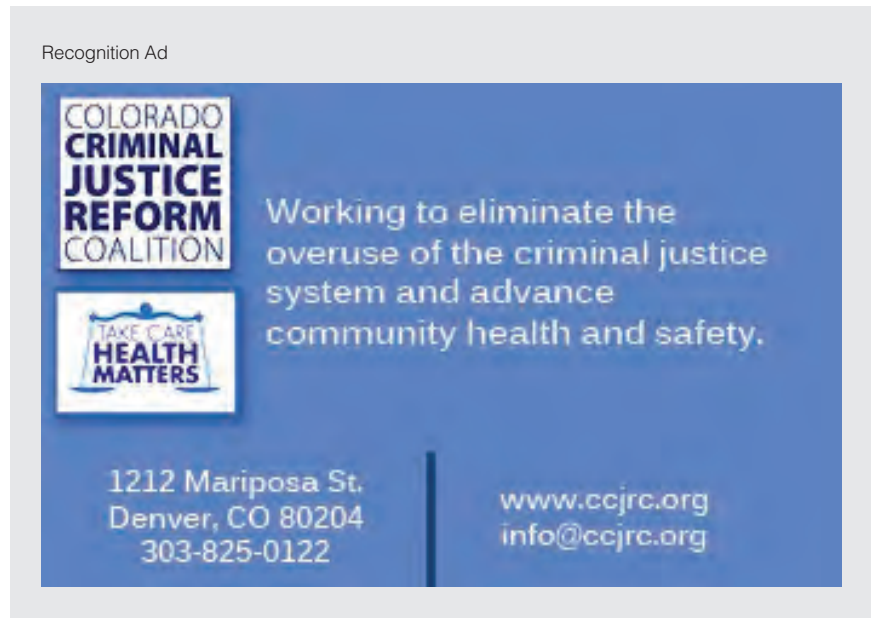
**Michael Mitchell** is a Senior Policy Analyst with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities' State Fiscal Policy division, where he focuses on criminal and juvenile justice reform and reinvestment. Mitchell holds a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the University of Connecticut and an MPA from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University.

**Nico Montano** is a researcher based out of New York City who focuses on youth experiences in prison, links between media, representation of race, gender, and sexuality within justice settings, and employing participatory action research methodologies. Nico holds an Msc from the London School of Economics in Gender, Media, and Culture, an MA from the University of Liverpool in Research Methods, and a BA in Psychology and Criminology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

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**Melissa Moore** is the deputy director for DPA's New York State policy office. She brings more than a decade of experience managing media and campaign strategy for progressive nonprofits focused on criminal justice reform, immigrant rights, poverty, community-led international development, and resource rights. Throughout her career, Melissa has worked toward social change by bridging policy analysis and targeted campaigns with direct engagement, first as part of the Economic and Social Human Rights Program at the Institute for Food and Development Policy/Food First, then as the Communications Director for the Oakland Institute, and as Media Outreach Coordinator for The Opportunity Agenda.

**Maria McFarland Sánchez-Moreno** is Drug Policy Alliance's Executive Director. She brings nearly thirteen years of international and domestic drug policy experience from her work at Human Rights Watch, where she served as Co-Director of the US Program. Maria's commitment to social justice and drug policy reform dates from her childhood, which she spent mostly in Peru. She was strongly influenced by her early work at Human Rights Watch researching Colombia, where drug profits fueled massacres and official corruption. During her tenure at Human Rights Watch, Maria led a team advocating against racial discrimination in policing, excessive sentencing, and unfair deportation policies that tear families apart, all issues closely intertwined with the United States' cruel and irrational approach to drugs. She also pressed the organization to more directly address the war on drugs as a human rights issue. As a



result, in 2013 Human Rights Watch became the first major international human rights organization to call for decriminalization of the personal use and possession of drugs and global drug reform more broadly. Maria is the author of the narrative non-fiction book *There Are No Dead Here: A Story of Murder and Denial in Colombia*, forthcoming from Nation Books in February 2018. She holds a law degree from New York University School of Law and did most of her undergraduate studies in Lima, Peru, before completing her BA at the University of Texas at Austin. She is a native speaker of both Spanish and English.

**Vilmarie Narloch, PsyD** is the Drug Education Manager at Students for Sensible Drug Policy, where she oversees the development and implementation of the Just Say Know Peer Education program. She is passionate about reforming drug education, and has dedicated years of study on the topic for her dissertation. Additionally, she has provided therapy

in a variety of settings, and has served as an adjunct instructor, teaching courses in psychology and substance use disorder treatment.

