

Course for Ph.D. students

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Medical Marijuana. Psychedelics and Drug Policy in the U.S.
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Course description

MEDICAL MARIJUANA

AFTER CALIFORNIA ADOPTED A MEDICAL MARIJUANA LAW IN 1996, I BEGAN WRITING ABOUT MARIJUANA LAW. SINCE 2017, I HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE FIRST PROFESSORS IN THE UNITED STATES TO TEACH A COURSE IN MARIJUANA LAW. THAT COURSE AND MY RESEARCH HAVE FOCUSED ON EXPANDED INTEREST IN MARIJUANA FOR MEDICAL USE. I BELIEVE THAT PH.D. STUDENTS WOULD BENEFIT BY EXPOSURE TO THE EXPANDING LITERATURE ABOUT MEDICAL MARIJUANA.

PSYCHEDELICS AND DRUG POLICY IN THE U.S.

CURRENTLY, RESEARCHERS ARE BOLDLY INVESTIGATING THE USE OF PSYCHEDELICS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE UNITED STATES ADOPTED ITS RESTRICTIVE CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES ACT OF 1970. THIS TOPIC WOULD INCLUDE AN EXPLORATION INTO HOW THE UNITED STATES ADOPTED ITS RESTRICTIVE SCHEDULING RULES, CRIMINALIZING ANY EFFORT TO STUDY WHAT HAD BEEN PROMISING DRUGS LIKE LSD. IT WOULD ALSO INCLUDE AN EXAMINATION OF THE CURRENT FLURRY OF INTEREST AMONG RESEARCHERS AND POLICY MAKERS IN POSITIVE HEALTH BENEFITS OF THOSE DRUGS.