

## Committee on Public Health Consequences of Changes in the Cannabis Policy Landscape: Committee Meeting 2

### Speaker Biographies



#### **Hanan Abramovici**

Hanan Abramovici is the Director of the Office of Cannabis Science and Surveillance in the Controlled Substances and Cannabis Branch at Health Canada. Since 2010, Hanan has been involved in numerous Canadian federal government monitoring, surveillance, and research activities on cannabis. In 2017, he founded the Office of Cannabis Science and Surveillance (OCSS) at Health Canada to help support the key objectives of the Cannabis Act to protect public health and public safety with respect to cannabis. The OCSS provides scientific leadership and expertise on a variety of topics related to cannabis to support activities including surveillance, research, public education and awareness, policy and regulatory development and compliance and enforcement actions. The OCSS also monitors, assesses and reports on adverse reactions to cannabis; carries out risk assessments on cannabis products; works towards developing cannabis standards and guidance; conducts and fosters scientific research on cannabis; and reviews scientific applications from researchers to conduct non-therapeutic research on cannabis. Hanan has a Ph.D. in Neuroscience from the University of Ottawa, a M.Sc. in Pharmacology from the University of Toronto and a B.Sc. in Physiology from McGill University.



#### **Arturo Alvarez Roldan**

Arturo Alvarez is an Associate Professor at the University of Granada (Spain) in the Department of Social Anthropology. His current research focuses on three related topics: dual cannabis-tobacco use, cannabis policy, and illicit drugs markets. He is interested in the historical processes and recent transformations that have occurred in both the use and regulation of cannabis. His publications include: "Differentiating people who use cannabis heavily through latent class analysis" (2023); "Attitudes toward cannabis of users and non-users in Spain: a concept mapping study among university students" (2022); "The legalization of cannabis: An American experiment of global consequences" (2018); "The legalization of cannabis derivatives in Spain: Hypothesis on a potential emerging market" (2017); "Cannabis cultivation in Spain: A profile of plantations, growers, and production systems" (2016).



### **Adria Berry**

Executive Director Adria Berry was appointed as the first Executive Director of the standalone Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority on Nov. 1, 2022. She was confirmed by the state senate in May of 2023 after nearly two years of overseeing the program under the Oklahoma State Department of Health. Adria Berry is a licensed attorney in Oklahoma and Texas with extensive experience in government affairs and public policy. She was a member of Governor Stitt's senior staff, serving Oklahomans as a policy advisor and counselor. During that time, she advised the Governor on cannabis policy, building on her previous experience working with cannabis businesses and attorneys as Vice President of Government Affairs for the State Chamber of Oklahoma. In June 2023 Director Berry was elected to the national board of the Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA) — a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that convenes government officials involved in cannabis regulation across more than 45 states and U.S. territories. Director Berry's goal is to ensure consistent and equitable regulation of medical cannabis in Oklahoma.



### **Anne Boustead**

Anne E. Boustead is an assistant professor in the School of Government & Public Policy at the University of Arizona, where she researches legal and policy issues related to drug policy, public health, and privacy. She is especially interested in identifying, measuring, and evaluating variation in law across U.S. states and localities. She has a Ph.D. from the Pardee RAND Graduate School, and a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law.



### **Alvaro Castillo-Carniglia**

Alvaro Castillo-Carniglia is a social epidemiologist interested in the intersection of substance abuse, mental health, and violence/injury. His research focuses mainly on the epidemiology of substance use in Chile and abroad (e.g., Latin America, the US), including the analysis of its causes, consequences, and social determinants. He specializes on survey methodology, policy evaluation, and use of quasi-experimental methods in general. He has been the principal investigator of multiple studies to characterize and measure trends of substance use and related problems in Chile, including the National Drug Surveys in School and General Population. His current research uses advanced statistical methods to model the effect of population-level strategies to prevent and treat substances use and related consequences. He is currently an associate professor at the Society and Health Research Center (CISS) and director of the PhD program in Public Policy at Universidad Mayor of Chile, and director of the Millennium nucleus for the evaluation and analysis of Drug Policies (nDP), a government funded research center. I am also an associate editor the journals *Addiction* and *International Journal of Drug Policy*.



