

# 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.

## Eco-Symposium II

# Environmental Challenges of Marijuana Agriculture in the Age of Prohibition

This two-part symposium will gather grassroots environmental activists, community members, and policy makers to discuss efforts to address the environmental impacts of marijuana cultivation. Panelists will review the impacts of marijuana agriculture and offer insights into the opportunities and challenges involved in addressing these problems.

### **SESSION 1 1:00- 2:45 • The Problem and Responses: Environmental Impacts and the Politics of Cannabis Agriculture**

This panel of grassroots environmental organizers and policy makers will discuss environmental impacts associated with industrial marijuana agriculture, how current policy affects those impacts, and challenges involved in addressing environmental impacts associated with marijuana production.

### **SESSION 2 3:00 - 5:00 pm • Environmental, Cultural, and Economic Futures: Sustainability and Marijuana Agriculture**

This panel of grassroots environmental organizers, community members, and policy makers offer perspectives on paths to environmental, cultural and economic sustainability.

### **PANELISTS INCLUDE**

Hezekiah Allen, Executive Director, Mattole Restoration Council  
Scott Greacen, Executive Director, Friends of the Eel River  
Gary Hughes, Executive Director, Environmental Protection Information Center  
Tasha McKee, Executive Director, Sanctuary Forest  
Mike Downey, Humboldt County Sheriff  
Paul Gallegos, Humboldt County District Attorney  
Mark Lovelace, Humboldt County District 3 Supervisor  
Ryan Sundberg, Humboldt County District 5 Supervisor  
Scott Downie, California Department of Fish and Game Senior Biologist  
Casey O'Neill, Community member  
Kyle Keegan, Community Member



## Friday October 12 • 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

### Humboldt State University • Native Forum, Room 162

### Behavioral and Social Sciences Building, 16th & Union Street, Arcata

**SPONSORED BY:** College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences • College of Natural Resources and Sciences  
College of Professional Studies and the Sociology Department. The event is free and open to the public.

Contact Dr. Tony Silvaggio, Sociology Department, Humboldt State University at 707.826.3142 for more information.