

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Victoria – Master’s in Studies in Policy and Practice
- completed 12/09

University of Victoria - Post-Degree Certificate in Secondary Education
(English and Theatre)
- completed 04/97
- member of the Student Teacher Advisory Committee
- member of the Secondary Program Council (overseeing the reform of
the Department of Education Secondary Program)

Carleton University (Ottawa, Ontario) - B.A. English Literature - 1991

LANGUAGES

Fluently bilingual in English and French

WORK EXPERIENCE

Victoria Public Market at the Hudson Victoria BC

August 2012-May 2013

Coordinator of a project to initiate a food-centered Public Market in Victoria’s historic Hudson building on behalf of Townline Developments and the Victoria Downtown Public Market Society. The project includes vendor recruitment, policy development, grant writing, and coordinating of staff and volunteers in order to successfully launch an 18,000sq. ft Public Market in Victoria comprised of permanent vendors, day vendors, and food-related kiosks.

Sensible BC Throughout BC

July 2012-April 2013

Event Coordinator for a touring panel discussion on cannabis regulation taking place in 16 different high-population areas in BC. Duties include booking

venues, coordinating press and communications, recruiting guest speakers, and on-site event management.

Medical Cannabis Standards, Engagement, Evaluation, Dissemination (SEED) Project Throughout BC.

January 2012-January 2014

Co-investigator and medical cannabis community liaison in UBC-affiliated, community-based research project to assist the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries with the creation of standards and an associated certification program for dispensaries in BC. Work involves review of standards and certification process, organizing broad-based stakeholder consultations, and developing an evaluation strategy to monitor impact on dispensaries, patients and communities. Funded by the Peter Wall Solutions Initiative.

Victoria City Council (www.victoria.ca) Capital Regional District Board – Victoria, BC.

November 2008-November 2011

Elected member of the Victoria City Council and Capital Regional District Board. Responsibilities and appointments included:

- Chair – City of Victoria Environment and Infrastructure Standing Committee.
- City of Victoria Community Development Standing Committee.
- Liaison to City of Victoria Youth Council.
- CRD Board of Directors.
- CRD Core Area Liquid Waste Management Committee.
- CRD Hospital District Board.
- Vice-President, CRD Housing Corporation Board.
- CRD Environment Committee.
- CRD Solid Waste Advisory Committee.
- Great Victoria Cemetery Board Trustee

Compassionate Consulting Inc. – Victoria, B.C.

January 2007 to present

Company created to encompass various consultation projects. Past projects include:

- designing research protocols addressing substance use and addiction, providing research and creating medical cannabis policy documents for the Greater Victoria Housing Society;
- working with the Israeli Ministry of Health on their medical cannabis program,
- supplying expert opinion for a number of court challenges focused on cannabis production, distribution and medical use.

Current projects include:

- coordinating and acting as co-investigator in an observational study examining the potential of ayahuasca-assisted therapy to treat addiction and compulsive behaviours;
- acting as Primary Investigator in a four site survey protocol examining “substitution effect” and associated harm reduction in medical cannabis users in British Columbia. (Please see “Research” below for details)

Vancouver Island Compassion Society (www.thevics.com) – Victoria, BC.
October 1999 to October 2009.

Founder and Director – duties included running day-to-day operations of non-profit medicinal cannabis organization. Extensive media experience, including the CBC TV National News, CBC Radio1, BBC Radio, local and international newspapers, and national magazine publications such as McLean’s Magazine. A documentary on the organization, titled “Crimes of Compassion” continues to air nationally on Global Television. Presentations included the Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs, Office of Cannabis Medical Access Advisory Committee, AIDS Vancouver Island, Comosun College, the BC Homeopathic Physicians Organization - as well as organizing a full day seminar on the planning and implementation of a medicinal cannabis dispensary. Duties also included an extensive research agenda (see “Research” below).

