



The Controlled Substances Act at 50 Years

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DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND POLICY CENTER

Thursday, February 20

Workshop on Improving the Prosecutorial Function (closed session)

2–5 p.m. | Room 583

- Wesley Bell • Prosecuting Attorney - St. Louis County, MO
- Parisa Dehghani-Tafti • Commonwealth’s Attorney - Arlington County, VA
- Andrea Harrington • District Attorney - Berkshire County, MA
- Zach Klein • City Attorney, Columbus, OH
- Marisa Rodriguez • Director - San Francisco Office of Cannabis
- Daniel Satterberg • Prosecutor, King County, WA
- Kent Volkmer • County Attorney, Pinal County, AZ
- Jonathan Wroblewski • Director, Office of Policy and Legislation, Criminal Division - U.S. DOJ

Registration and Opening Reception

4:30–6 p.m. | 5th Floor Patio

Keynote

6–7:30 p.m. | Room 544

Welcome by the Academy for Justice and Drug Enforcement and Policy Center

“Federal Policy and the Dual Nature of Drugs”
Keith Humphreys • Esther Ting Memorial Professor - Stanford University

"Do Drug Problems Have More Influence on Drug Policy Than Vice Versa?"
Peter Reuter • Professor of Public Policy and Criminology - University of Maryland

Friday, February 21

Breakfast and Registration

8–8:45 a.m. | 5th Floor Patio

History of the Controlled Substances Act

8:45–10 a.m. | Room 644

Moderator: Douglas A. Berman • Director, Drug Enforcement and Policy Center - The Ohio State University

Richard J. Bonnie • Director, Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy - University of Virginia
Dr. John Molina • Corporate Compliance Officer - Native Health

Matthew Pembleton • Author of *Containing Addiction: The Federal Bureau of Narcotics and the Origins of America's Global Drug War*
Deborah Small • Executive Director and Founder - Break the Chains
William Vodra • Former Associate Chief Council for Drugs - FDA

Networking/Break

10–10:30 a.m.

Public Health Responses Adopted by Police and Prosecutors

10:30–11:45 a.m. | Room 644

Moderator: Alex Kreit • Professor of Law - Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Carmen Best • Chief of Police - Seattle Police Department
Jerry Clayton • Sheriff - Washtenaw County, MI
Kelly K. Dineen, Ph.D. • Director, Health Law Program - Creighton University
Neill Franklin • Executive Director - Law Enforcement Action Partnership
James Hodge • Director, Center for Public Health Law and Policy - Arizona State University
Aila Hoss • Visiting Assistant Professor and Grand Challenge Fellow - Indiana University
Daniel Satterberg • Prosecutor - King County, WA

Break

11:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Lunch Plenary: Criminal Justice and Drug Offenses in 2020

12–1:30 p.m. | W.P. Carey Armstrong Great Hall

Moderator: Miriam Krinsky • Executive Director - Fair and Just Prosecution

Allister Adel • County Attorney - Maricopa County, AZ
Wesley Bell • Prosecuting Attorney - St. Louis County, MO
Andrea Harrington • District Attorney - Berkshire County, MA
Parisa Dehghani-Tafti • Commonwealth’s Attorney - Arlington County, VA

Break

1:30–1:45 p.m.

Strategies for Addressing Substance Use in Prisons and Reentry

1:45–3 p.m. | W.P. Carey Armstrong Great Hall

Moderator: **Valena Beety** • Deputy Director, Academy for Justice - Arizona State University

Leo Beletsky • Faculty Director, Health in Justice Action Lab - Northeastern University
Betsy Jividen • Commissioner - West Virginia Division of Corrections
Jennifer D. Oliva • Associate Professor of Law - Seton Hall University
Annie Ramniceanu • Director - Vermont Department of Corrections, Addictions and Mental Health Systems
Jeffrey Singer • Senior Fellow - Cato Institute
Richard Van Wickler • Superintendent - Cheshire County Department of Corrections, NH

Networking/Break

3–3:30 p.m.

Town Hall - Marijuana in 2020: Legalization and Regulation

3:30–4:30 p.m. | *W.P. Carey Armstrong Great Hall*

Beau Kilmer • Director - RAND Drug Policy Research Center
Ethan Nadelmann • Founder - Drug Policy Alliance
Cat Packer • Executive Director, Department of Cannabis Regulation - City of Los Angeles

Final Remarks and Closing Reception

4:30–6 p.m. | *Engrained at the Beus Center for Law and Society*

Saturday, February 22

Breakfast and Registration

8–8:30 a.m. | *5th Floor Patio*

Panel 1A: Controlled Substances Surveillance and Agency Control

8:30–10 a.m. | *Room 544*

Presenter: **Anne Boustead** • Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Policy - University of Arizona
Reviewer: **Shima Baradaran Baughman** • Professor, College of Law - University of Utah

Presenter: **Lauren M. Ouziel** • Associate Professor, Beasley School of Law - Temple University
Reviewer: **Zachary C. Bolitho** • Assistant Professor, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law - Campbell University

Panel 2A: Marijuana Reform

8:30–10 a.m. | *Room 644*

Presenter: **Oliver Kim** • Adjunct Professor, School of Law - University of Pittsburgh
Reviewer: **Daniel Rodriguez** • Harold Washington Professor, Pritzker School of Law - Northwestern University

Presenter: **Paul Larkin, Jr.** • Rumpel Senior Legal Research Fellow - The Heritage Foundation
Reviewer: **Patricia J. Zettler** • Assistant Professor, Moritz College of Law - The Ohio State University

Presenter: **Melanie Reid** • Associate Dean of Faculty, Duncan School of Law - Lincoln Memorial University
Reviewer: **Alex Kreit** • Professor of Law - Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Break

10–10:15 a.m.

