**Drug Policy for the 21st Century**  
Central Connecticut State University  
Student Center, Alumni Hall  
February 4, 2009

**Audience:** All entities administering and/or affected by Connecticut criminal justice policies and practices including: students and academics; members of the public; state officials, legislators and local elected officials; state and municipal agencies; judges and employees of the Judicial Branch; prosecutors and defense attorneys; law enforcement; non-profit provider organizations; business leaders; and local and statewide community-based organizations.

**Theme:** An informed discussion of national and state drug laws and policies, with particular emphasis on examining viable alternatives to the current policy of strict prohibition and the “War on Drugs”, and exploring possibilities for implementing new policies and approaches.

**Agenda**

8:00 - 9:00am  **Registration and Coffee**

9:00 - 9:10am  **Welcome:** President Jack Miller, CCSU

9:10 - 9:40am  **“History and Background of Current U.S. Drug Policy”**  
*Dean Susan Pease, Ph.D., CCSU*

9:45 - 10:30am  **Keynote Address: “Drugs: Think Again!”**  
*Ethan Nadelmann, Ph.D., J.D., Executive Director, Drug Policy Alliance*

10:30 - 11:15am  **“Drugs, Politics, and the Salvation Army: A Journey Through the Drug Treatment Morass”**  
*Professor Tim Black, Ph.D., University of Hartford*

11:15 - 11:30am  **Break**

11:30 - 1:00pm  **Panel Discussion: “Viable Policy Approaches”**  
*Allan Clear, “Harm Reduction”, Harm Reduction Coalition*  
*Jack Cole, “Legalization and Decriminalization”, LEAP*  
*Craig Reinarman, Ph.D., “International Experience with Other Models: Europe & Canada”, University of California, Santa Cruz*  
**Moderator Stan Simpson, Hartford Courant**

1:00 - 2:00pm  **Lunch with Student Debate: “Medical Marijuana at the Federal Level – Should Marijuana be Rescheduled?”**  
*Professor Damon Mitchell, Ph.D., CCSU*  
*Students Sabrina Bjornson, Richard Bogdan, Justin Caputo, Christina Shackford*  
*Student Moderator Amy VanNieuwenhuyze*

2:00 - 3:30pm  **Panel Discussion: “Challenges and Possibilities for Implementing a New Drug Policy for the 21st Century”**  
*Ryan King, “Disparity Resulting from the War on Drugs”, The Sentencing Project*  
*Clifford Thornton, “The Green Party Plan”, Efficacy*  
*Jack Cole, “Massachusetts Marijuana Ballot Initiative”, Committee for a Sensible Marijuana Policy*  
*Dr. Robert Painter, M.D., “Drug Policy Reform at the Local Level”, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at CCSU*  
**Moderator Ned Lamont, CCSU**

3:30 - 4:30pm  **Group Discussions and Reports**

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