DrugSense (www.drugsense.org) – Porterville, California
March 2001 to July 2010

Director of Communications for California-based online drug policy think-tank, & Editor of Hemp and Cannabis Issues for DrugSense Weekly eNewsletter (2001-2006). As Director of Communications, duties include establishing and maintaining media contacts regarding drug policy reform issues, creating outreach documents and resources, as well as fostering a cooperative relationship between the press, international activists, and reform organizations. As Editor of Hemp and Cannabis Issues for the weekly DrugSense e-Newsletter, I selected and commented the week’s top cannabis related international news stories.

Center for Addictions Research of British Columbia – Victoria, BC
September – December 2006

Contracted research associate on cannabis *substitution effect* literature review and meta-analysis.

Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies - Ben Lomond, CA
October 2005 - August 2006

Research advisor on ibogaine protocol titled "Observational case series study of the long-term efficacy of Ibogaine-assisted therapy and associated interventions in participants with opiate addiction treated at the Iboga Therapy House"

Americans for Safe Access - San Francisco, CA
May 2006 - June 2006

Updated research and medical information in ASA's condition-based booklets for medical cannabis use

(<http://www.safeaccessnow.org/article.php?list=type&type=135>)

Canadians for Safe Access (www.safeaccess.ca) – Canada

March 2003 to present

Founder and Director of national grassroots, action-oriented, medicinal cannabis patients rights organization. Actions have included organizing protests and press conferences (OCMA Advisory Committee, Montreal – May 2003; Parliament Buildings, Ottawa – July 2003), and federal accountability through scientific testing of the govt. grown supply of cannabis. Responsibilities include public relations, press relations, and planning.

Professional Accountability Project – Marijuana Policy Project (Washington, D.C.)

February 2002-June 2003

Project Coordinator and Director of Research – This project aims to bring a scientific approach to drug reform by ensuring that statements made by physicians and researchers regarding recreational and medical drug use (especially cannabis) follow the current scientific knowledge.

Elizabeth Buckley School - Victoria, BC.

September 1999 to July 2000

French teacher for grade 2 and 3 students in progressive alternative school setting.

Esquimalt Secondary School - Victoria, BC.

January 1997 to May 1997

Practicum placement. Taught English 8 & 9, and Theatre 9/10.

SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS

Lucas P, Reiman A, Earleywine M, McGowan S., Oleson M, Coward MP, Thomas, B. (2012). Cannabis as a substitute for alcohol and other drugs: A dispensary-based survey of substitution effect in Canadian medical cannabis patients. *Addiction Research and Theory*. Early Online 1-8.

Lucas P. (2012). Cannabis as an adjunct to or substitute for opiates in the treatment of chronic pain, and implications for problematic substance use, public health, and drug policy. *Journal of Psychoactive Drugs*, 44:2, 125-133.

Lucas P. (2012). It Can't Hurt to Ask; A Patient-Centered Quality of Service Assessment of Health Canada's Medical Cannabis Policy and Program. *Harm Reduction Journal*, 9:2.

Zeisser C, Thompson K, Stockwell T, Duff C, Chow C, Vallance K, Ivsins A,

Michelow W, Marsh D, **Lucas P.** (2012). A “standard joint”? The role of quantity in predicting cannabis-related problems. *Addiction Research and Theory*. Vol. 20, No. 1. Pp. 82-92

Stockwell T, Vallance K, Martin G, Macdonald S, Ivsins A, Chow C, Greer A, Zhao J, Duff C, **Lucas P**, Marsh D, Michelow W, Treno A. (2010) The price of getting high, stoned and drunk in BC: A comparison of minimum prices for alcohol and other psychoactive substances. *CARBC Statistical Bulletin #7*. Victoria, British Columbia: University of Victoria.

Lucas, P. (2010). Patient-centered strategies to counter stigma, oppression and forced incarceration in the C/S/X and medical cannabis movements. *Interface: a journal for and about social movements*. Volume 2 (2): pp.149 – 167.

Lucas P. (2009). What do we know about cannabis? *Visions; BC's Mental Health and Addictions Journal*. Guest editor (and editorial) for Vol. 5, No. 4.

Lucas P. (2009). Moral regulation and the presumption of guilt in Health Canada's medical cannabis policy and practice. *Int J Drug Policy*. Vol. 20, Issue 4, Pages 296-303.