Panel 1B: The CSA, Gun Control, and Immigration

10:15–11:45 a.m. | *Room 544*

Presenter: **Drury Stevenson** • Professor of Law - South Texas College of Law Houston
Reviewer: **Jesenia Pizarro-Terrill, Ph.D.** • Associate Professor, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice - Arizona State University

Presenter: **Michael Vastine** • Professor and Director, Immigration Clinic - St. Thomas University
Reviewer: **Valena Beety** • Deputy Director, Academy for Justice - Arizona State University

Panel 2B: Drug Policy Empirical Research and Sentencing Reform

10:15–11:45 a.m. | *Room 644*

Presenter: **Stephanie Holmes Didwania** • Assistant Professor, Beasley School of Law - Temple University
Reviewer: **Jelani Jefferson Exum** • Professor of Law - University of Detroit Mercy

Presenter: **Erica Zunkel** • Associate Director, Federal Criminal Justice Clinic - University of Chicago
Reviewer: **Jonathan Wroblewski** • Director, Office of Policy and Legislation, Criminal Division - U.S. DOJ

Women of Color Leading Cannabis Reform Workshop (closed session)

8:30–11:45 a.m. | *Room 555*

Leslie Herod • State Representative - State of Colorado
Toi Hutchinson • Senior Advisor to the Governor for Cannabis Control - State of Illinois
Wanda James • Founder and CEO - Simply Pure Dispensary
Cat Packer • Executive Director - Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation
Roz McCarthy • Founder/CEP - Minorities for Medical Marijuana
Shanita Penny • Founder and CEO - Budding Solutions
Maritza Perez • Director, National Affairs - Drug Policy Alliance
Marisa Rodriguez • Director - San Francisco Office of Cannabis

Speakers



Allister Adel • Maricopa County Attorney - Maricopa County, AZ

Allister Adel was appointed as Maricopa County Attorney in October 2019. Adel began her legal career at the Maricopa County Attorney's Office, where she was an award-winning litigator prosecuting felonies and advocating for victims' rights. During her tenure as a Deputy County Attorney, she served in the Vehicular Crimes, Gang, and Drug Enforcement bureaus. She was then appointed to leadership positions in Arizona State government from 2011 to 2015. As the Chief Administrative Law Judge for the Arizona Department of Transportation and later as General Counsel for the Arizona Department of Child Safety, Adel worked to build coalitions and improve policies to help the agencies achieve their mission. Ms. Adel received her J.D. from the Arizona State University Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law and B.A. in Political Science from the University of Arizona.



Shima Baradaran Baughman • Professor, College of Law - University of Utah

Professor Baughman is a national expert on bail and pretrial prediction and her current scholarship examines criminal justice policy, prosecutors, drugs, search and seizure, international law and terrorism, and race and violent crime. Professor Baughman has worked with economists and political scientists to write articles involving advanced empirical modeling and randomized controlled trials, including the largest global field experiment in the world. Her work has been featured in many media outlets and her articles have been published in top journals. She has published three books including, most recently, *The Bail Book: A Comprehensive Look at Bail in America's Criminal Justice System*. She received a J.D. from Brigham Young University Law School.



Valena Beety • Professor of Law and Deputy Director, Academy for Justice - Arizona State University

Professor Beety's experiences as a federal prosecutor in Washington, D.C., and as an innocence litigator in Mississippi and West Virginia, shape her research and writing on wrongful convictions, forensic evidence, the opioid crisis and incarceration. Professor Beety founded the West Virginia Innocence Project, served as a board member of the national Innocence Network and a commissioner on the West Virginia Governor's Indigent Defense Commission. She is the co-author of the *Wrongful Convictions Reader* (2018). Before serving as an Assistant U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia, Beety clerked for the Honorable Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and for the Honorable Chief Judge James G. Carr of the Northern District of Ohio. Beety holds a B.A. and J.D. from the University of Chicago.



Leo Beletsky • Professor of Law and Faculty Director, Health in Justice Action Lab - Northeastern University

Leo Beletsky is a Professor of Law and Health Sciences at Northeastern University, where he is the faculty director of the Health in Justice Action Lab. He is also an Associate Adjunct Professor at the UC San Diego School of Medicine. Beletsky's expertise is in the public health impact of laws and their enforcement, with special focus on drug overdose, infectious disease transmission, and criminal justice reform through a public health lens. He received his undergraduate degree from Vassar College and Oxford University, MPH from Brown University, his J.D. from Temple University School of Law and his post-doctoral training at the Yale University Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS.