**Julie "Jules" Netherland, PhD**, is the Director of the Office of Academic Engagement for the Drug Policy Alliance. In that role, she advances drug policy reform by supporting scholars in doing advocacy, convening experts from a range of disciplines to inform the field, and strengthening DPA's use of research and scholarship in developing and advancing its policy positions. Dr. Netherland previously served as the Deputy State Director of DPA's New York Policy Office, where she was instrumental in passing two laws to legalize the use of medical marijuana in New York and advancing a number of harm reduction and public health approaches to drug policy. Dr. Netherland is the editor of *Critical Perspectives on Addiction* (Emerald Press, 2012). More recently, her work

with Helena Hansen, MD, PhD on the racialization of the opioid epidemic has appeared in the American Journal of Public Health, Biosocieties, and Culture, Psychiatry and Medicine. She teaches at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and is a social work field instructor for Columbia University and the Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

**Mike Nguy** is currently a graduate student at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, where he is in the Sociomedical Sciences Department. His interests and the focus of his studies are finding ways to integrate the conversation of race, gender, class, sexuality, ability, etc., with health and drug policy. It is vital that we bring the frameworks of intersectionality to push for justice and equitable evidence-based policies.

**Joey Nuñez Estrada Jr., Ph.D.** is an Associate Professor at San Diego State University's Department of Counseling and School Psychology. Dr. Estrada's research interests include street gang culture, holistic school-community-family partnerships, relationship-centered interventions, resiliency and youth empowerment. His scholarship focuses on building socially just school environments by challenging systemic inequities and eradicating school and community barriers to student learning, specifically for street gang-associated youth and justice-involved families.

**Imani R. Oakley** is a graduate of Howard University School of Law who has interned at the Department of State and the D.C. Office of Senator Cory Booker. In November, 2016, Ms. Oakley participated in the MCBA Policy Summit and helped draft legislation that ensures and promotes

access for communities of color into the cannabis industry, and that the legal cannabis market revenues are used to help heal communities damaged by the war on drugs.

**Karen O'Keefe** manages grassroots and direct lobbying efforts in most state legislatures for the largest marijuana policy reform organization in the United States – the Marijuana Policy Project. Karen played a key role in the passage of nine medical marijuana laws and six decriminalization laws and in the implementation of Alaska's initiative to legalize and regulate marijuana for adults' use. She is an attorney.

**Fabrice Olivet** is an historic leader of the harm reduction movement, a drug reformer, and a writer.

**Akwasi Owusu-Bempah** is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto. Akwasi's research focuses mainly on the intersections of race, crime and criminal justice, with a particular interest in the area of policing. He is frequently sought out to provide commentary and advice to police agencies, government bodies, community organizations, and media outlets on matters relating to various aspects of his research.

**Steven Pacheco** is a Ron Moelis Social Innovation Fellow for the fall of 2017, currently the Vice President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice with a major in Sociology. He completed an inaugural fellowship with the David Rockefeller Fund in the spring of 2017, as well as an inaugural fellowship with the Vera Institute of Justice for the year of 2016. In the fall of 2016, Pacheco landed an internship with the Drug Policy Alliance.

**Lynn M. Paltrow, J.D.**, is the Founder and Executive Director of National Advocates for Pregnant Women (NAPW). She is a graduate of Cornell and NYU School of Law. NAPW combines legal advocacy, public education, and organizing, to secure the human and civil rights of all people, focusing particularly on pregnant and parenting women, and those most likely to be targeted for state control and punishment – low income women, women of color, and drug-using women.

**Anthony Papa** is manager of media and artist relations at DPA. He is an artist, writer, freedom fighter, noted advocate against the war on drugs, and co-founder of the Mothers of the New York Disappeared. Papa is the author of *This Side of Freedom: Life After Clemency* (2016) and *15 to Life: How I Painted My Way to Freedom* (2004), a memoir about his experience of being sentenced to state prison for a first-time, nonviolent drug offense under New York's draconian Rockefeller Drug Laws. Papa has been interviewed by a wide range of national print and broadcast media, including The New York Times, The Washington Post, The Nation, National Public Radio, "Democracy Now," Court TV, "Extra," C-Span, WPIX, RNN among others.

**Gabriel Pendas** grew up in Miami, FL, and attended school at Florida State where he received a B.S. in Physics. He served as the President of the United States Student Association and a tenant organizer in the Bronx before founding the Dream Defenders in Florida. Since, he's consulted with and helped start numerous nonprofits including an Ibogaine Clinic in Baja, Mexico. He is currently the Program Director for the Minority Cannabis Business Association.

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**Maritza Perez** is a 2015 Soros Justice Fellow who completed her fellowship at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF) in Washington, DC before joining its permanent staff. She is a leading voice and policy advocate in the area of criminal justice and its impact on Latinos. Maritza earned her J.D. at the University of California, Berkeley, School of Law, receiving the Pro Bono Pledge Award for her extensive public interest service.

**Christiaan Perez** develops collaborations with community advocates to raise awareness about a range of issues impacting the Latino community. These collaborations range from developing digital strategy to coordinating with the legal department to help bring resources for actions or events. Christiaan also maintains LatinoJustice's digital presence on social media, the website and the newsletter all while producing content for the various platforms.