### **Jonathan Caulkins**

Jonathan P. Caulkins is the H. Guyford Stever University Professor of Operations Research and Public Policy at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz College and a member of the National Academy of Engineering. Dr. Caulkins specializes in systems analysis of the supply chains supporting illegal markets and criminal organizations, particularly problems pertaining to drugs, crime, terror, and prevention. Issues surrounding opioid markets and regulation, COVID-19 and cannabis legalization have been a focus in recent years, including co-authoring *Marijuana Legalization: What Everyone Needs to Know* (Oxford University Press). The views Dr. Caulkins will offer are his own, and do not represent those of Carnegie Mellon or any other institution with which he is affiliated.



### **Michael Cooper**

Michael Cooper is the Cofounder and Managing Member of MadisonJay Solutions LLC, a leading strategic regulatory advisor to the adult-use cannabis, hemp cannabinoid, and spirits industries that helps businesses develop robust, proactive regulatory strategies to grow and thrive in these fast-evolving areas. Michael draws on his time as General Counsel of MHW, Ltd., the leading provider of solutions for alcohol producers, and prior regulatory law practice at Cravath, Swaine & Moore LLP where he designed compliance programs, advised on regulatory risks for mergers and financings, and defended companies before regulators. Michael began his career as a law clerk on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Michael currently serves as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of the National Cannabis Industry Association (NCIA), the nation's largest cannabis trade association, as well as the Co-Chair of Policy for NCIA. He previously chaired NCIA's State Regulations Committee. A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, Michael publishes and speaks frequently on topics related to cannabis regulation.



### **Julia Dilley**

Julia Dilley is a Senior Research Scientist and Epidemiologist with Program Design & Evaluation Services, an applied public health research unit jointly sponsored by Multnomah County Health Department and State of Oregon Health Authority Public Health Division. Julia has supported public health systems in the Pacific Northwest for more than 20 years. Her current research focuses on effects of law and policy around cannabis, alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs. She is the principal investigator for a federally funded research study of cannabis legalization public health impact in Washington and Oregon that centers on local area policy and market variations. Since 2016, she has co-chaired the nationwide Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Cannabis Subcommittee, leading efforts to identify the best measures and methods for cannabis-related public health monitoring.





### **Molly Duplechian**

Molly Duplechian is the Executive Director of the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses, the central business-licensing department that issues approximately 150 different types of business licenses, including marijuana, security guards, residential rentals, liquor and restaurants. In this role, Molly has responsibility for the administration and implementation of marijuana policy for Denver. Prior to her role as the Department Executive Director, Molly assisted with creating and implementing the regulatory framework for the world's first commercialized regulated marijuana market, and as Executive Director oversaw Denver making major changes to create more equitable access to the marijuana industry through a new social equity program and implemented new licenses for marijuana delivery, and hospitality.



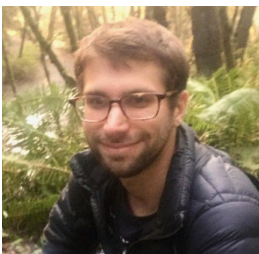
### **Nicole Elliott**

Nicole Elliott is the Director of the California Department of Cannabis Control. Prior to becoming Director of the California Department of Cannabis Control upon its creation in 2021, Elliott was Governor Gavin Newsom's Senior Advisor on Cannabis at the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development. Previously, she was Director of the Office of Cannabis for the City and County of San Francisco from 2017 to 2019. Before that, Elliott held multiple positions in the Office of San Francisco Mayor Edwin Lee from 2011 to 2017, including Director of Legislative and Government Affairs, Board Liaison, Director of Appointments, and Commission Liaison. She held multiple positions in the Office of San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom from 2009 to 2010, including Budget Office Policy Assistant, Director of Scheduling, and Deputy Board Liaison.



### **Daniel Fabricant**

Daniel Fabricant, Ph.D., is the President and CEO of the Natural Products Association in Washington, D.C., the leading natural products trade association, which has a history going back generations and represents over 700 members accounting for more than 10,000 retail, manufacturing, wholesale and distribution locations of natural products, including foods, dietary supplements and health/beauty aids. Regarded as an expert on FDA, especially in the dietary supplement industry. During part of the Obama administration, he was the agency's top official overseeing the Division (now an Office) of Dietary Supplement Programs. While at the agency, Dan was instrumental in several key enforcement actions—including an action (that eventually led to criminal indictments) in response to an outbreak of liver injuries tied to dietary supplements—against companies to protect the public health. He earned a Ph.D. in Pharmacognosy from the University of Illinois-Chicago under Norman Farnsworth.