Wesley Bell • Prosecuting Attorney - St. Louis County, MO

Wesley Bell is the Prosecuting Attorney for St. Louis County, Missouri. Elected in a 2018 landslide, Bell is the first African American to serve in this position. He has served with distinction across the spectrum of the legal profession as a public defender, defense attorney, judge, professor and prosecutor. After graduating from law school, Bell worked as a St. Louis County public defender and a municipal court judge. Bell then started his own criminal defense practice. In 2015 he was elected to the city council of Ferguson, MO. Wesley is a criminal justice professor at St. Louis Community College (Florissant Valley) where he is the head of the department. Bell earned degrees from Lindenwood University and the University of Missouri-Columbia law school.



Douglas A. Berman • Professor of Law and Executive Director of the Drug Enforcement and Policy Center - The Ohio State University

Douglas Berman is Professor and Newton D. Baker-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. His principal teaching and research focus is in the area of criminal law and criminal sentencing and rapidly-evolving drug laws and regulations. Berman is a long-time editor of the Federal Sentencing Reporter and is frequently consulted by policymakers, sentencing commissioners, and public policy groups concerning sentencing law and policy reforms. Prior to joining the faculty at Moritz College of law, he was a litigation associate and served as a law clerk for Judge Jon O. Newman and then for Judge Guido Calabresi, both on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. He attended Princeton University and Harvard Law School.



Carmen Best • Chief of Police - Seattle Police Department

Chief Best has served with the Seattle Police Department for 27 years. She is Chair of the Human and Civil Rights Committee for the International Association of Chiefs of Police and is on the IACP Board of Directors. She is the Vice-Chair of Exploring for the Learning for Life National Executive Board and serves on the National Law Enforcement Exploring Committee. She is also co-chair of the Law Enforcement Immigration Task Force, and a member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives and the National Latino Police Officers Association. Chief Best was awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor. She holds M.S. in Criminal Justice from Northeastern University.



Zachary C. Bolitho • Associate Professor, Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law - Campbell University

Zachary Bolitho teaches Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, Federal Crimes, and Federal Courts. Bolitho took a leave of absence during the 2017-2018 academic year to serve on the staff of Deputy Attorney General Rod Rosenstein at the U.S. Department of Justice. He was ultimately promoted to Chief of Staff and Associate Deputy Attorney General, serving as one of the Deputy Attorney General's principal advisers. Additionally, Bolitho performed a collateral duty as the Department of Justice's ex officio member of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Earlier in his legal career, Bolitho was an Assistant U.S. Attorney, as well as an associate at the law firm of Jones Day. He received his J.D. from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law.

Speakers



Richard J. Bonnie • Professor and Director, Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy - University of Virginia

Professor Bonnie has co-authored textbooks on criminal law and public health law and has devoted special attention during his career to public policies relating to mental health and substance abuse. His first book, *The Marijuana Conviction: A History of Marijuana Prohibition in the United States* (1974) was republished in 1999 as a “drug policy classic.” Professor Bonnie was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 1991 and has chaired more than a dozen studies for the National Academies. Professor Bonnie has served as an advisor to the American Psychiatric Association since 1979, has won numerous awards and served on three MacArthur Foundation research networks. He holds a B.A. from Johns Hopkins University and an LL.B. from the University of Virginia.



Anne Boustead • Assistant Professor, School of Government and Public Policy - University of Arizona

Annie Boustead is an assistant professor at the School of Government & Public Policy, University of Arizona, where she studies legal and policy issues related to electronic surveillance, drug policy, and privacy. Her research primarily focuses on empirically analyzing law enforcement surveillance and understanding how variation in the emerging state-regulated cannabis market impacts public health and safety outcomes. She has a Ph.D. from the Pardee RAND Graduate School, where her dissertation focused on the interplay between commercial data collection and law enforcement surveillance, and a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.



Jerry Clayton • Sheriff - Washtenaw County, MI

Jerry L. Clayton is currently serving his third term as the Sheriff of Washtenaw County. Sheriff Clayton has served in a variety of front-line positions, was appointed to several executive positions, and has been a certified criminal justice instructor for more than 25 years. He has provided training, monitoring and subject matter expert consulting services to a variety of clients and served as a commissioner for the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards since 2013. In 2017, at the invitation of the UN High Commission on Human Rights, Sheriff Clayton was the representative from the United States and a presenter at an international conference on law enforcement and bias-based policing in Geneva, Switzerland. Sheriff Clayton attended Eastern Michigan University, majoring in Public Safety Administration and graduated from the EMU School of Staff and Command.



Stephanie Holmes Didwania • Assistant Professor, Beasley School of Law - Temple University

Professor Didwania teaches courses on criminal law and criminal procedure. Professor Didwania is an empirical scholar who studies the law and economics of the criminal legal system. She is primarily interested in understanding how prosecutors exercise discretion in criminal cases. Another line of her research studies the consequences of pretrial detention for federal criminal defendants. Professor Didwania received her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and her Ph.D. in Managerial Economics and Strategy from Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Previously, Professor Didwania was a Harry A. Bigelow Fellow at the University of Chicago Law School and a law clerk for Judge Richard A. Paez of the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.