**Jake Plowden** was raised in Harlem, New York City, and has witnessed the worst of the Drug War. Galvanized for change, he joined Students for Sensible Drug Policy at CUNY Baruch College, where he graduated in 2016. Currently, he's the co-founder of the Cannabis Cultural Association – a 501(c)3 non-profit based in NYC that helps marginalized and underrepresented communities engage in the legal cannabis industry, emphasizing criminal justice reform, access to medical cannabis, and adult use legalization.

**Stephanie Polito** is the operations coordinator for DPA's public policy department. She is responsible for supporting the internal operations of the department, including developing systems that foster communication and collaboration, managing regular retreats and meetings, and coordinating the development of content for the bi-annual International Drug Policy Reform Conference. In her prior role within the organization, she served as program associate for the Drug Policy Alliance's advocacy grants program, supporting the organization's grant-making efforts and managing the National Scholarships Program for the bi-annual International Drug Policy Reform Conference. Prior to joining DPA, she worked as a clinical interviewer for the Institute for Social and Psychiatric Initiatives, a research project run by the NYU School of Medicine, administering diagnostic assessments to individuals with mental illnesses hospitalized at Bellevue Hospital. She previously interned with the Mental Health Court Advocacy Program in Brooklyn, a pre-arraignment diversion program for individuals with mental illness. She also volunteers with the Crime Victims Treatment Center at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital and is certified as a rape crisis counselor in the state of New York. She received a Bachelor's Degree in psychology from Loyola University Maryland in 2006 and continued her education in New York, receiving a Master's Degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a Master's Degree in mental health law from New York Law School.

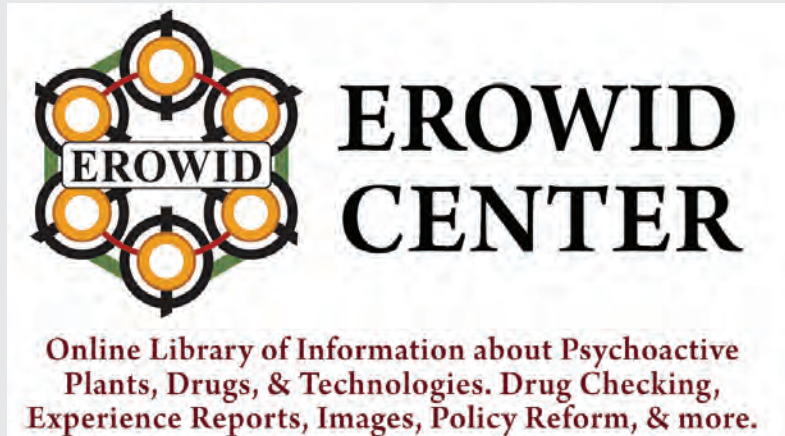
**Leah Pope** is an anthropologist and the Acting Director of the Substance Use and Mental Health Program at the Vera Institute of Justice. She has extensive experience in mixed methods research in public health and criminal justice. Current projects include creating a multi-agency database in Washington, D.C. to determine rates of mental illness among arrestees and leading a process evaluation of New York State's overdose education and naloxone distribution program in state prisons.

**Alexis R. Posey** is a social justice advocate with a focus and commitment to uplifting Black communities. Alexis has worked in the areas of HIV/AIDS, drug policy, workforce development, and economic equity fighting for policy changes through a racial justice framework. Alexis currently works as the Director of Policy at New York City's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Center for Health Equity. Alexis has been recognized for her career in nonprofit and success at both the city and state level in New York.

**Kemba Smith Pradia** is author of *Poster Child*, where she shares her dramatic story of how she went from college student to drug dealer's girlfriend to domestic violence victim to federal prisoner. Kemba's story has been featured on BET, CNN, Nightline, "The Early Morning Show," and a host of other media outlets. She is national public speaker and advocate for criminal justice reform.



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**Jesse Proudfoot** is a human geographer working on questions of drug use, drug addiction, and drug policy through the lenses of psychoanalysis, political economy, and critical geography. He is particularly interested in theorizations of addiction and non-normative approaches to drug treatment. His research is motivated by a concern for social justice and the rights of drug users.

**Joelle Puccio** is a registered nurse with 13 years of experience in hospital care of the postpartum family and level III NICU. She was the Director of Women's Services for a peer run syringe access program in Seattle, WA for 7 years, and now serves on the Board of Directors. She is also on the board of the National Perinatal Association. Her main interest is the intersection of drug user rights and feminism.

**Jason Pye** is the vice president of legislative affairs for FreedomWorks. He provides policy and legislative analysis for FreedomWorks, promotes the organization's policy agenda on Capitol Hill, and works with allied congressional staffers to build support for their legislative priorities with the organization's grassroots community.

**Julián Quintero** is a sociologist with a master's degree in social studies of science and technology. He is co-founder and executive director of the ATS Corporation of Colombia. Pioneer in harm reduction in Colombia, he has worked on access to syringes, the use of naloxone and drug checking. He is also a researcher and an active participant in drug policy reform in Colombia.

