

Drug Enforcement and Policy Center Timeline

2017

February

Full Moritz College of Law faculty express support for Douglas Berman's effort to start a criminal justice center at the college, with a focus on marijuana reform and drug policy

November

The Charles Koch Foundation provides initial funding to Executive Director Douglas Berman to establish the Drug Enforcement and Policy Center at The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

2018

April

Jana Hrdinová joins the center as administrative director

May

Inaugural DC Fellowships awarded to four students

August

Alex Kreit begins 2-year visiting professorship

Ben Bodamer starts teaching Cannabiz

September

Inaugural 2018-2019 Drug Policy Research Grant Program winners announced

From Punishment to Public Health: Embracing Evidence-Based Solutions to Ending the Overdose Crisis

November

Official Launch of DEPC with Governor Brian Sandoval and CBS Correspondent Erin Moriarty

2019

April

Teaching Drugs Symposium

May

DC Fellowships awarded to four students

July

Work starts on DEPC Suite in Drinko Hall

August

Professor Patricia Zettler joins Moritz College of Law and DEPC Professor Andrea Headley joins John Glenn College and DEPC

September

Holly Griffin joins DEPC as public engagement specialist

Dexter Ridgway joins DEPC as research associate

Discussions begin about Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project

2019-2020 Drug Policy Research Grant Program winners announced

October

Work is completed on DEPC Suite in Drinko Hall

November

DEPC receives gift from The Menard Family

December

Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project announced

2020

February

The Controlled Substances Act at 50 Conference with Academy for Justice at ASU

May

First expedited pardons granted through the Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project

June

DC Fellowships awarded to two students

August

Professor Sean Hill joins Moritz College of Law and DEPC

Visiting Professor Sarah Brady Siff begins 2-year visit

Professor Andrea Headley departs for Georgetown University

September

Alex Fraga joins DEPC as a senior research associate

2021

January

2020-2021 Drug Policy Research Grant Program winners announced

February

Shaleen Title joins DEPC as distinguished cannabis policy practitioner in residence

March

2020-2021 Marijuana Research Grant Program winners announced

June

DC Fellowships awarded to two students

July

Hannah Miller joins DEPC for Opportunity Port and OGEPP

August

Professor Tasha Perdue joins John Glenn College and DEPC

Visiting Professor Michael Zuckerman joins Moritz College of Law and DEPC

October

Menard Family Lecture with former AG Eric Holder and Piper Kerman

Understanding Drug Sentencing Symposium with Academy for Justice

November

DEPC receives grant for Ohio Governor's Expedited Pardon Project

December

Opportunity Port launched

2022

January

DEPC receives additional funds from Schmidt Futures for Opportunity Port

March

2021-2022 Marijuana and Drug Policy Research Grant Program winners announced

May

DEPC becomes an Opportunity Port service provider

Terri McKee joins DEPC as a Staff Attorney

Peter Leasure joins DEPC as a Senior Research Associate

June

DC Fellowships awarded to two students

July

Opportunity Port awarded funds from Ohio Supreme Court Civil Justice Program

Cat Packer joins DEPC as a Distinguished Cannabis Policy Practitioner in Residence

September

Recording begins for the Drugs on the Docket podcast

December

President Biden's Pardons: What It Means for Cannabis and Criminal Justice Reform with U.S. Pardon Attorney Elizabeth G. Oyer

2023

January

Opportunity Port expands to Tuscarawas County, Ohio

March

Drugs and Public Safety Symposium with Academy for Justice

May

DEPC launches the Drugs on the Docket podcast with the release of season one

June

DC Fellowship awarded to one student

DEPC celebrates 5 years

August

Grace Li joins Moritz faculty with DEPC affiliation

Meghan O'Neil joins DEPC as a Research Scholar