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Drug Policy Archive Symposium
Monday, September 22, 2014
University of Massachusetts Amherst
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PROGRAM

10 A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE TO LAUNCH THE ARCHIVE
The Marriott Center, Campus Center, 11th Floor
Jay Schafer, Director of Libraries
Keith Stroup, Founder, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)
Allen St. Pierre, Executive Director, NORML and the NORML Foundation, UMass Amherst Class of 1989
Rob Cox, Director of Special Collections & University Archives, UMass Amherst Libraries

10:30 A.M. OPENING REMARKS
The Marriott Center, Campus Center, 11th Floor
Rob Cox, Head of Special Collections

10:45 A.M. MASSACHUSETTS ON FIRE ROUNDTABLE
The Marriott Center, Campus Center, 11th Floor
Panel discussion about the movement to end cannabis prohibition in the Commonwealth.
Moderator Cara Crabb-Burnham, Director of Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition (Mass Cann)
with panelists Bill Downing, Treasurer Mass Cann; Terry Franklin, Bay State Repeal;
Attorney Richard Evans; Rachel Neulander, Educator and Patients’ Rights Advocate;
and a representative from the campus’s Cannabis Reform Coalition.

NOON–1 P.M. NETWORKING LUNCH AND VIDEO ABOUT THE ARCHIVE
The Marriott Center, Campus Center, 11th Floor
Jeremy Smith, Special Collections Archivist

1:15–2:30 P.M. PUBLIC POLICY ROUNDTABLE
The Marriott Center, Campus Center, 11th Floor
Panel discussion on how cannabis legalization will affect national public policy and scholarly research.
Moderator: Allen St. Pierre, NORML, with panelists Professor Lyle Craker, Professor of Plant, Soil and Insect Sciences; David Buchanan, School of Public Health and Health Sciences; Dr. Lester Grinspoon, Attorney Keith Stroup.

3-5 P.M. HOW DRUG POLICY CAN AFFECT DRUG RESEARCH
Keynote Speaker Dr. Melanie Dreher
Student Union Ballroom
Dreher discusses through the lens of her own experiences how drug policy can limit the ability of researchers to ask important questions. Q&A and discussion to follow.
SYMPOSIUM SPEAKERS

R. Keith Stroup, a public interest attorney who founded NORML in 1970, received his BA in political science from the University of Illinois and his law degree from Georgetown. Stroup directed NORML through 1979, during which 11 states decriminalized minor marijuana offenses. Stroup has also practiced criminal law, lobbied on Capitol Hill for family farmers and artists and for several years served as executive director of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL). He is currently serving as legal counsel for NORML.

Allen F. St. Pierre ’89 (Legal Studies) has been the executive director of NORML since 2005 and executive director of the NORML Foundation since 1997. St. Pierre has written, debated and lectured extensively on the topic of cannabis. St. Pierre has been cited in hundreds of international, national, and local news publications and has appeared on many nationally televised news programs and on over 1,000 radio shows representing NORML’s point of views on the topic of marijuana.

Melanie Dreher, former dean of the College of Nursing at UMass Amherst, is Dean Emeritus of Nursing at Rush University Medical Center. With degrees in nursing, anthropology, and philosophy, Dreher is one of a handful of top scientists who have researched marijuana in the last three decades. Her work on cannabis as medicine began in Jamaica, studying long-term ganja use in Jamaican men.

Richard M. Evans has practiced law in western Massachusetts for over 35 years and has participated prominently in the marijuana legalization effort. In 1981, he authored the first comprehensive regulation/taxation plan to be introduced as legislation in Massachusetts, upon which bills were modeled and introduced in other states. As a member of NORML’s board of directors, he was the moving force behind NORML’s adoption of the Principles of Responsible Cannabis Use. He maintains the archive, www.cantaxreg.com, a website providing resources for taxing and regulating the developing legal cannabis industry.

Rob Cox is Head of Special Collections and University Archives at the UMass Amherst Libraries. He is a former paleontologist and molecular biologist who went on to receive a PhD in history from the University of Michigan. As an archivist and historian, he has worked at the William L. Clements Library at the University of Michigan and the American Philosophical Society and he has taught at both UMass Amherst and in the archival program at Simmons College.