### **Ross Gordon**

Ross Gordon is a co-founder of the National Craft Cannabis Coalition, a nationwide coalition of state-level trade associations and cooperatives that predominantly represent small and independent cannabis producers. Collectively, NCCC represents over 1,500 small and independent state-legal cannabis operators. He is based in Humboldt County, California, where he also serves as Policy Director for the Humboldt County Growers Alliance and Policy Chair for the California statewide 504c(4) research and advocacy organization Origins Council.



### **Peter Grinspoon**

Peter Grinspoon, M.D. is a primary care physician and a cannabis specialist at Massachusetts General Hospital and an Instructor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is the author of the recent book ‘Seeing Through the Smoke: A Cannabis Expert Untangles the Truth about Marijuana’. He is a TedX speaker, a certified physician life coach, a board member of the physician advocacy group, ‘Doctors for Drug Policy Reform’ and an advisor to ‘The Parabola Center’ which advocates for social justice in the cannabis space. He is the author of the groundbreaking memoir ‘Free Refills: A Doctor Confronts His Addiction’. He was an Associate Director of the Massachusetts Physician Health Service and has helped dozens of physicians who have struggled with addiction.



### **Wayne Hall**

Wayne Hall is an Emeritus Professor at the National Centre for Youth Substance Use Research at the University of Queensland and the Queensland Alliance for Environmental Health Sciences. He has advised the World Health Organization on the health effects of cannabis use; the effectiveness of drug substitution treatment; the contribution of illicit drug use to the global burden of disease; and the ethical implications of genetic and neuroscience research on addiction.



### **David Hammond**

David Hammond is a Professor in the School of Public Health at the University of Waterloo. His research focuses on evaluating the impact of cannabis legalization and regulations. Professor Hammond leads the International Cannabis Policy Study which is evaluating the impact of cannabis legalization in Canada and the US. Professor Hammond also serves as an Expert Witness in court cases on behalf of governments defending health regulations from industry legal challenges. Professor Hammond’s research has been recognized by awards from CIHR, the Canadian Cancer Society, the Canadian Medical Association, the Royal Statistical Society of Canada, and the World Health Organization.



### **Carrie Harney**

Carrie Harney is Vice President for U.S. Government and Regulatory Affairs at the United States Pharmacopeial Convention (USP). In her position, she leads the development of USP’s public policy and advocacy initiatives to advance quality in medicines, dietary supplements, food, and healthcare. She also works closely on FDA regulatory issues and leads USP engagement with federal and state regulators. Prior to joining USP, she worked for an innovative biopharmaceutical company, where she developed and implemented strategic policy priorities and represented the company in various trade association working groups. Carrie began her career as a food and drug attorney, providing regulatory advice to companies and trade associations in the pharmaceutical, food, dietary supplement, cosmetic, and tobacco industries. She earned a B.A. in Biology from St. Mary’s College of Maryland and a J.D. from the University of Maryland School of Law.



**Kim James**

Kim James is the director of the Office of Marijuana Ventures for the City of Detroit and oversees the licensing of cannabis businesses as well as the City's social equity program known as Homegrown Detroit. Prior to her tenure in OMVE, she worked as a city attorney developing ordinances and regulations for the Detroit cannabis market. She has practiced law for over 20 years, and specializes in land use, real estate, and code compliance. In her spare time she takes dance classes, and enjoys living on the riverfront in downtown Detroit with her son and 2 cats.



**Ellicott Matthay**

Ellicott Matthay is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Epidemiology, Department of Population Health at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. Her research aims to identify policies that effectively reduce violence and the adverse health effects of alcohol and drug use. She has methodological expertise in epidemiologic and biostatistical methods, causal inference, and policy evaluation, and substantive expertise in violence prevention and substance use. She currently holds a K99/R00 Career Development Award from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism to examine the interactive impacts of local alcohol and cannabis control policies. Identifying solutions to racial/ethnic health inequities is also a major focus of her work. Her research has been supported by the NIH, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, and cited by professional organizations, policy makers, and national media outlets.



**Beth McGinty**

Dr. McGinty is the Chief of the Division of Health Policy and Economics at Weill Cornell Medical College. She conducts research focused on how health policies affect populations with complex health and social needs, including people experiencing mental illness, substance use disorder, chronic pain, and others. Her work is characterized by integrating approaches from the fields of public policy, health economics, and implementation science to understand how policies affect population health. Dr. McGinty has served on multiple prominent advisory groups, including a United National Technical Consultation Panel on Stigma Reduction and Drug Use, a White House Task Force on suicide prevention, and on the Joseph R. Biden Campaign Behavioral Health Committee. Dr. McGinty holds a Master of Science from Columbia University and a doctorate in health and public policy from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.



