

# 2015 PACIFIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE



MARCH 14 - 15 | FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA

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# SCHEDULE

## SATURDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>

6:00pm - 8:00pm: Informal Social/Meet & Greet  
*Law Office of Randall Longwith - 111 N. Harbor Blvd Fullerton (enter through the back)*

## SUNDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup>

*All programming will be taking place in Pavillion C at the Titan Student Union building.*

9:00am - 10:00am: Registration/Breakfast  
*Coffee and bagels will be provided*

10:00am - 11:15am: Welcome/Opening Speaker  
*Professor Alex Kreit, Thomas Jefferson School of Law*

11:30am - 12:45pm: Learning from Measures in the Past  
*Sam Chapman, Sean Donahoe, Dale Gieringer, Diane Goldstein, Doug Lanphere*

1:00pm - 2:15pm: Group Picture/Lunch  
*Box lunch will be provided*

2:30pm - 3:45pm: Looking to the Future: Students' Role in Legalization  
*Jake Agliata, Eric Gudz, Lauren Mendelsohn, Lauren Vazquez*

4:00pm - 5:15pm: Breakout Panels

Option 1	Option 2
Mass Incarceration and Prop 47 <i>Daniel Cornelious, Prof. Brady Heiner, Ph.D, Kellen Russoniello, Dr. Jonathan Taylor, Jesse Stout</i>	Emerging Careers in the Drug Reform Industry <i>Michael Blunk, Aaron Justis, Matt Kintz, Victor Pinho, Lance Rogers, Cheri Sicard</i>

5:30pm - 6:00pm: Closing Remarks  
*Kathryn Parker*

# PANELS

## Learning from Measures in the Past

*Moderated by Diane Goldstein*  
*Speakers: Sam Chapman, Sean Donahoe, Dale Gieringer, Doug Lanphere*

The successful campaigns to legalize and regulate marijuana in Washington, Oregon, and Alaska can teach us a lot about how to run future legalization campaigns. Panelists will discuss what kind of work went into making these campaigns successful, the lessons they learned from working on previous legalization campaigns, and how we can implement these lessons into future legalization efforts.

## Looking to the Future: Students' Role in Legalization

*Moderated by Jake Agliata*  
*Speakers: Eric Gudz, Lauren Mendelsohn, Lauren Vazquez*

Several current and former student activists will discuss how students can play an integral role during legalization campaigns. Panelists will discuss how students can make an impact in the political process, with a particular focus on planning for the 2016 legalization campaign in California.

## Mass Incarceration and Prop 47

*Moderated by Dr. Jonathan Taylor*  
*Speakers: Daniel Cornelious, Prof. Brady Heiner, Kellen Russoniello, Jesse Stout*

Last November, California voters approved Prop 47, a sentencing reform ballot initiative that reduces the classification of non-serious, non-violent property and drug crimes from a felony to a misdemeanor. Hear several experts on the issue discuss the effect Prop 47 will have on the state penal system and what the next steps are for sentencing reform.

## Emerging Careers in the Drug Reform Industry

*Moderated by Matt Kintz*  
*Speakers: Michael Blunk, Aaron Justis, Victor Pinho, Cheri Sicard, Lance Rogers*

Learn how to get involved with the cannabis industry and drug reform movement after graduation. Several industry professionals and activists will discuss how they found their careers and give advice to students seeking post-graduation work in the industry.

# SPEAKERS

**Jake Agliata** is the Outreach Coordinator for the Northeast, Mid-Atlantic, Mountain, Pacific, and International regions, where he is responsible for advising and developing chapters and chapter leaders. Jake first got involved with Students for Sensible Drug Policy in 2011 when he co-founded the chapter at Dickinson College, eventually serving as president from 2012 to 2014.

**Michael Blunk** oversees Entrepreneur Relations for the ArcView Group, the leading investment company for the cannabis industry. This role has him talking to hundreds of cannabis entrepreneurs, and helping investors understand what opportunities exist in the industry. He has been involved in drug policy reform for seven years and has a long-term interest in seeing the legal cannabis industry expand. He founded a chapter of SSDP at the University of Houston in 2008 and was later elected to the Board of Directors for national SSDP. During his second term, he was chosen to serve as Chair of the Board, and led the executive search committee for a new executive director. It was through this work that he met Troy Dayton, and led to him being hired as ArcView's second full-time employee.

**Samuel Chapman** is a founding member of New Economy Consulting LLC (NEC) a firm based in Portland, Oregon, focused on advising entrepreneurs and investors on the legal cannabis market in Oregon. His previous experience includes consulting for statewide political campaigns, small business development and media relations, and direct involvement as a lobbyist for drug policy reform at the local, state, and federal levels.

**Dale Gieringer** has been the state director of California NORML (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) since 1987 and is the author of "Marijuana Medical Handbook." He is a member of the national NORML board of directors, director of the Drug Policy Forum of California (DPFCA), treasurer of the California Coalition for Cannabis Policy Reform (CCPR), and a commissioner for Oakland's Cannabis Regulatory Commission. He was one of the original co-authors of Prop. 215, the proponent of Oakland's Measure Z cannabis initiative in 2004, and a sponsor of California's pathbreaking legalization bill, AB 390.

**Diane Goldstein** is a 21-year veteran of law enforcement who served as the first female lieutenant for the Redondo Beach (CA) Police Department. During her career she served in patrol and investigative assignments that included gangs and narcotics. She is a subject matter expert and recognized leader in the area of crisis negotiations and critical incident management. She developed national training guidelines for use during critical incidents, including the development of POST guidelines for Basic Crisis Negotiator Course Recommended Topics, and Crisis Negotiations Core Competencies.

