

“An epidemic of opioid abuse is ravaging the United States and, as we look for ways to respond to it, some see Cannabis as part of the solution, while others see it as part of the problem.”
Daniele Piomelli and Bob Solomon, Directors UCI Center for the Study of Cannabis, LA Times Op-Ed December 21, 2017

Convened by Center Directors, Daniele Piomelli, UCI School of Medicine, and Bob Solomon, UCI School of Law, “Cannabis and the Opioid Crisis: A Multidisciplinary View” brings together policy and research leaders addressing the challenges and needs of this national crisis.

Donald Abrams, M.D., University of California, San Francisco; Specializing in integrative oncology, Dr. Abrams has conducted numerous clinical trials investigating conventional and complimentary therapies in patients with HIV including medical marijuana.

Marcus Bachhuber, M.D., Albert Einstein College of Medicine; Dr. Bachhuber conducts research focusing on health systems and policy approaches to address drug misuse.

Graham Boyd, J.D., Stanford Law and Third Way Think Tank; Attorney, consultant and scholar specializing in political efforts to reform drug laws and reduce mass incarceration. Provided research, and legal drafting and campaign design for cannabis reform measures.

Stanton Glantz, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco, Truth Initiative Distinguished Professor of Tobacco Control; Dr. Glantz conducts research on a wide range of topics including the health effects of second hand smoke to efficacy of different tobacco control policies.

Keith Humphreys, Ph.D., Stanford University; Dr. Humphreys' research focuses on interventions for substance abuse and psychiatric disorders. He is a leader in developing health services research-related applications for innovative qualitative and quantitative research techniques and analyzing national mental health policy.

Rosalie Pacula, Ph.D., RAND Corporation; Dr. Pacula is senior economist at the RAND Corporation. Her research has largely focused on issues related to illegal or imperfect markets, measurement of the size of these markets, and the impact on behavior, and the effectiveness of policy interventions.

Susan Weiss, Ph.D., National Institute on Drug Abuse; Dr. Weiss oversees the Institute's extramural programs, research training, operations planning, and trans-NIH initiatives. Prior to her Directorship at the National Institute she served as the Senior Director of Research T the National Mental Health Association

Program discussion will be moderated by Dr. Ziva Cooper, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University and Mireille Jacobson, Paul Merage School of Business, UC Irvine