**Daniel Raymond** is Harm Reduction Coalition's Deputy Director for Policy and Planning, where he oversees the organization's national training, capacity building, and advocacy work. Daniel has led Harm Reduction Coalition's federal advocacy efforts on syringe access and overdose.

Based in New York City, he chairs the Injection Drug Users Health Alliance and the Washington Heights CORNER Project Board of Trustees, and served on Governor Cuomo's Heroin and Opioid Task Force.

**Craig Reinerman** is Professor of Sociology and Legal Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He has also been a visiting professor at the University of Amsterdam and Utrecht University. He is the co-author of *Cocaine Changes*; *Crack In America: Demon Drugs and Social Justice*; and co-editor of a new anthology, *Expanding Addiction: Critical Essays*.

**Jorge Renaud** works toward a jail and border free world that operates out of kindness, inclusion, and compassion. He spent 27 years in Texas cages, has a 27-year-old daughter, and has an MSSW from the University of Texas.

**Steven Renderos** is the Organizing Director at the Center for Media Justice. He is passionate about the role of media and communications in building movements for social change. He helped lead CMJ's advocacy and organizing efforts to win reforms that have made phone calls from prisons more affordable and the Internet more open and affordable.

**Tina Reynolds** is Co-Founder and Chair of Women on the Rise Telling HerStory (WORTH). WORTH is an association of formerly and currently incarcerated women who have been empowered by their own experiences while involved in the criminal justice system and beyond.

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### **Josiah “Jody” Rich, MD, MPH**

is Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at Brown University, and a practicing Infectious Disease specialist at The Miriam Hospital and at the Rhode Island Department of Corrections since 1994. Dr Rich has extensive expertise in the care and prevention of disease in addicted and incarcerated individuals. He has advocated for public health policy changes to improve the health of people with addiction. He has been a DPA Board Member since 2015.

**Andrea Ritchie** is a Black lesbian immigrant, a Researcher in Residence on Race, Gender Sexuality and Criminalization at the Barnard Center for Research on Women, and a 2014 Senior Soros Justice Fellow. She is author of *Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color*, and co-author of *Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women* and *Queer (In) Justice: The Criminalization of LGBT People in the United States*.

**Christine Rodriguez** currently serves as a Program Advisor at the California Department of Public Health, Office of Viral Hepatitis Prevention, supporting implementation of hepatitis C testing and linkages to care demonstration projects across the state, and previously served as Senior Policy Manager for the National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable in Washington, DC. She earned her Master of Public Health at UC Berkeley, and is devoted to centering equity, sexual and drug user health, and marginalized communities.

**Steve Rolles** is the senior policy analyst for Transform Drug Policy Foundation in the UK. He is author of the groundbreaking ‘After the war

on drugs: Blueprint for Regulation’, in 2007 and ‘Regulating cannabis: A practical guide’ in 2013. He has acted as a consultant for both Uruguayan and Canadian governments on the development of the cannabis regulation policies.

**Dr. Frederick Rotgers** is a clinical psychologist in private practice who has been in the forefront of the harm reduction therapy movement since its inception. He has been on the faculties of Rutgers University, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He is widely published in the area of addictions treatment and has lectured internationally on harm reduction approaches to substance use disorders.

**Kellen Russoniello** is a Staff Attorney for the ACLU of California. He spearheads advocacy to leverage healthcare reforms to advance a public health approach to drug policy. He earned his JD/MPH from The George Washington University. He drafted DC’s Good Samaritan legislation, which became law in 2013. Kellen’s most recent publication is “The End of Jacobson’s Spread: Five Arguments Why an Anti-Intoxicant Vaccine Mandate Would Be Unconstitutional.”

**Chad Sabora** is a former prosecuting attorney from Chicago, IL. Chad is also a person in long term recovery from substance use disorder. His struggles with heroin addiction occurred during his legal career. Instead of returning to legal work in 2011 when he found recovery, Chad chose to use his education and experience to start not for profit work focused on harm reduction and drug policy reform.

**Lisa Sangoi** is fighting the ways the criminal and child welfare systems punish poor people and people of color. She has written and lectured widely on these injustices, and worked on a number of advocacy campaigns to roll back laws, policies and practices that punish women and mothers. She has also had the privilege of representing women targeted by the child welfare and criminal legal systems through trial and appellate advocacy.

**Eduardo Santos** graduated in History from the Federal University of Bahia. He is Specialist in Strategic Management in Public Policies (Unicamp / Perseu Abramo). He is also Coordinator of the Black Initiative for a New Drug Policy, and a member of the Latin American Network of People Who Use Drugs.