**Eric Gudz** is the Chapter Leader of an SSDP Chapter at UC Davis and a Graduate Student Researcher in the Transportation, Technology and Policy Graduate Group at UC Davis's Institute of Transportation Studies. He received his B.S. in Environmental Science from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor before serving four years as a commissioned officer in the United States Army, spending his time between Fort Campbell, Kentucky and deployed for combat operations in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

**Brady Heiner, Ph.D.** is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at CSU Fullerton, specializing in critical social and political theory, critical philosophy of race, feminist philosophy, and critical prison studies. His writing has been published in books such as *Death and Other Penalties: Philosophy in a Time of Mass Incarceration* (Fordham 2015) and *States of Confinement* (Palgrave 2002), as well as journals such as *Philosophy & Social Criticism*, *Radical Philosophy Review*, *Continental Philosophy Review*, *differences: A Journal of Feminist Cultural Studies*, *City*, and *Social Justice*. He is currently writing a book entitled *Mass Incarceration and the Unfinished Project of American Abolition* and is working to expand classroom-based, credit-bearing higher education opportunities for currently and formerly incarcerated people in the greater Los Angeles metropolitan area.

**Matt Kintz** was a member of the UC Berkeley SSDP chapter from 2009-12 and now serves as Vice President of the Pacific Regional Alumni Association. He currently lives in Oakland and works for Berkeley Patients Group (BPG).

# SPEAKERS (continued)

**Douglas Lanphere** currently works with Green Oregon Enterprises, Cooperative Patient's Services and Silver Parachute Properties. Mr. Lanphere began his career working with Riverside County Department of Health officials to implement SB420 and help the county become one of the first to issue medical marijuana identification cards. In 2005 Mr. Lanphere played a role in developing a policy with Los Angeles International Airport Police allowing California medical marijuana card holders to pass through TSA Check Points.

**Lauren Mendelsohn** is a second-year student at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. She currently sits as Vice Chair on SSDP's Board of Directors and has been involved with the organization for 6 years. Lauren founded a chapter of SSDP during her first year of law school, which is already very active and recently hosted a drug war symposium at UCI Law. She helped connect SSDP members and other law school colleagues with UCI medical students to establish Orange County's first needle exchange program.

**A. Kathryn Parker** is President of the Pacific Regional Alumni Association and Vice Chair of Oakland's Cannabis Regulatory Commission. She first became involved in drug policy reform when she joined the SSDP chapter at N.C. State in 2006. After graduating, Kathryn worked in membership and development at the Marijuana Policy Project and Americans for Safe Access. Now she is a paralegal for the California Appellate Law Group and uses her free time to promote drug policy reform. Kathryn also organizes the Pacific Regional Campout each year and hopes to see you there this summer.

**Victor Pinho** is a dedicated activist and seasoned marketing professional. Victor got his start in drug policy reform in 2004 when he co-founded NORML and SSDP chapters at the University of Maryland, College Park. For over a decade, Victor has remained deeply involved with SSDP at various capacities and was recognized as an Outstanding Alum in 2008.

**Lance Rogers** is Senior Counsel of Viridis Law Group™, a subsidiary of Bremer Whyte Brown & O'Meara, LLP. Admitted to the California State Bar in 2008, Mr. Rogers has quickly become one of the country's leading authorities on cannabis law. He handles a wide array of litigation matters, includ-

ing criminal defense, civil rights, asset forfeiture, land use, business disputes, unlawful detainer, and municipal zoning challenges.

**Kellen Russoniello** is a Staff Attorney with the ACLU of San Diego and Imperial Counties, focusing on state/local criminal justice and drug policy reform. Kellen served on the SSDP National Board of Directors from March 2012 to September 2014. While earning his JD and MPH from The George Washington University, he founded the GW Law SSDP chapter and served as President for two years.

**Cheri Sicard** is the author of *Mary Jane: The Complete Marijuana Handbook for Women* and *The Cannabis Gourmet Cookbook* among other books. She writes regular columns for Freedom Leaf Magazine and The Austin 420. A passionate cannabis activist, especially when it comes to fighting for prisoners serving life sentences for non-violent marijuana offenses, Cheri is also vice president of the CAN-DO Foundation (Clemency for All Nonviolent Drug Offenders) and serves on the board of Orange County NORML.

**Jesse Stout, Esq.** is the Policy Director at Legal Services for Prisoners with Children, leading LSPC's legislative advocacy efforts to release incarcerated people, reunify families, and restore civil rights after incarceration. He is also an Of Counsel with Greenbridge Corporate Counsel, providing business law services to the cannabis industry. Jesse graduated from Brown University and University of California Hastings College of the Law. Before law school, Jesse was executive director of the Rhode Island Patient Advocacy Coalition.

**Lauren Vazquez** is the Fired Up Lawyer. She began her reform work as a student activist in 2004 when she founded the UC Santa Barbara chapter of NORML. Under her leadership, the chapter ran the successful Measure P campaign, Santa Barbara's Lowest Police Priority Ordinance for adult marijuana use. In 2011, she launched her law practice providing advice and legal services to advocacy groups, collectives, cooperatives, vendors, and cultivators. Lauren is also on the faculty of Oakland University and serves as the Cal NORML field director for the 2016 initiative campaign.

# LOCATIONS/PHONE NUMBERS

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