Kelly K. Dineen, PhD • Assistant Professor and Director, Health Law Program - Creighton University

Kelly K. Dineen is the director of the health law program at Creighton University School of Law, where she teaches health law and policy, bioethics, and torts. Dr. Dineen practiced nursing for over a decade before attending law school. She is an expert on opioid policy, especially opioid prescribing and the impact of decision-making by policymakers and health care providers on patients with highly stigmatized conditions. Dr. Dineen has served on national working groups on the opioid crisis of the American Bar Association (ABA) and the American Health Lawyers Association and currently co-chair of the Opioid Task Force for the ABA. She holds a Ph.D. in health care ethics and a J.D. with a concentration in health care law from Saint Louis University.



Parisa Dehghani-Tafti • Commonwealth's Attorney - Arlington County, VA

Parisa Dehghani-Tafti is the Commonwealth’s Attorney for Arlington County and the City of Falls Church. As an innocence protection attorney, Parisa served as the Legal Director for the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project. She litigated at all levels of state and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court and the Supreme Court of Virginia. As a public defender with the District of Columbia’s Public Defender Service, Parisa litigated cases of constitutional magnitude and won the first DNA exoneration in DC, which led the FBI to conduct an audit of all of its cases involving hair microscopy evidence. Tafti also teaches courses on wrongful convictions at Georgetown University Law Center and at George Washington University School of Law. Parisa graduated from the University of California at Berkeley and obtained a J.D. from New York University School of Law.



Jelani Jefferson Exum • Professor of Law - University of Detroit Mercy

Jelani Jefferson Exum, Philip J. McElroy Professor of Law at University of Detroit Mercy School of Law, is a nationally recognized expert in sentencing law and procedure. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the Federal Sentencing Reporter. Prior to joining the Detroit Mercy Law faculty, she was a professor at the University of Toledo College of Law, an associate professor at the University of Kansas School of Law, and a visiting associate professor at the University of Michigan Law School. Professor Exum has also been a Forrester Fellow and Instructor in Legal Writing at Tulane Law School. She writes mainly in the area of federal sentencing. Professor Exum is a graduate of Harvard Law School and Harvard College.



Neill Franklin • Executive Director - Law Enforcement Action Partnership

Neill Franklin is executive director of the Law Enforcement Action Partnership. After 23 years of dedicated service to the Maryland State Police, he was recruited in 2000 to reconstruct and command Baltimore’s Education and Training Section. During his time on the force, he held the position of commander for the Education and Training Division and the Bureau of Drug and Criminal Enforcement. While serving as a Narcotics Agent with the Maryland State Police, Maj. Franklin was persuaded by then-mayor of Baltimore, Kurt Schmoke, who declared that the War on Drugs was counterproductive and created excessive violence. This, followed by the tragic murder of his close friend, Corporal Ed Toatley, while making a drug buy as an undercover agent, cemented his resolve to reform failed drug war policies.

Speakers



Andrea Harrington • District Attorney - Berkshire County, MA

Sworn in January 2019, Andrea Harrington was the first woman to be elected Berkshire District Attorney. Harrington attended the University of Washington and earned a J.D. from American University Washington College of Law in 2003, where she studied under Professor Angela Davis. Davis’ scholarship inspired Harrington’s work representing convicted death row inmates in their post-conviction appeals at the Capital Collateral Regional Counsel in south Florida. She then returned home and built a private law practice representing indigent criminal defendants in appellate and trial matters, family law and plaintiff-side employment litigation. She is a graduate of Emerge Massachusetts and a co-founder of the Massachusetts Women’s Political Caucus - Berkshire Committee.



Leslie Herod • State Representative - State of Colorado

Representative Leslie Herod (HD-8) was elected in 2016 as the first LGBTQ African American in the General Assembly, while receiving the highest number of votes of any candidate running in a contested election. She serves as the Chair of the House Finance Committee, Vice Chair of the House Judiciary Committee, and Vice Chair of the Committee on Legal Services. Rep. Herod also chairs the Colorado Black Democratic Legislative Caucus and the Arts Caucus. In addition to winning reelection in 2018, Herod championed a ballot initiative called Caring 4 Denver which, after passing, has created a foundation that addresses mental health and substance misuse challenges facing the City and County of Denver. Herod is also a member of the Colorado Cannabis Caucus. She received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Colorado Boulder.



James Hodge • Professor of Law and Director, Center for Public Health Law and Policy - Arizona State University

Through scholarship, teaching, and projects, Professor James G. Hodge, Jr., JD, LLM delves into multiple areas of health law, public health law, global health law, ethics, and human rights. Since 2010, he also serves as Director, Western Region Office, Network for Public Health Law (funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation). Professor Hodge has published more than 200 articles in journals of law, medicine, public health and bioethics; 2 books in public health law; 25 book chapters; dozens of reports; and guest edited 4 symposium issues in the Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics, Jurimetrics, and the Annals of Health Law. He is among the Top 20 Most-Cited Health Law Scholars in Web of Science (2013-2017) and is ranked among the top 2.5% of all downloaded authors in SSRN.