**Christopher Scott** is a senior policy advisor for education, youth justice and policing at OSF. Scott helps convene the Justice Roundtable, a coalition working to reform the U.S. justice system. Scott has served as a senior advisor for the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans. Before OSF, Scott was a policy analyst at the Center for Law and Social Policy, and served as chief staffer for Congressman Bobby Scott’s education agenda

**Roseanne Scotti** is DPA’s Senior Director, Resident States and State Director, New Jersey. Before joining DPA, she was a research coordinator at the University of Pennsylvania’s Center for Studies of Addiction in the HIV Prevention Research Division. As a research coordinator, she worked on various research projects studying



the incidence of HIV among injection drug users with the goal of designing effective prevention interventions. Scotti received her B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania and her J.D. from Temple School of Law. She has authored and co-authored law review and medical journal articles on HIV prevention and drug policy. She founded the Prevention Point Philadelphia Harm Reduction Law Project, which provides free legal assistance for drug users and sex workers in Philadelphia. She lectures often on the issues of harm reduction and drug policy. In 2004, she received the award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of HIV Prevention from the New Jersey HIV Prevention Community Planning Group. In 2005, she was appointed to New Jersey's Gang Land Security Task Force.

**Steph Sherer** is founder and Executive Director of Americans for Safe Access (ASA), Director of Innovations of the International Cannabis and Cannabinoid Institute (ICCI), and founding member of the International Medical Cannabis Patients Coalition (IMCPC). ASA is the largest national member-based organization of patients, medical professionals, scientists, and concerned citizens promoting safe and legal access to cannabis for therapeutic use and research.

**Caty Simon** is a local activist and low-income escort in the Western Mass area. She is the co-editor of Tits and Sass, a long-running blog by and for sex workers. Her work has appeared in Alternet, make/shift magazine, HTMLGiant, refinery29, and VICE. She also has experience in the mad movement, the low-income rights movement, prison abolition, and harm reduction work.

**Deborah Small** is an internationally known drug policy reform and human rights advocate. Her work focuses on the intersection of punitive drug policies and racial justice. She works to help empower communities disproportionately impacted by the failed "war on drugs".

**Lex Stepling** is a National Organizer with Equal Justice USA, and works to shift the national climate towards more just responses to violence.

**Robert Suarez** is a community leader with VOCAL-NY's Users Union and a Co-Chair of the Peer Network of New York.

**Patricia Sully** is a staff attorney with the Public Defender Association, where she works on justice system reform and coordinates VOCAL-WA. Prior to law school, Patricia worked as a community organizer and capacity builder both domestically and abroad. Among other things, she currently coordinates the "Yes To SCS" campaign for supervised consumption spaces in Seattle. When she is not in the office, she can often be found protesting in the streets.

**Maia Szalavitz** is the author of the New York Times bestseller, *Unbroken Brain: A Revolutionary New Way of Understanding Addiction* and has covered drug policy for decades.

**Nick Szuberla** is a Southern civil rights leader and nonprofit executive. He serves as the executive director of Working Narratives, a North Carolina based arts and social justice organization. He co-founded Nation Inside, Calls from Home, Campaign for Prison Phone Justice, Free Movement Project and Thousand Kites. Szuberla's artistic work has

been awarded fellowships from Theater Communications Group, Creative Capital, and the National Endowment for the Artist.

**Tripti Tandon** is a practising lawyer and Deputy Director with the Lawyers Collective, a human rights law organisation in India. Besides defending persons charged with drug offences, Tripti engages in strategic litigation and policy advocacy for reforming drug law(s) including on questions of the death penalty, proportionate sentencing, fair trial guarantees, access to harm reduction, evidence-based treatment and controlled medicines as well as decriminalisation of non-violent drug-related activities.

**Sara Totonchi** is the Executive Director of the Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR), a nonprofit law firm that works to end mass incarceration, the death penalty, and the criminalization of poverty. Sara leads SCHR in carrying out its mission to dramatically transform the criminal justice system. Sara has been recognized for her work by several publications, including being named by Atlanta Magazine as one of "Five of the Future" leaders of Atlanta.

**Jasmine Tyler** is US Advocacy Director at Human Rights Watch. Prior to joining HRW, she was senior policy advisor for drug policy and global health for Open Society Foundations. Jasmine also served as deputy director of National Affairs for Drug Policy Alliance. Her firsthand understanding of the criminal justice system began as a child visiting her father in prison. She has an MA from Brown University and BS from James Madison University, both in sociology.

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**Lyn Ulbricht** is an activist and advocate against the drug war and for criminal justice reform. She is also the mother of Ross Ulbricht, who was sentenced to double life without parole for non-violent drug charges associated with his role in the Silk Road website. When not working to raise awareness, Lyn focuses on raising funds for Ross' legal fight through [www.freeross.org](http://www.freeross.org).

**Imani Uzuri** is a vocalist, composer and cultural worker who has been called "a post-modernist Bessie Smith" by The Village Voice. She composes music that celebrates her rural North Carolina roots where she grew up singing Spirituals and line-singing hymns with her grandmother and extended family. Uzuri has collaborated with a cross section of artists across various disciplines including Herbie Hancock, John Legend, Vijay Iyer, Sanford Biggers, Carrie Mae Weems, Wangechi Mutu and Robert Ashley.

