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FACING OPIOIDS: DRUG ENFORCEMENT & HEALTH POLICY IN TODAY’S EPIDEMIC

Friday, October 19, 2018
WELCOME!

This year’s symposium is titled Facing Opioids: Drug Enforcement & Health Policy in Today’s Epidemic. Experts and scholars will discuss the opioid epidemic that is impacting countless families and dominating news headlines across the country.

SCHEDULE

8:30 - 9:00
Breakfast and Check-In

9:00 - 9:15 - Introduction

9:15 - 10:15
Keynote Speaker: Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor of the Ohio Supreme Court

10:15 - 10:30 - Coffee Break

10:30 - 11:45
Panel Breakout Session
- Panel I: The Cost of the War on Drugs
- Panel II: The Problems Associated with the Opioid Epidemic Throughout the Country - Particularly in Ohio

11:45 - 12:00 - Break Time

12:00 - 1:00 - Lunch

1:00 - 1:15 - Break

1:15 - 2:30
Panel Breakout Session
- Panel III: The Efficiency of the Drug Bans
- Panel IV: The Civil Drug Crisis in the United States

2:30 - 2:45 - Coffee Break

2:45 - 4:00
Panel (Saxbe)
- Panel V: The Future of the Problems Associated with the Opioid Epidemic

4:00 - 4:15
Closing Remarks

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor
SUPREME COURT OF OHIO

Chief Justice Maureen O’Connor is the 10th chief justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio and the first woman to lead the state’s judicial branch. Elected as a justice in 2002 and re-elected in 2008, she became chief justice in 2010 and was re-elected in 2016. O’Connor started an effort to address the opiate/heroin epidemic by gathering legal experts and state court officials from nine surrounding states to determine ways to address the issue on a regional basis. She also established a task force to maintain public trust and confidence in grand juries, created a committee to examine the administration of the death penalty, and proposed improvements to strengthen judicial elections in Ohio. O’Connor received a BA from Seton Hill College and a JD from Cleveland State University.
Valena Elizabeth Beety is a Professor of Law and Founding Director of the West Virginia Innocence Project at the West Virginia University (WVU) College of Law. Beety’s scholarship and teaching interests include criminal procedure, causes of wrongful conviction, prisons, and policing. Her experience as a federal prosecutor and litigating innocence cases in Mississippi and West Virginia shape her interest in criminal justice, from investigation through incarceration. She serves nationally as an elected board member of the Innocence Network and as an invited board member of the Research Center on Violence. In West Virginia she is an appointed member of the Governor’s Indigent Defense Commission. Beety is also the founding member of the Appalachian Justice Initiative at WVU College of Law. She received her BA and JD from the University of Chicago.

Professor Douglas A. Berman is the Newton D. Baker-Baker & Hostetler Chair in Law and Executive Director of the Drug Enforcement and Policy Center (DEPC). His principal teaching and research focus are in the areas of criminal law and criminal sentencing, though he also has teaching and practice experience in the fields of legislation and intellectual property. He has taught courses including Criminal Law, Criminal Punishment and Sentencing, Criminal Procedure—Investigation, The Death Penalty, Legislation, Introduction to Intellectual Property, and a Second Amendment seminar. Berman is also the author of a widely-cited blog, Sentencing Law and Policy. He is frequently consulted by national and state policymakers, sentencing commissioners, and public policy groups concerning sentencing law and policy reforms.

Daniel Abrahamson teaches Current Issues in Drug Law and Policy Reform at the University of Virginia School of Law. He founded the Office of Legal Affairs of the Drug Policy Alliance, where he served as director for 18 years. Abrahamson then served as the organization’s senior legal advisor, developing special drug reform projects until August 2017. In addition to helping litigate cases in state and federal courts in the U.S. and at international tribunals, Abrahamson has co-authored several pieces of legislation, including California’s Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000, the most sweeping criminal justice reform since the repeal of Prohibition, and California’s Proposition 47, which defelonized simple drug possession. He holds a JD from New York University School of Law, a MA from University of Oxford, and a BA from Yale University.