**Amy Moore**

Amy Moore is the Director of the Division of Cannabis Regulation at the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. She joined the program at its inception in December 2018 as Deputy Director and Counsel and accepting the Director position in February 2023. Before joining DHSS, she worked in public utility regulation at the Missouri Public Service Commission, serving in both legal counsel and policy advisor roles. Amy graduated from the University of Missouri School of Law in 2009 and holds bachelor's degrees in business and psychology from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.



### **Michele Nakata**

Michele Nakata is Chief of the Hawaii Department of Health, Office of Medical Cannabis Control and Regulation. She oversees the registration of qualifying Hawaii residents and visitors for medical use of cannabis, and the regulation of Hawaii's medical cannabis dispensary system. Michele has over 35 years of public health experience, and previously served as the Disease Investigations Branch Chief managing statewide infectious disease surveillance and investigations.



### **Cat Packer**

Cat Packer is the director of drug markets and legal regulation at the Drug Policy Alliance. In this role, she leads DPA's efforts to replace prohibition with regulatory systems grounded in science, compassion, health and human rights. Cat is a distinguished cannabis policy practitioner in residence at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law's Drug Enforcement and Policy Center and a contributing author to the Thomas Reuters Cannabis Law Deskbook. She also serves as vice chair of the Cannabis Regulators of Color Coalition and an advisor to the Parabola Center for Law and Policy.

Cat is the first person of color in the nation to lead a medical and adult-use cannabis regulatory program. From 2017 to 2022, she served as the first Executive Director of the City of Los Angeles Department of Cannabis Regulation. Cat has been featured in HBO, Axios, The Los Angeles Times, Rolling Stone, Fast Company, and High Times Magazine. Cat was named a EBONY 2020 Power 100 List Social Justice Honoree.

Cat is a proud alumna of The Ohio State University where she received a bachelor's degree in political science, a master's degree in public policy and management and a Juris Doctor. In 2020, Cat was the recipient of the Moritz College of Law Outstanding Recent Alumna Award.



### **Rosario Queirolo**

Rosario Queirolo is Associate Professor in the Department of Social and Political Sciences at the Universidad Católica del Uruguay, and serves as Director of the Office of Academic Research and Production at the same university. Her main area of research is comparative politics, with an emphasis on voting behavior and public opinion studies in Latin America. Queirolo earned her Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh. She also holds a Masters in Political Science in Latin America from the University of Andalusia (Spain), and BAs in Political Science from the Universidad Católica del Uruguay and in Sociology from the Universidad de la República in Uruguay.



### **Al Romero-Gibu**

Al Romero-Gibu is the Cannabis Manager for the City of Grand Rapids. He is responsible for all local processes relating to the cannabis industry, including zoning, licensing, policy, and social equity and neighborhood impact. He is a graduate of Aquinas College and started working for the City of Grand Rapids in 2019.





### **Sarah Ross Viles**

Sarah Ross-Viles has worked and instructed in community-based substance use prevention and control for nearly two decades. She managed King County, Washington's Communities Putting Prevention to Work Tobacco contract with CDC, supporting a portfolio of more than 25 community subcontracts working on policy, systems, and environmental change. She served as the Director of Tobacco Studies at University of Washington from 2016-2019. Since 2019, she has been the Youth Cannabis Prevention Manager at Public Health - Seattle & King County. Her drive in this work is ensuring young people have opportunities to influence cannabis regulation and policy.



### **Kevin A. Sabet**

An affiliate of Yale University's Institution for Social and Policy Studies and the Medical School, dubbed by NBC News as the "prodigy of drug politics," author, consultant, and the only bipartisan drug policy advisor to three U.S. presidential administrations, Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D., has studied, researched, written about, and implemented drug policy for more than 25 years. He is currently the President and CEO of both The Foundation for Drug Policy Solutions (FDPS) and SAM (Smart Approaches to Marijuana), two non-profit organizations he founded with Congressman Patrick Kennedy. Dr. Sabet's work as a government advisor began in the Clinton Administration as a researcher, and he was the senior speechwriter on drug policy in the Bush Administration (2002-2003). He returned to government in 2009, where he assisted in drafting President Obama's National Drug Control Strategy as a senior advisor.

Dr. Sabet also regularly advises foreign governments, several non-governmental organizations working to reduce drug abuse and its consequences, and serves in an international role as an advisor, in various capacities, to the United Nations and other multi-national organizations.

