

The Humboldt Institute for Interdisciplinary Marijuana Research

Improving the economic, social, physical, and environmental health of individuals and communities through the interdisciplinary scientific study of marijuana.

First Annual Speaker Series Presents:

Of Green Institutions and Incremental Policies: Marijuana Regulatory Reform

In the last sixteen years, seventeen states and the District of Columbia have enacted medical marijuana laws. Marijuana advocates have employed various strategies through the ballot initiative, legislative, and judicial processes. All these reforms are tantamount to incremental consideration and adoption of an illicit substance control issue lacking substantial institutional infrastructure. If state and local governments are to implement marijuana reform, what regulatory guidelines and agencies are they to employ in order to harness the economic windfall assumed via regulation? Last year Californians rejected legalization of the substance while voters in Oregon and Colorado will consider the matter in November. Concurrently, several medical marijuana campaigns are being conducted. What will the outcomes in Oregon and Colorado lend to understanding the incremental progress marijuana reformers have made so far? Have federal, state, or local governing institutions updated their resources so as to be ready for legalization and/or more medical allowance? Does more marijuana reform inherently cause backlash from illegal growers and what could this mean for "marijuana communities?"

**Allows personal marijuana
hemp cultivation/use
without license; commiss
to regulate commercial
marijuana cultivation/sale**



YES



NO



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My research examines medical marijuana social movement organizations selection of policy making institutions, or "venue shopping," in pursuit of codified reform. Employing a mixed methodology of historical analysis, original interviews, and legislative data sets I identify how illicit substance control reform advocates have waged various (re)framing campaigns against the Controlled Substance Act of 1970.

Tuesday, November 27 - 5:30-7:00pm
Humboldt State University - BSS Native Forum, Room 162

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