Westfall R, Hathaway AD, Erickson G, **Lucas P.** (2008). Canadian public opinion on cannabis; how far out of step with it is the existing law? *Canadian Review of Social Policy*, No. 59; pp.44-55.

Lucas, PG. (2008). Regulating compassion: an overview of Canada's federal medical cannabis policy and practice. *Harm Reduction Journal*. 5:5. doi:10.1186/1477-7517-5-5.

R, Janssen P, **Lucas P**, Capler R. (2006). Survey of medicinal cannabis use among childbearing women: patterns of its use in pregnancy and retroactive self-assessment of its efficacy against ‘morning sickness’. *Complement Ther Clin Pract*. Feb;12(1):27-33.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries Certification Standards

2012

Co-author of first ever national certification standards for medical cannabis dispensaries, developed as part of the SEED Project sponsored by UBC’s Peter Wall Solutions’ Initiative.

Visions; BC’s Mental Health and Addictions Journal, Vol.5, No. 4 2009

2009

Guest Editor of Visions’ special edition on cannabis.

Green Party of British Columbia Substance Use Policy

January 2008

Author of the Green Party of BC's Substance Use Policy, which was adopted by Provincial Council on January 29th, 2008.

Guidelines for the Community-Based Distribution of Medical Cannabis in Canada

May 2006

Co-author (along with Rielle Capler) of a policy document addressing the production and community-based distribution of medical cannabis in Canada.

RESEARCH

Cannabis Health Services and Health Policy Research Priority Setting Workshop

Vancouver BC

March 2012-April 2013

Co-investigator (Lynda Balneaves is PI) in a CIHR-funded, UBC-affiliated consultation to establish medical cannabis research and policy priorities in BC and throughout Canada. This project culminates in a 2-day multi-stakeholder consultation taking place in Vancouver on Feb. 14th-15th 2013.

Medical Cannabis Standards, Engagement, Evaluation, Dissemination (SEED) Project Throughout BC.

January 2012-January 2014

Co-researcher (Zack Walsh PhD is PI) and medical cannabis community liaison in UBC-affiliated, community-based research project to assist the Canadian Association of Medical Cannabis Dispensaries with the creation of standards and an associated certification program for dispensaries in BC. Work involves review of standards and certification process, organizing broad-based stakeholder consultations, and developing an evaluation strategy to monitor impact on dispensaries, patients and communities. Funded by a \$90,000 grant from the Peter Wall Solutions Initiative.

Cannabis Access For Medical Purposes Survey (CAMPS)

Co-Primary Investigator (Zach Walsh PhD and Rielle Capler co-PIs) in a community-based study of self-identified medical cannabis patients in Canada. The primary focus of this study is a comprehensive online survey designed to document day-to-day realities of Canada's medical cannabis patient community, and to identify and potentially address barriers blocking safe access to medical cannabis. This study is affiliated with UBC.

Observational study of ayahuasca-assisted therapy for addiction and patterns of dependence

January 2010 - present

Coordinator and co-researcher (Gerald Thomas is PI) of a study examining the outcomes of ayahuasca-assisted therapy on compulsive behaviours. The protocol received ethics approval in Feb. 2011, and data gathering was completed in March 2012. A publication is currently under review in the Journal of Current Drug Abuse Reviews.

Cannabis as a Substitute for Alcohol and Other Drugs; A Compassion Club-Based Survey of Substitution Effect in Canadian Medical Cannabis Patients

Feb. 2010 – present

Coordinator and PI of study examining self-assessed changes in licit and illicit substance use of 400 medical cannabis patients in BC. Data gathering for the study was completed in Feb. 2011. Data analysis completed; paper published in the Journal of Addiction Research and Theory in Dec. 2012.

Quality of Service Assessment of Health Canada's Marihuana Medical Access Division – McMaster University/CAR BC. December 2006 – present
Co-Investigator (with Dr. Andrew Hathaway) of an end-user assessment of the federal medical cannabis program. This project is funded by the McMaster Arts Research Council. Final paper published in the Journal of Psychoactive Drugs in 2012.