Aila Hoss • Visiting Assistant Professor of Law and Grand Challenge Fellow - Indiana University

Aila Hoss is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Her research explores topics in public health law, health policy development, and the impact of federal Indian law and Tribal law on health outcomes. Her recent projects study law and policy interventions to respond to the opioid overdose crisis. Aila previously served as a staff attorney for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Public Health Law Program where she worked to improve public health through the provision of legal technical assistance to state, Tribal, local, and territorial governments. Aila completed her B.A. at Emory University and her J.D. at the University of Oregon.



Keith Humphreys • Esther Ting Memorial Professor - Stanford University

Keith Humphreys is the Esther Ting Memorial Professor at Stanford University. He is also a Senior Research Career Scientist at the VA Health Services Research Center in Palo Alto and an Honorary Professor of Psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College, London. His research addresses the prevention and treatment of addictive disorders, the formation of public policy and the extent to which subjects in medical research differ from patients seen in everyday clinical practice. Dr. Humphreys has been extensively involved in the formation of public policy, having served as a member of the White House Commission on Drug Free Communities, the VA National Mental Health Task Force, and the National Advisory Council of the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.



Toi Hutchinson • Senior Advisor to the Governor for Cannabis Control - State of Illinois

As the Senior Advisor to the Governor for Cannabis Control in the state of Illinois, Hutchinson oversees Illinois’ new recreational cannabis program, an initiative she helped move through the Senate during the 2019 General Assembly. Since 2009, Hutchinson served as Illinois State Senator for Cook, Grundy, Kankakee and Will Counties, representing a mix of suburban and rural communities south of Chicago. Hutchinson is also the immediate past President of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), a bipartisan non-governmental organization that serves both members of state legislatures and staff. Hutchinson earned a Bachelor of English degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and a law degree from Northern Illinois University College of Law.



Wanda James • Founder and CEO - Simply Pure Dispensary

Wanda James is the founder and CEO of Simply Pure Dispensary. Along with her husband Scott Durrah, they became the first African Americans, legally licensed in America, to own a dispensary, a cultivation facility and an edible company. She is also the founder and Managing Partner of the Cannabis Global Initiative (CGI), a consulting firm that specializes in cannabis production, dispensing and processing, regulatory framework and political outreach. As a leading advocate in the cannabis industry focused on social equity and justice, Wanda’s work on cannabis reform has led to her working with a host of politicians. After graduating from the University of Colorado, she was commissioned into the United States Navy. She also graduated from the Inaugural Class of the Los Angeles African American Women’s Public Policy Institute at the University of Southern California.



Betsy Jividen • Commissioner - West Virginia Division of Corrections

Commissioner Betsy Steinfeld Jividen is responsible for overseeing the state’s prisons, jails, community corrections centers, juvenile and contract facilities. She previously was the first woman to be appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Northern District of West Virginia, where she spent 37 years, serving in both the Criminal and Civil Divisions, as well as in senior leadership positions. She also served as the Reentry Coordinator for the Northern District of West Virginia and was instrumental in the development of the first federal Drug Court program for the Northern District of West Virginia. Commissioner Jividen is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the West Virginia University College of Law.

Speakers



Beau Kilmer • Director - RAND Drug Policy Research Center

Dr. Beau Kilmer is the director of the RAND Drug Policy Research Center, and serves as a senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation and a professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School. His research lies at the intersection of public health and public safety, with special emphasis on crime control, substance use, illicit markets, and public policy. Dr. Kilmer received a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Public Service Award and his coauthored work on 24/7 Sobriety received honorable mention for the Behavioral Exchange Award for Outstanding Research. He received his B.A. in international relations from Michigan State University, M.P.P. from UC Berkeley, and Ph.D. in public policy from Harvard University.



Oliver Kim • Adjunct Professor, School of Law - University of Pittsburgh

Oliver Kim is an adjunct professor with the University of Pittsburgh's schools of law and public policy and the 2019-2020 Fulbright Scholar at the University of Ottawa. He has over fifteen years of legislative, policy, and advocacy experience at the state and federal level. Professor Oliver spent a decade in the United States Senate, serving for eight years as a senior advisor to United States Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan and later as the deputy director for the majority of the Special Senate Committee on Aging under Chairman Bill Nelson of Florida. Over the course of his tenure in the Senate, he has worked on key issues such as Medicare, Medicaid, prescription drug pricing, and the Affordable Care Act.



Zach Klein • City Attorney, Columbus, OH

Zach Klein was sworn in as Columbus City Attorney on January 1, 2018 after previously serving as a member of Columbus City Council since January 2011, including two years as Council President from 2016-2017. Zach began his career in public service as a law clerk for the Ohio Third District Court of Appeals and then transitioned to clerk for Judges Terrence Kemp and John Holschuh at the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio. He then served in the White House as Deputy Director of Management and Administration in the Office of Vice President Joe Biden. Zach also served as an assistant Ohio Attorney General, the Deputy Chief of Legal Services in the Ohio Attorney General's office and worked as a Special Assistant United States Attorney. He is a proud graduate of Ohio State University and Capital University Law School.