**Sheila P Vakharia** is the Policy Manager of the Office of Academic Engagement for the Drug Policy Alliance. In that role, she helps DPA staff and others understand a range of drug policy issues while also responding to new studies with critiques and analysis. Additionally, she is responsible for cultivating relationships with researchers from a wide range of disciplines aligned with DPA's policy interests and working to mobilize academics in service of DPA policy campaigns. Dr. Vakharia's research and teaching interests include harm reduction therapy, drug policy reform, drug user stigma, overdose and overdose prevention, and social work education. Sheila is on the Board of HAMS Harm Reduction Network and is a member of the Harm Reduction Therapy Research Group.

**Ingrid Walker** is Associate Professor of American Studies in the School of Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences at the University of Washington, Tacoma. She researches the social politics of drugs in contemporary American culture. Her book, *High: Drugs, Desire, and a Nation of Users*, examines how drug prohibition and health care's disparate and uninformed cultural norms and policy regarding the use of licit and illicit psychoactive drugs affect users and nonusers. TEDx: Drugs and Desire.

**Art Way** is a Senior Director for DPA's National Criminal Justice Reform Strategy and State Director for DPA's Colorado Office. As Senior Director, Art co-leads an internal process to generate a multi-year criminal justice reform strategy to guide DPA's efforts in the field and is responsible for establishing DPA's criminal justice policy and advocacy priorities. A belief in the ills of mass incarceration and drug war policies fuel Art's desire to manage DPA's efforts in Colorado, where his work involves minimizing the role of the criminal justice system in addressing drug-related issues. This work includes the passage and implementation of overdose prevention efforts, such as third-party naloxone distribution and the state's 911 Good Samaritan law. Art has also been deeply involved in the passage and implementation of Colorado's marijuana legalization law, and has travelled domestically and internationally as a speaker addressing this historic policy shift. His on-the-ground efforts in Colorado and nationally have expanded the base of drug policy reformers to include prominent racial justice and criminal justice stakeholders

**Eliza Wheeler** currently manages the Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project in San Francisco, through a collaboration with the San Francisco Department of Public Health. The Drug Overdose Prevention and Education Project is a program of the Harm Reduction Coalition (HRC), a national advocacy organization with a focus on improving the health and human rights of people who use drugs.

**Clare S. Wilkins** is the founder of Pangea Biomedics, which collaborated with MAPS to study the long-term effects of patients using ibogaine for opiates. Clare is a board member of GITA & is a co-author of the Clinical Guidelines for Ibogaine-Assisted Detoxification. Mentored by Howard Lotsof, she is committed to scientific research of this potent medicine. She is currently collaborating with ICEERS, utilizing the cumulative administration method she developed over 10 years of clinical practice.

**Gwen Wilkinson** was a prosecutor in Ithaca, NY for over twenty years. She was elected to three terms as District Attorney. Gwen co-curated The Ithaca Plan, and currently serves as the interim Drug Policy Coordinator in Ithaca.

**Carrie Wilkinson** is Director of the Human Rights Defense Center's Prison Phone Justice and Stop Prison Profiteering Campaigns focused on ending the corporate price gouging of prisoners and their families for prison phone and video calls, money transfer, and other services. Works with prisoners, families, advocates, the FCC, and individuals working to implement/change regulations and laws at the state, county, and local levels. Formerly a civil rights litigation paralegal at MacDonald Hoague & Bayless for 20 years.

**Pamela Winn** is a single mother of two sons, with 3 Post-Secondary Degrees in Nursing. She is also an entrepreneur who started two successful businesses. Having served a five-year federal sentence for a white-collar crime, my family was severed including a 3rd child miscarried during incarceration, my career revoked, and businesses abolished. This experience empowered me to be an advocate/activist to reduce the number of women under correctional control and restore human and civil rights.”

**Gina Womack** is the director and co-founder of Families and Friends of Louisiana’s Incarcerated Children a statewide membership organization dedicated to creating a better life for all of Louisiana’s youth. Ms. Womack with other members worked with allies to Pass the Juvenile Justice Reform ACT of 2003 which forced Louisiana to close the notorious Tallulah Youth Prison and move to a system based on treatment that keeps families at the center.

**Simon Woolley** is the Director of the national organisation Operation Black Vote, he is Board member OSF Global Drugs Policy programme, and sits on a number of UK government task forces looking at discriminatory practices in the Criminal Justice System and the Workplace. His work on racism in the Criminal Justice System has had a particular focus on drugs policy and the race penalty.

**Michelle Wright** is the policy manager at the Drug Policy Alliance, where she works to implement statewide policies that reframe the narrative around regulating drug use. By actively partnering with state-based organizations, she is committed to working towards criminal justice reform, strategizing on best movement building practices, and tackling racial inequities that have decimated communities of color. Prior to joining the Drug Policy Alliance, Michelle worked at the intersections of anti-Black, social justice and queer advocacy, as a trainer, organizer and advocate. She has facilitated public narrative trainings, implemented non-violent direct actions and has trained at national conferences. A California native, with deep-seeded roots in Oakland, Michelle has seen firsthand the devastating results of the war on drugs and is ready to use her expertise to contribute to the dynamic organizational landscape at DPA.