Changes in the use of pharmaceutical opiates in chronic pain sufferers newly-registered with a community-based medical cannabis dispensary

VICS/UVic/Center for Addiction Research of British Columbia.

July 2006-May 2008

Principle Investigator in a pre-test, post-test study of the changes in licit and illicit substance use patterns in new members of the Vancouver Island Compassion Society, with a focus on the use of pharmaceutical opiates - Master's Thesis research project.

Cannabis use as self-medication: A study of Canadian compassion clubs and clients

VICS/Canadian Center for Addiction and Mental Health.

2006-2007

Co-investigator on ethnographic examination of the members and customers of community-based medicinal cannabis distribution organizations.

Survey of medicinal cannabis use among childbearing women: patterns of its use in pregnancy and retroactive self-assessment of its efficacy against 'morning sickness'

UVic/VICS/BCCCS.

2005-2006.

Co-investigator in retroactive survey of women who used cannabis during pregnancy. PI is Rachel Janssen PhD, study sponsored by UVic and Michael

Smith. Findings were published *Journal of Complementary Therapies in Clinical Practice*.

A comparison of the effects of smoked whole-plant cannabis of different THC concentrations in non-treatment naive patients with chronic pain – The

Vancouver Island Compassion Society

September 2003 – present

PI in examination of the effects of smoked cannabis on chronic pain.

The Effects of Cannabis Use on Hepatitis C and Interferon/Ribovarin Treatment.

VICS/BCCCS/Dr. Sylvestre (University of California, San Francisco).

May 2002 – Sept. 2005

Co-investigator on survey protocol examining increases in the success rate of interferon/ribovarin treatment on hepatitis c.

RESEARCH SUPPORT

Cannabis as Therapy for People Living With HIV/AIDS – Canadian AIDS Society

Spring 2005-June 2006

Steering Committee member of federally-funded study of the human rights and ethical concerns of HIV/AIDS sufferers in accessing medicinal cannabis. The study's final results were released in June of 2006.

Observational case series study of the long-term efficacy of Ibogaine-assisted therapy and associated interventions in participants with opiate addiction treated at the Iboga Therapy House - Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies.

October 2005 - August 2006

Contracted consultant on protocol investigating changes in opiate use following treatment at Iboga Therapy House.

PRESENTATIONS & CONSULTATIONS

BC Ministry of Health

January 15th, 2013. Victoria BC

Presentation on medical cannabis for BC Ministry of Health.

Downtown Residents Association AGM

January 12th, 2013. Victoria BC

Presentation on new Victoria Public Market at the Hudson for the Downtown Residents Association Annual General Meeting.

University of Victoria Sociology Class

Nov. 29th, 2012. Victoria BC

Guest lecturer for UVic Sociology class. My presentation focused on the social construction of drug policy/drug use.

Island Chef's Collaborative AGM

Nov. 11th, 2012. Victoria BC

Presentation on new Victoria Public Market at the Hudson for the Island Chef's Collaborative Annual General Meeting.

Sechelt Band Sobriety Meeting

Sept. 29th, 2012. Sechelt BC

Coordinated and moderated a presentation on ayahuasca-assisted therapy for addiction at the Sechelt Band Sobriety Meeting organized by the Sechelt Band Health Office.

Community Social Planning Council AGM

Sept. 25th, 2012. Victoria BC

Presentation on harm reduction at the Community Social Planning Council's Annual General Meeting.

A Sensible Cannabis Policy for BC

Sept. 24th 2012, Victoria BC

Coordinated and moderated a panel discussion on cannabis regulation for Sensible BC. The event was attended by over 500 people.

BC Bites and Beverages

Sept. 20th, 2012 Victoria BC

Presentation on new Victoria Public Market at the Hudson at the Royal BC Museum as part of their *BC Bites and Beverages* series.

SEED Stakeholder Consultation

June 28th-29th 2012. Vancouver BC

Presented and co-moderated stakeholder consultation on community-based medical cannabis access as part of the Standards, Engagement, Evaluation and Dissemination (SEED) Project sponsored by the UBC Peter Wall Solutions Initiative.