Alex Kreit • Professor of Law - Thomas Jefferson School of Law

Alex Kreit, a Professor at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Drug Enforcement and Policy Center at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. He is a leading expert in the field of illegal drug and marijuana law. He is author of the casebook *Illegal Drug and Marijuana Law*, co-author of the reference book *Drug Abuse and the Law Sourcebook*, and co-author of the forthcoming casebook *Marijuana Law and Policy*. Professor Kreit is frequently quoted in the media on drug policy and marijuana law issues, having appeared in numerous news outlets. In 2019, the *National Law Journal* selected Professor Kreit to its list of Trailblazers in Cannabis Law. He received a B.A. from Hampshire College and a J.D. from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.



Miriam Krinsky • Executive Director - Fair and Just Prosecution

Miriam Krinsky has a unique combination of skills and expertise that enable her to lead Fair and Just Prosecution. She previously served for 15 years as a federal prosecutor, both in Los Angeles and on an organized crime and narcotics task force in the Mid-Atlantic region. During her tenure as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, Ms. Krinsky served as Chief of the General Crimes Section and Chief of the Criminal Appellate Section. She received the Attorney General's highest national award for appellate work. Ms. Krinsky has extensive experience in system change and criminal justice reform. She has testified before national and state legislative, governmental and judicial bodies, authored over 50 articles, and lectured nationwide on criminal law, law enforcement oversight and reform, foster care, juvenile justice, and sentencing issues.



Paul Larkin, Jr. • Rumpel Senior Legal Research Fellow - The Heritage Foundation

Mr. Larkin is the Rumpel Senior Legal Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation. He has held numerous positions in the federal government including Assistant to the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice, Counsel to the Senate Judiciary under the chair of Senator Orrin Hatch, and Special Agent-in-Charge at the EPA Criminal Investigation Division. He has worked in the private sector as Assistant General Counsel at Verizon Communications and in two different law firms. He writes on a variety of legal issues, including criminal justice and drug policy. He received a B.A. from Washington & Lee University, an MPP from George Washington University, and a J.D. from Stanford University Law School.



Roz McCarthy • Founder/CEP - Minorities for Medical Marijuana

Roz McCarthy is the Founder/CEO of Minorities for Medical Marijuana, Inc., a national nonprofit organization representing the Cannabis and Hemp industry. She is also the CEO/President of The Genesis Group, a full-service Cannabis consulting firm and Managing Partner of Plant Life Company, a full spectrum Cannabis nutrient company. At Minorities for Medical Marijuana, Inc. she is responsible for the day-to-day operations and is the chief strategist involved in developing advocacy, education, and marketing campaigns to promote awareness, information, and education about the efficacy of cannabis and the viability of hemp.



John Molina • Compliance Officer - Native Health Urban Indian Clinic

Dr. John Molina is Pascua Yaqui and Yavapai-Apache. He is the Compliance Officer for Native Health, an Urban Indian Health Center in Phoenix, Arizona. His clinical practice has been with the Indian Health Service and Las Fuentes Health Clinic of Guadalupe. His professional and academic interests are in the integration of Indigenous Culture and Western Medicine, and Native American Health Law and Policy. He is the former Health Systems Director for the Kenaitze Indian Tribe in Kenai, Alaska. His previous positions were as CEO for Phoenix Indian Medical Center and as Assistant Director and Medical Director for Arizona's Medicaid program division for the American Indian Health Program. Dr. Molina is a graduate of the University of Arizona College of Medicine and the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University.

Speakers



Ethan Nadelmann • Founder - Drug Policy Alliance

Ethan Nadelmann has played a leading role in drug policy reform efforts in the U.S. and globally since the late 1980s. His advocacy began while teaching politics and public affairs at Princeton University. He then founded The Lindesmith Center, as well as the Drug Policy Alliance, which he directed from 2000 until 2017. Nadelman and his colleagues played pivotal roles in most major drug policy reform ballot initiatives in the U.S. from 1996 to 2016, on issues ranging from medical marijuana and marijuana legalization to prison reform, drug treatment and reform of asset forfeiture laws. They also reformed state and federal laws involving drug sentencing, drug treatment, access to sterile syringes to reduce HIV/AIDS, prevention of overdose fatalities, and all aspects of marijuana policy. Nadelman received his B.A., J.D., and Ph.D. from Harvard.



Jennifer Oliva • Associate Professor of Law - Seton Hall University

Professor Oliva focuses her research on laws and policies that obstruct access to mental health and substance use disorder treatment for vulnerable populations, drug law and policy, health data privacy, veteran health, scientific evidence, and the procedural and substantive problems infecting mass tort public health litigation. Prior to law school, Professor Oliva earned an MBA from Oxford University and was elected as a Rhodes and Truman Scholar while a cadet at the United States Military Academy. The Harry S. Truman Foundation honored Professor Oliva with the 2019 Truman Scholarship Foundation Ike Skelton Award for her commitment to public service. She is the Chair of the AALS Section on Law and Mental Disability and was selected as a 2019 Weit Life Science Law Scholar.



Lauren Ouziel • Associate Professor of Law - Temple University

Lauren Ouziel's research focuses on institutional dynamics in criminal investigation and adjudication. Prior to entering academia, Professor Ouziel was a federal prosecutor for eight years, serving in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York and later the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. In that capacity she investigated and prosecuted a wide range of criminal matters including financial and securities frauds, national security offenses, narcotics, violent gangs, and corruption. From 2002 to 2004, Professor Ouziel was an associate at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP in New York, where she focused on complex commercial civil litigation. Professor Ouziel received her B.A. from Harvard University and her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law.