Josh Bowers is a professor of law at the University of Virginia School of Law. His primary teaching and research interests include criminal law, criminal procedure, criminal justice theory, and constitutional law. Bowers has written numerous articles, essays, and book chapters on police and prosecutorial discretion, plea bargaining, misdemeanor enforcement and adjudication, drug policy, life without parole, capital punishment, grand juries, and the right to counsel. His work has been published in several books and journals, including the Columbia Law Review, the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the UCLA Law Review, and the Stanford Law Review. He received his BA from the University of Wisconsin and JD from New York University School of Law.
Laura I. Appleman is the Van Winkle Melton Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Faculty at Willamette University. She joined the Willamette University College of Law faculty in 2006. Appleman teaches and writes in the areas of criminal law, criminal procedure, family law, and sentencing law and policy. She is a member of the Yale Law School Executive Committee, co-reporter for the Yale Law School Class of ‘98, has served on the Criminal Advocacy Committee of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and has worked with the Brennan Center for Justice on issues of indigent defense and criminal procedure. Appleman is admitted to practice law by the State Bar of New York. She holds a BA and MA from the University of Pennsylvania and a JD from Yale University.

Tim D. Prichard received his BS from Ohio University in 1989 and his JD from Capital University Law School in 1992. He worked as an Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor from 1992 until 2002. In 2002, he joined the Ohio Attorney General’s Office where he worked as senior deputy of the Capital Crimes Section. In 2005, Prichard joined the United States Attorney’s Office for the Southern District of Ohio, where he prosecutes federal crimes including Organized Crime and Drug Task Force cases. He also serves as the district’s border security coordinator.

The Honorable Frederick T. Moses was elected to the Hocking County Municipal Court in Logan, Ohio on November 8, 2011. For nine years prior to being elected, Moses had a private practice as a defense attorney. In 2012, he implemented a medication-assisted treatment Drug Court program to his docket that specifically utilizes Vivitrol/Naltrexone in addition to a standard Drug Program. Both specialized dockets have been certified by the Supreme Court of Ohio. Moses received his undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University and his JD from Capital University Law School. He worked in the packaging and quality assurance departments at Anheuser Busch while attending law school.

Sarah Brady Siff is a visiting assistant professor of journalism at Miami University. She is the author of *Atomic Roaches and Test Tube Babies: Bentley Glass and Science Communication* in Journalism and Communication Monographs. Siff is a contributing editor for *Points: The Blog of the Alcohol and Drugs History Society* and copy editor for *Origins: Current Events in Historical Perspective*. She holds a PhD in history from The Ohio State University, a master’s degree in journalism from Ohio University, where she was a fellow at the Contemporary History Institute, and a master’s degree in history from Miami University. She is currently writing a book, *Tough on Dope: Crime and Politics in California’s Drug Wars*. 
Taleed El-Sabawi is entering the final year of her doctoral program and has been extensively researching the use of causal stories by interest groups and administrative agencies in defining the opioid crisis for Congress. She received her JD from the University of Texas School of Law and practiced law for five years before pursuing a PhD in Public Health, Health Services Management & Policy. Her research interests include drug policy and mental health policy, with a focus on the policy and politics of healthcare. She is an interdisciplinary researcher who uses a mixed-methods approach in her research and has published both qualitative and quantitative works.

Aila Hoss is a visiting assistant professor and IU Grand Challenge Fellow at Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. Her research explores topics in public health law, health policy development, and the impact of federal Indian law and tribal law on health outcomes. Hoss’ recent projects study law and policy interventions to respond to the opioid crisis. She previously served as a staff attorney for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Public Health Law Program where she worked to improve public health through the provision of legal technical assistance to state, tribal, local, and territorial governments. Hoss completed her BA at Emory University and her JD at the University of Oregon. She is an active member of the Indiana bar.