Psychedelic Research in the 21st Century – MAPS 2011 Conference

Dec. 11th & 12th, 2011. Oakland California

Did two presentations on ayahuasca-assisted therapy for addiction, and organized a meeting of international ayahuasca researchers.

Vancouver Urban Farmers' Forum

Nov. 26, 2011. Vancouver BC

Presentation on new Victoria Public Market at the Hudson at the Vancouver Urban Farmers' Forum sponsored by the City of Vancouver.

Out of Mind; The Therapeutic Application of Psychedelics in the Treatment of PTSD and Addiction

Sept. 13th, 2011. Victoria BC

Coordinated and moderated presentations by Dr. Gabor Maté and Rick Doblin Phd on the use of ayahuasca to treat addiction and MDMA to treat PTSD. The event was a fundraiser for MAPS Canada research.

Health Canada Consultation on Proposed Regulatory Changes to the Marihuana Medical Access Regulations

Sept. 7th, 2011. Vancouver BC.

Represented Canadians for Safe Access at consultation hosted by Health Canada on proposed changes to the federal medical cannabis programme.

CannaMed Medical Cannabis Conference

February 2011, Vancouver BC.

Organized, moderated and presented on a panel examining medical cannabis research and legal reform in BC. Other panel members included Dr. Manju Sharma PhD, Michael Vonn (BCCLA), and Rielle Capler MHA.

Greater Victoria Anti-Stigma Week Academic Panel

February 8th 2011, Victoria BC.

Coordinated and moderated an academic panel on stigma associated with drug use for Greater Victoria Anti-Stigma Week that featured Cecilia Benoit PhD, Susan Boyd PhD and Lynne Belle-Isle PhD Candidate.

University of Victoria Poverty Law Society Panel on Harm Reduction and Homelessness

October 2010, University of Victoria, BC.

Presented on a panel examining local policies and practices around harm reduction and homelessness.

Consultation with Health Canada re. Medical Cannabis

July 2010, Vancouver BC.

Coordinator/presenter for a consultation re. medical cannabis with Cathy Sabiston, Director General Controlled Substances & Tobacco Directorate of Health Canada

6th Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics

April 2010, Providence, Rhode Island.

“It Can’t Hurt to Ask; Assessing Medical Cannabis Patient Needs in Canada”

Psychedelic Science in the 21st Century

April 2010, San Jose California.

“Regaining Internal Freedom; An Observational Study of Ayahuasca-Assisted Addictions Therapy”

Columbia Institute Center for Civic Governance Annual Conference

April, 2010. Harrison Hot Springs BC.
Organized, moderated and presented on a panel on municipal harm reduction strategies that included Donald MacPherson and David Bratzer.
“Hometown Harm Reduction: what municipalities can do to reduce the harms associated with problematic substance use”.

Canadian Senate Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs

Dec. 2009. Ottawa, Ont.

“Presentation on the impact of Bill C-15 on Canadian medical cannabis patients”

Drug Policy Alliance International Reform Conference

Nov. 2009. Albuquerque, NM.

“Medical Marijuana Research and Policy: The Latest Developments”

Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policy Conference

Oct. 2009. Vancouver, B.C.

“Community-University Research Into Medical Cannabis;
A Patient-Centered Approach Towards Progressive Social Change”

International Cannabinoid Research Society

July 2009. St. Charles, IL.

Poster Presentation: “A patient survey of Canada’s Medical Cannabis Program”

Canadian House of Commons Justice Committee

May 2009. Ottawa, ON.

Presentation on the impact of Bill C-15 on Canadian medical cannabis patients.

Center for Addictions Research of B.C. CIHR NET Cross-Substance Studies Meeting

July 2008. Victoria, B.C.

“Cannabis and Pharmaceutical Opiate Use for Chronic Pain; Gateway, Substitute or Synergy?”

Canadian Social Science Congress

University of British Columbia. June 5th, 2008.