He is the winner of numerous drug policy awards, including the 2014 Nils Bejerot Award for Global Drug Prevention, the 2019 National Narcotics Lifetime Achievement Award, and the John P. McGovern Award for Drug Prevention given by the Institute for Behavior and Health.

He received his Doctorate of Philosophy and Masters of Science from Oxford University as a Marshall Scholar in 2007 and 2002, respectively, and his B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Berkeley in 2001.





### **Gillian Schauer**

Gillian Schauer, PhD, MPH is the Executive Director of the Cannabis Regulators Association (CANNRA), a nonpartisan association of government agencies involved in cannabis and/or hemp regulation and policy implementation across 43 states, the District of Columbia, two U.S. territories, and Canada. Dr. Schauer was elected CANNRA's first Executive Director in 2021, and served as a Senior Advisor to CANNRA before the association's founding. Dr. Schauer has worked in public health and policy for nearly two decades, and has a decade of experience working with federal and state agencies on cannabis policy, data monitoring, and research translation. Through her federal work, she founded and led the Multi-State Collaborative for Cannabis and Public Health from 2014-2021 to foster learnings and cultivate best practices for public health across states with legal cannabis. Prior to working on cannabis policy, Dr. Schauer worked on tobacco control policy. She was the Senior Editor on the 2020 Surgeon General's Report on Smoking Cessation. Dr. Schauer is an affiliate researcher at the University of Washington and has more than 75 peer-reviewed research publications on cannabis and other substances. She has a PhD in Behavioral Science from Emory University, a Master of Public Health from University of Washington, and a Bachelors of Science from Northwestern University.



### **Micah Sherman**

Micah Sherman is a co-owner of Raven, a small owner operated cannabis cultivator in Olympia, Washington. Since 2013 he has worked directly in the cannabis industry and in the cannabis policy making space. He serves on the board of the Washington Sun and Craft Grower's Association which was a founding member of the National Craft Cannabis Coalition. The NCCC, through its member organizations, represents thousands of cannabis licensees across the country.



### **Lynn Silver**

Pediatrician, public health researcher and advocate, Silver is Senior Advisor at the Public Health Institute (PHI) and Clinical Professor at University of California San Francisco. She directs PHI's Prevention Policy Group, including Getting it Right from the Start, a project of PHI founded in 2017 to design, evaluate and support adoption of cannabis policies to better protect youth, public health and equity. The project has published numerous studies, and supported partners in 15 states and over 100 California jurisdictions as well as the CDC. Silver has long focused on the use of policy and law to prevent noncommunicable disease, its risk factors and inequitable impact, as Assistant Health Commissioner of New York City leading groundbreaking food policy and environmental initiatives, county health officer, Visiting Scholar at the Karolinska Institute, and Director of the College of Health Sciences of the University of Brasilia. She has worked on health policy as a researcher, educator, government official, consultant, and advocate, and advised numerous organizations including the State of California, World Health Organization/Pan American Health Organization, the World Bank, the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids, hospitals and foundations. She received her MD and MPH degrees and pediatric training from the Johns Hopkins University.



### **Mathew Swinburne**

Mathew R. Swinburne, J.D., is the Associate Director for the Network for Public Health Law’s Eastern Team, which is housed at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. He is a recognized national expert in cannabis law and policy. His cannabis work includes advising legislators, state and local agencies, law enforcement, community-based organizations, and non-profits on critical issues related to medical and adult-use policy. Appointed by Maryland Governor Wes Moore, Mathew is the Chair of Maryland’s Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council. In addition to his work at the Network, Mathew developed and taught the State and Federal Cannabis Law and Policy course for the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy’s MS in Medical Cannabis Science and Therapeutics program. The course is one of the first of its kind in the country. He is also an attorney advisor for the University of Maryland’s Public Health Law Clinic and has taught public health law and ethics for the University of Maryland’s School of Public Health.



### **Will Tilburg**

Will Tilburg was appointed as the inaugural Director of the Maryland Cannabis Administration in May 2023. Prior to this appointment Tilburg spent five years at the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission, where he served first as the Director of Policy and then as the Executive Director of the State’s medical cannabis program. Tilburg is also President of the Cannabis Regulations Association – a nonpartisan association of state cannabis and hemp regulators representing more than 45 states and territories that develops best practices for cannabis and hemp regulation in the United States.

Before joining the State, Tilburg spent several years providing legal and policy support to federal, state, and local governments and health departments on a wide range of public health issues, including environmental health, tobacco control, and drug policy.

He earned a Bachelor of Arts from Providence College, and a Master of Public Health and Juris Doctorate from the University of Maryland.