Cat Packer • Executive Director - Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation

Appointed by Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, Cat Packer is the first Executive Director and General Manager of the Department of Cannabis Regulation. Within this role, Packer leads the licensing and regulation of commercial cannabis activity within the City of Los Angeles and furthermore, manages the implementation of the City's cannabis related policies and programs. Prior to joining the City of Los Angeles, Packer served as California Policy Coordinator for the Drug Policy Alliance, where she worked to ensure the successful and equitable implementation of cannabis policy reforms. Before this role, Packer served as Campaign Coordinator for Californians for Responsible Marijuana Reform. She is an alumna of The Ohio State University where she received a Bachelor's in Political Science, a Master's in Public Policy & Management and a Juris Doctor.



Matthew Pembleton • Adjunct Professorial Lecturer - American University

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Shanita Penny • Founder and CEO - Budding Solutions

Shanita Penny, M.B.A., is an internationally recognized management consultant with over a decade of experience helping Fortune 500 companies solve complex issues and improve performance. She is former president of the Minority Cannabis Business Association. Prior to founding Budding Solutions, she successfully led over \$5 million in Enterprise Governance, Risk and Compliance software projects for a major telecommunications company. Penny also worked as a cannabis activist and has lobbied on Capitol Hill for the reform of national marijuana laws. Penny earned a B.S. in Transportation and Logistics Management from North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and pursued graduate studies at the University of Baltimore and Towson University.



Maritza Perez • Director, National Affairs - Drug Policy Alliance

Maritza Perez is the Director of the Office of National Affairs at the Drug Policy Alliance in Washington, DC where she leads the organization's federal legislative agenda and strategy. Previously, Maritza was a Senior Policy Analyst for Criminal Justice Reform at the Center for American Progress (CAP) where her portfolio included marijuana policy, policing, and prison and sentencing reform. Prior to joining CAP, Maritza was a Legislative Staff Attorney at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). She began her legal career at MALDEF as a Soros Justice Fellow, advocating for policies to end mass incarceration. Last year, she was named one of the Hispanic National Bar Association's Top Lawyers Under 40. She graduated from Berkeley Law School in 2015 and is an alumna of the Harvard Kennedy School Executive Education Program.



Jesenia Pizarro-Terrill, Ph.D. • Associate Professor, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice - Arizona State University

Jesenia M. Pizarro is a tenured associate professor in the School of Criminology and Criminal Justice in Arizona State University and Director of Master's Degree Programs. Her research focus on the importance of understanding the proximal event and situational factors that result in violence. While her research focus centers on violence, she also studies the politics of punishment and the criminology of micro places. Her corrections work has focused on the administration and use of administrative segregation units throughout the country's state correctional systems. Throughout her career, Pizarro has worked with police departments in joints efforts to curb violence. She earned her B.S., M.A. and Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from Rutgers School of Criminal Justice.

Speakers



Annie Ramniceanu • Director - Vermont Department of Corrections, Addictions and Mental Health Systems

For the past 3 years Ramniceanu has served as the Principle Assistant to the Commissioner of Corrections and in this role she acts as the Director of Addiction and Mental Health Systems. She oversaw the development and passage of Act 176, and works on initiatives to increase recovery capital in facilities with the goal of creating a culture of health. Previously, Ramniceanu served as the Clinical Director of a nonprofit in Burlington, Vermont, an Adjunct Professor at the University of Vermont School of Education, and as an Associate Professor at the University of Vermont Medical College. She also served as the Chair of the Vermont Alcohol and Drug Certification board and is currently appointed as a special advisor the Vermont Secretary of State Office of Professional Regulation. In 2014 she was appointed as the first Pretrial Services Director in Vermont.



Melanie Reid • Associate Dean of Faculty - Lincoln Memorial University

Melanie Reid is the Associate Dean of Faculty and a Professor of Law at the Duncan School of Law. Prior to joining LMU, Professor Reid was a trial attorney in the Narcotics and Dangerous Drug Section at the U.S. Department of Justice as well as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Southern District of Florida. She is a former law clerk for Judge Charles Wilson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Professor Reid has lectured on a variety of topics sponsored by the DEA Office of International Training, the National Advocacy Center, the International Law Enforcement Academy, the U.S. DOJ, Regional Counterintelligence Working Group and others. Reid is an alumna of Middlebury College and the University of Notre Dame, where she received her J.D.



Paul Reuter • Professor of Public Policy and Criminology - University of Maryland

Peter Reuter is a professor at the University of Maryland and a Senior Economist at RAND. In 2018 he was one of two awardees of the 2019 Stockholm Prize in Criminology, the leading prize in that field. His early research resulted in the publication of *Disorganized Crime: The Economics of the Visible Hand*, which won the Leslie Wilkins award as most outstanding book of the year in criminology and criminal justice. Much of his research has dealt with alternative approaches to controlling drug problems, both in the U.S. and Western Europe. He founded and directed RAND's Drug Policy Research Center from 1989-1993. From 2007-2011 Dr. Reuter served as the first president of the International Society for the Study of Drug Policy. Dr. Reuter received his Ph.D. in Economics from Yale.