**Dr. April Young** is an Assistant Professor in the University of Kentucky Department of Epidemiology and Center on Drug and Alcohol Research. For eight years, she has been doing research on drug use in rural communities, particularly those in Eastern Kentucky. Recently, she has been working with rural Appalachian counties to educate policymakers and community members about harm reduction during approval and rollout of syringe access programs.

**Mojgan Zare** is a medical doctor and health educator who has substantial experience with HIV, Hepatitis C, STI, and substance use patients. Under her leadership, Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition has become one of the preeminent US-based organizations promoting harm reduction as a mode of working with vulnerable communities, noted for its capacity building, linkage and retention in care, program and resource development, and policy and research work. Dr. Zare oversees the Policy and Research work at AHRC.

**Jon Zibbell** is a senior health scientist at RTI International conducting research on negative sequelae associated with the opioid epidemic. Before RTI, Jon worked at CDC in the Divisions of Viral Hepatitis and Unintentional Injury Prevention on HCV and opioid overdose prevention while assisting States during drug-related outbreak investigations. His work has appeared in academic and professional journals and he holds appointments in the Center for Human Health and Department of Anthropology at Emory University.

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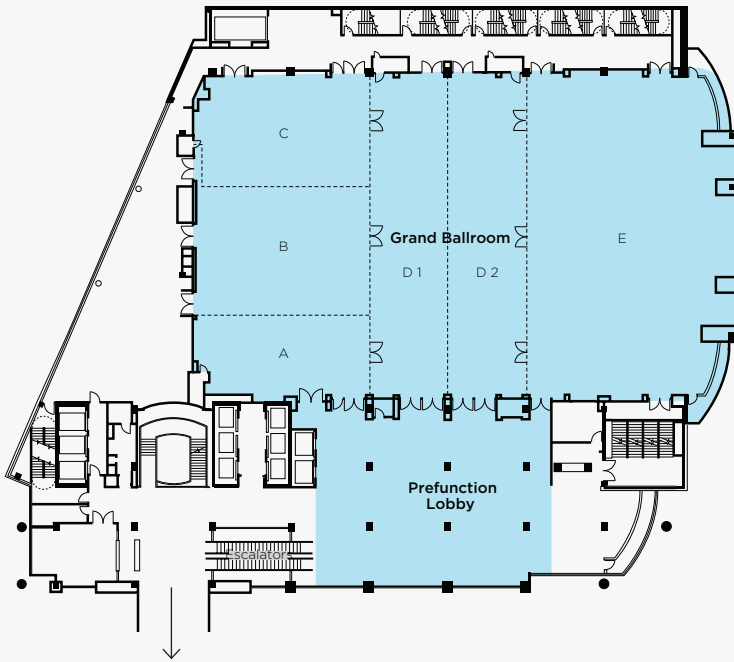
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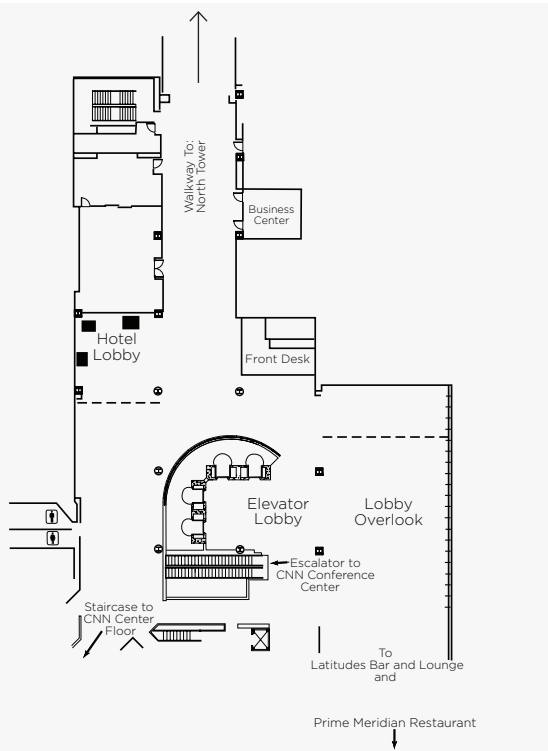
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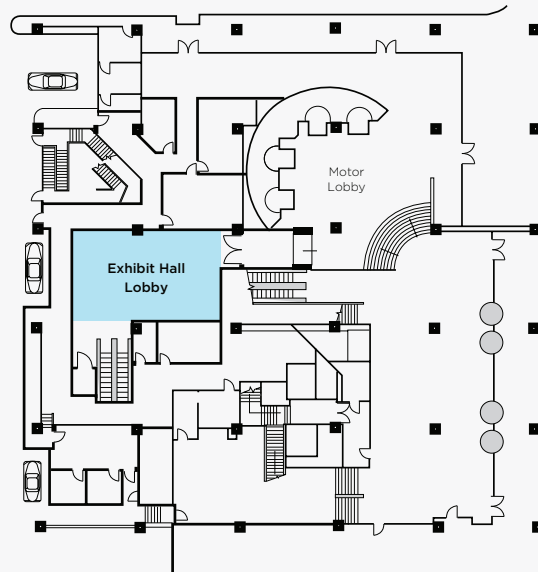
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Lobby Level**