“Community-Based Research of Medical Cannabis; A Patient-Centered Approach Towards Progressive Social Change”

Community-University Expo, University of Victoria

April, 2008.

“Community-University Research Into Medical Cannabis; A Patient-Centered Approach Towards Progressive Social Change”.

5th National Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics

April, 2008. Asilomar, California.

“Crimes of Compassion; the Benefits of Non-Profit Medical Cannabis Access”.

State of New Mexico Medical Cannabis Program consultation

March 3rd, 2008.

Offices of Rothstein, Donatelli, Hughes, Dahlstrom, Schoenburg and Bienvenu.

United Nations General Assembly NGO Consultation.

February 4th & 5th, 2008. Vancouver, BC.

York University National Harm Reduction Advisory Committee Consultation.

January 21st, 2008.

Drug Policy Alliance Conference 2007

December 2007, New Orleans

Moderated and presented on a panel titled “Northern Exposure – Cutting Edge Medical Cannabis Research and Legal Reform in Canada”. Presentation was titled “Regulating Compassion; An Overview of Canada’s Medical Cannabis Policy and Practice”

International Association for Cannabis as Medicines

October 2007. Cologne, Germany.

“Regulating Compassion; An Overview of Canada’s Medical Cannabis Policy and Practice”

Israeli Ministry of Health and Tikun Olam

August 2007 – Present. Tel Aviv, Israel

Consultation with Dr. Yahuda Baruch, chief administrator of Israel’s medical cannabis program. Further consultations took place with Tsachi Cohen, Executive Director of Tikun Olam, a medical cannabis production and distribution non-profit organization licensed by the Israeli Ministry of Health to produce and distribute cannabis for authorized medical users in Israel.

Ministry of Children and Family Development

June 2007– Sept. 2007. Victoria, B.C.

Consultation with Sheldon Kitul, Policy Analyst with the Practice Development Unit Integrated Policy and Legislation Child Welfare Policy Team, in regards to the real and imagined dangers of cannabis cultivation facilities, with a focus on children.

International Cannabinoid Research Society

June 2007 – St. Sauveur, Que.

Poster presentation titled “Regulating Compassion; An Overview of Canada’s Medical Cannabis Policy and Practice”

Deconstructing Empire II

June 2007 – University of Victoria. Victoria, B.C.

“Regulating Compassion; An Overview of Health Canada’s Medical Cannabis Policy and Practice”

Human and Social Development Spring Research Day

April 2007 – University of Victoria. Victoria, B.C.

“The Community-Based Research and Distribution of Cannabis; A Patient-Centered, Public Health Approach”

Canadian AIDS Society and Canadian Harm Reduction Network

April 2007 – Winnipeg, SK

Federally-funded consultation on harm reduction practices in small and medium-sized cities.

Public Health Association of B.C. Conference

November 2006 – Vancouver, B.C.

“The Community-Based Research and Distribution of Cannabis; A Patient-Centered, Public Health Approach”

National Harm Reduction Coalition Conference

November 2006 – Oakland, CA

“The Community-Based Research and Distribution of Cannabis; A Patient-Centered, Public Health Approach”

International Harm Reduction Association Conference

May 2006 – Vancouver, B.C.

“Regulating Compassion, A 5-Year Overview of Canada’s Medical Cannabis Policy and Program”.

Fourth Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics

April 2006 - Santa Barbara, CA

Presented results of nausea and pregnancy study published in Journal of Complimentary Therapies in Clinical Practice.

NORML Annual Conference 2006

April 2006 - San Francisco, CA

Organized and chaired panel on Canadian Medical Cannabis Research, and presented results of nausea and pregnancy study published in Journal of Complimentary Therapies in Clinical Practice.

Drug Policy Alliance Conference 2005

November 2005 – Long Beach, CA

Chaired panel on Canadian cannabis research, and presented on a recently completed nausea and pregnancy study (please see above).

Entheogenesis 2

May 2005; Vancouver, B.C.