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Marisa Rodriguez • Director - San Francisco Office of Cannabis

Marisa Rodriguez is the Director of the Office of Cannabis for the City and County of San Francisco. In this capacity, she oversees the permitting process for all businesses that cultivate, manufacture, distribute, sell and test cannabis in San Francisco, focusing on medical cannabis access and equitable participation for those negatively impacted by the War on Drugs. Prior to this role, Ms. Rodriguez was an Assistant District Attorney and Director of Community Relations for the San Francisco District Attorney's Office. She supported a variety of criminal justice reform initiatives as a member of District Attorney George Gascón's Communication and Policy team. She graduated from U.C. Berkeley's Haas School of Business, and received her J.D. from the University of San Francisco.



Daniel Satterberg • Prosecuting Attorney - King County, WA

Dan Satterberg has been with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for 35 years, and the elected leader for the past 12. For 9 years Dan has been a partner in the development of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion program in Seattle and King County, which steers people toward a harm reduction treatment model instead of jail. Dan is committed to the reform of the criminal justice system, from diversion and deflection to building a public health response to behavioral health problems, to procedural reform, second look, prison reform and reentry. Dan believes that these reforms must be viewed through the lens of the history of racial injustice and accomplished through strategies supported by scientific evidence and in partnership with the community. He graduated from the Univeristy of Washington undergraduate school and the UW School of Law.



Jeffrey Singer • Senior Fellow - Cato Institute

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Deborah Small • Executive Director and Founder - Break the Chains

More than a decade ago, Deborah Small founded Break the Chains: Communities of Color and the War on Drugs, a public policy research and advocacy organization committed to addressing the disproportionate impact of punitive drug policies on poor communities of color. After several years as a corporate attorney early in her career, she became Legislative Director for the New York Civil Liberties Union. It was during this period that she became an advocate for drug policy reform which led her to become Director of Public Policy & Community Outreach for the Drug Policy Alliance. Ms. Small is a nationally recognized leader in the drug policy reform movement and has been a major catalyst in engaging communities of color and their leaders to address the negative impacts of the war on drugs. She earned a dual degree in law and public policy from Harvard University.

Speakers



Drury Stevenson • Professor of Law - South Texas College of Law

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Richard Van Wickler • Superintendent - Cheshire County Department of Corrections, NH

Richard Van Wickler has been the Superintendent of the Cheshire County Department of Corrections in Keene, New Hampshire, since 1993. Van Wickler is a former adjunct professor of American Corrections at Keene State College, where he taught for 14 years. Van Wickler spent 26 years in the U.S. Army and retired in 2006. He has participated in discussions about international drug policy reform at the UN and has testified before the House and Senate of New Hampshire. He was selected as Correctional Superintendent of the Year in 1997 and 2011. Van Wickler also sits on the board of the New Hampshire chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Van Wickler holds a B.S. in Management from Franklin Pierce University and is a co-recipient of the President's Community Partner Award from Antioch University Graduate School.



Michael Vastine • Professor and Director, Immigration Clinic - St. Thomas University School of Law

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William Vodra • Former Associate Chief Council for Drugs - FDA

William Vodra retired from Arnold & Porter LLP in 2010 to serve on the Institute of Medicine Committee on the Public Health Effectiveness of the FDA 510(k) Clearance Process. While at Arnold & Porter, Mr. Vodra specialized in crisis management and regulatory issues involving the safety, effectiveness, quality, and marketing of medical products. Before joining Arnold & Porter, Mr. Vodra served at the FDA from 1974 to 1979 as the Associate Chief Counsel for Drugs, and from 1971 to 1974 was Assistant Chief Counsel for the DEA. During government his service, he drafted many agency regulations, including those implementing the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 and FDA's rules for good manufacturing practices for pharmaceuticals. He received his J.D. from Columbia University and a B.A. in economics from the College of Wooster.



Kent Volkmer • County Attorney, Pinal County, AZ

Kent Volkmer is Pinal County Attorney in the state of Arizona. He was sworn in at a public ceremony on January 3, 2017. Upon stepping into his role as county attorney, Mr. Volkmer's goal has been to create a system of individualized justice. Mr. Volkmer attended the University of Akron, obtaining both a law degree, with a certificate in Litigation, and his M.B.A. During his years in the private sector, operating his own law firm, Mr. Volkmer served local community members in a variety of matters including Juvenile Law, both Delinquency and Dependency, Family Law, Guardianships and Conservatorships, Probate, Wills, Estate Planning and Criminal Law.



Jonathan Wroblewski • Director, Office of Policy and Legislation, Criminal Division - U.S. DOJ

In his current role, Jonathan Wroblewski leads a team of policy analysts and attorneys in developing, reviewing, and evaluating national crime, sentencing, and corrections policy and legislation. Jonathan represents the Department on the Judicial Conference's Advisory Committee on the Criminal Rules and the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Council, and previously represented the Attorney General as a member of the United States Sentencing Commission. He is also a lecturer at the Harvard Law School and Director of the law school's Semester in Washington Program. Prior to his federal career, Wroblewski served as an assistant public defender in the Alameda County Public Defender's office. He graduated from Duke University and from Stanford Law School.



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