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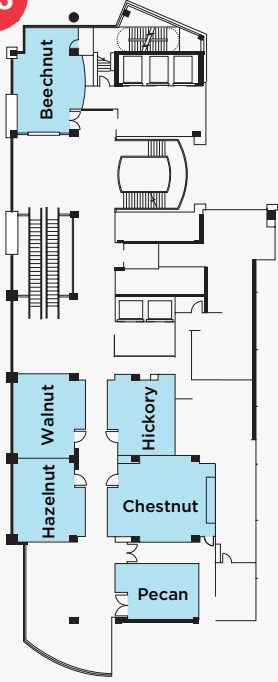
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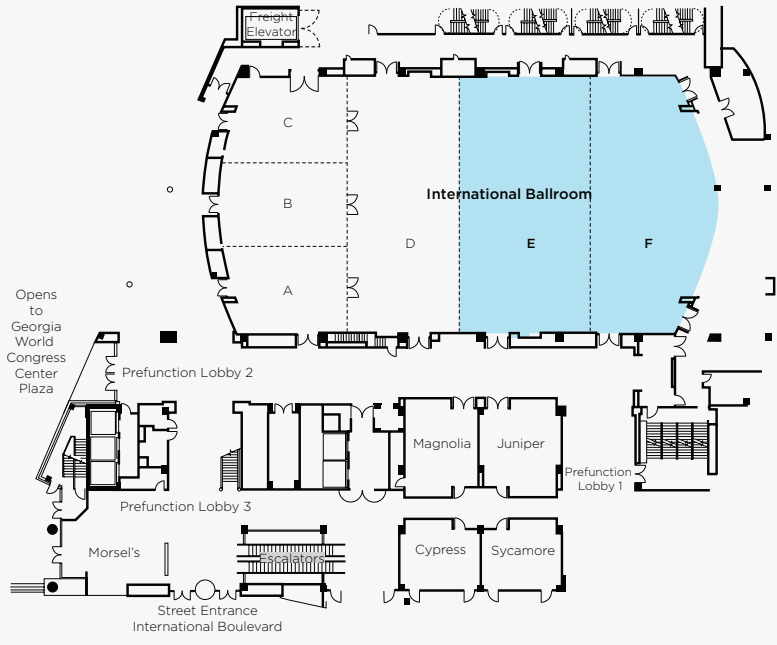


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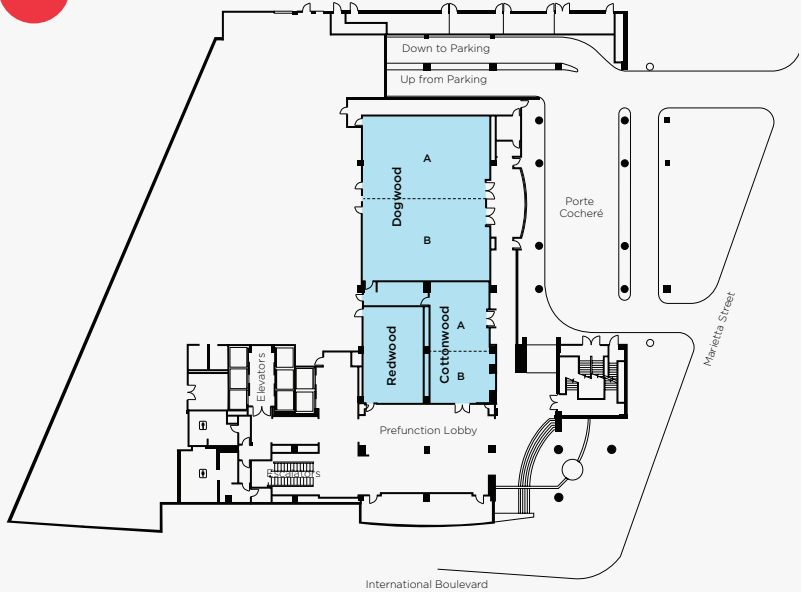
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**M2**



**CNN North Tower M2 International Ballroom**

**M1**



**CNN North Tower M1 Street Level**

**CNN North Tower M3 Meeting Level**

- Beechnut
- Chestnut
- Hazelnut
- Hickory
- Pecan
- Walnut

**CNN North Tower M2 International Ballroom**

- International Ballroom E
- International Ballroom F

**CNN North Tower M1 Street Level**

- Cottonwood
- Dogwood A
- Dogwood B
- Redwood

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