Jennifer D. Oliva is an associate professor at West Virginia University in the College of Law and School of Public Health. She teaches torts, evidence, and public health law courses and directs the West Virginia University Veterans Advocacy Clinic. Oliva has worked in the appellate, white collar crime, and health/FDA law practice groups at national law firms, served as national discovery counsel to the Boeing Corporation, and served as the general counsel and vice president of a regional behavioral health care company. She is a United States Army veteran and is admitted to the bar in Delaware, California, the District of Columbia, and West Virginia. She holds a JD from Georgetown University, a MBA from the University of Oxford, and a BS from the United States Military Academy.

Dr. Rebecca L. Haffajee is an assistant professor in the Department of Health Management and Policy at the University of Michigan. She practiced as a health care associate at Ropes & Gray LLP from 2006 to 2009. From 2009 to 2010, she served as a law fellow at the O’Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University Law Center. Haffajee evaluates public health law approaches, like litigation, that aim to address opioid and other behavioral health harms. Her work has been published in New England Journal of Medicine, JAMA, Health Affairs, and Hastings Law Journal, and has been funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and National Institutes of Health. Her research combines detailed legal analyses with empirical investigations of the relationships between law and health. She holds a JD, MPH, and PhD from Harvard University, and a BA from Duke University.
Steven W. Schierholt is the executive director of the State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy. He is responsible for administering all orders of the board as well as directing agency operations. Schierholt has more than 40 years of experience in law enforcement and agency administration. Prior to joining the board, he was the Assistant Superintendent of the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI) at the Ohio Attorney General’s Office. In that position, he oversaw all operations of the Bureau including the unprecedented reduction in the average DNA evidence processing time from 125 to 22 days. A United States Army Veteran, Schierholt also served as an Assistant Attorney General, BCI Special Agent, Deputy Sheriff with the Auglaize County Sheriff’s Office and Assistant Franklin County Prosecutor. He received his BA and JD from Capital University.

Dr. Kenneth R. Yeager is the director of the Stress Trauma and Resilience (STAR) Program and the STAR Trauma Recovery Center. He is the David E. Schuller MD Professor for Patient Compassion and serves as a Clinical Professor at The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry. Yeager has numerous publications in areas of crisis intervention; treatment for co-morbid substance abuse and mental illness; quality improvement and developing quality metrics; and evidence-based practice including the Oxford University Press book, “Evidence-Based Practice Manual: Research and Outcome Measures in Health and Human Services.” He is a member of the Oxford Bibliographies Online editorial board and a treating clinician for the National Football League Program for Substances of Abuse.

Jonathan Blanton is section chief of the Consumer Protection Section at the Ohio Attorney General’s Office, where he oversees Attorney General Mike DeWine’s ongoing litigation against a number of opioid manufacturers and pharmaceutical distributors. Before becoming section chief in 2014, Blanton was the deputy director for Investigations and Enforcement and interim executive director of the State Medical Board of Ohio. He spent over 13 years prosecuting criminal cases, including a decade as the prosecuting attorney of Jackson County, Ohio. Blanton is a subject matter expert and trainer for the National Association of Attorneys General on topics including tactics for maximizing the effectiveness of Prescription Drug Monitoring Programs, regulating medical professionals, and developing and litigating claims against pharmaceutical supply chain participants.
Sheriff John Tharp was sworn in as the 45th Sheriff of Lucas County, Ohio in January 2013, the culmination of 25 years of law enforcement experience. In July 2014, he launched an addiction resource unit, the first of its kind in the nation, to work with heroin overdose victims and their families. This unit, now called the Drug Abuse Response Team, or DART, has been designated by Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine as a statewide model and pilot program. Tharp graduated from the University of Toledo with a bachelor’s and master’s degree in education. He also served in the United States Army as a combat medic during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star as a result of his service.
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