Forbidden Knowledge - The Renaissance of Medicinal Cannabis Research in the 21st Century

Canadian Public Health Association

April 2005; Vancouver, B.C.
Cannabis Use and Driving Consultation

NORML Annual Conference 2005

April 2005 - San Francisco, CA
Chaired panel on Canadian Issues titled: "Oh Canada! Separating the Myth From Reality"
Research panel presentation: "Forbidden Knowledge: Cannabis Research by Compassion Clubs Under Prohibition"

3rd National Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics

May 2004 - Charlottesville, Virginia
"Forbidden Knowledge: Cannabis Research in Canada Under Prohibition"

BC Civil Liberties Association "Beyond Prohibition" Conference

May 2004 - Vancouver, BC
"Forbidden Knowledge: Cannabis Research Under Prohibition"

NORML Annual Conference 2004

April 2004 - Washington, DC
"What the Government Won't Tell You About Their Cannabis"

Entheogenesis Conference

February 2004 - Vancouver, BC
"Science, Spirituality and Compassion: The Modern Cultivation of An Ancient Healing Plant"

Drug Policy Alliance Conference

November 2003 - New Jersey, NY
"The Vancouver Island Compassion Society Research Plan"
"Medical Marijuana in Canada: Good Pot, Great Research, Poor Policies"

House of Commons Special Committee on the Non-Medical Use of Drugs

October 2003 - Ottawa, Ontario
Presentation on behalf of the Vancouver Island Compassion Society and Canada's Medical Cannabis Community

American Association of Pain Management Symposium

September 2003 - Denver, Colorado
"The Vancouver Island Compassion Society Therapeutic Cannabis Research Plan"

Senate Special Committee on Illegal Drugs

September 2002 - Burnaby B.C.

Presentation on behalf of the Vancouver Island Compassion Society and Canada's Medical Cannabis Community

VOLUNTEER WORK**Community Social Planning Council – Community Action Plan on Poverty (CAPP) – 01/12 – present****Victoria Downtown Public Market Society – 02/09 – present****Harm Reduction Victoria – 03/08 – 11/09****FoodRoots - Quadra Village Farmers Market – 02/07 – 02/09****Committee to End Homelessness in Victoria – 09/06 – 11/09****Western Aboriginal Harm Reduction Society of Victoria – 11/06 – 06/07****BOARD AND ADVISORY POSITIONS****Canadian Drug Policy Coalition – Executive Committee & Policy Committee**

March 2010-present

Center for Addictions Research of British Columbia – Research Affiliate

2010-2013

Center for Addictions Research of British Columbia – Advisory Board

2005 - present

Center for Addictions Research of British Columbia – Graduate Research Fellow

2006-2008.

York University Harm Reduction National Program Advisory Committee

York University. October 2007 – present

Greater Victoria Cemetery Board - Trustee

2010-present

Victoria Downtown Public Market Society – Chair of the Board

2010-present

Vancouver Island School of Art – Board of Directors

January 2010-February 2012

Multidisciplinary Association of Psychedelic Studies Canada – Board of Directors

January 2010 – present

Canadian Students for Sensible Drug Policies – Board of Advisors

October 2009-present

Vancouver Island Compassion Society - Board of Directors

1999-present

City of Victoria Downtown Advisory Committee

Member and Vice-Chair, 2003-2006.

Americans for Safe Access Medical Advisory Board

2005 – present

ACADEMIC JOURNAL REVIEWS

I am a peer-reviewer for the following academic journals:

- Harm Reduction Journal
- International Journal of Drug Policy
- Substance Abuse Treatment, Prevention, and Policy
- Humboldt Journal of Social Relations
- Journal of Rheumatology

AWARDS

Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal

For past and present drug policy research and reform work

The Capital Regional Food and Agriculture Initiative Roundtable Local

Food and Agriculture Champion Award 2012

Award for community work on food security and farmers' markets

The Land Conservancy Top 50 BC Environmental Heroes 2011

Award for environmental work with focus on food security.

Blue and Gold Award of the University of Victoria 2007

Award for academic excellence, volunteerism and community service.

Vancouver Island Civil Liberties Association Leadership Award 2002

Award for community work on harm reduction and medical cannabis.