

# Cannabis Legalization in Canada: Implications for Public Health in Alberta

**SAVE THE DATE: MAY 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

Please join us for a public forum and discussion focused on cannabis legalization and public health policies in Alberta. As Canada moves towards legalization, our event is a unique opportunity to participate in discussions with some of Alberta's leaders in substance use and public health and to learn from U.S. and Canadian policy experts about the experiences of legalization from other jurisdictions. We will also explore the impact of legalization on the Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes program (ACMPR), and highlight implications for clinicians and healthcare leaders in both 'recreational' and 'medical' use contexts.



The keynote presentation is from Beau Kilmer, PhD, who is a senior policy researcher at the RAND Corporation, where he codirects the RAND Drug Policy Research Center. Recognized internationally as an expert in cannabis legalization policies, his research lies at the intersection of public health and public safety, with a special emphasis on crime control, substance use, illicit markets, and public policy. He is the co-author of the book *Marijuana Legalization – What everyone needs to know* (2016), now in its second printing with Oxford University Press.

Also featured is a panel conversation with Albertans who have used medicinal cannabis as a key component of their own health and chronic disease management; discussing the ethical challenges they've faced in obtaining and maintaining access in a context where stigma and gaps in knowledge about the parameters of the ACMPR are barriers.

We hope that you will join us and be a part of the 'public health conversation' about the implications of cannabis legalization for our province.

This forum is presented by the **O'Brien Institute for Public Health, University of Calgary** in partnership with: the **Canadian College of Health Leaders (Southern Alberta Chapter)**, the **Canadian Research Initiative in Substance Misuse (Prairie Node)**, and the **Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research and Education**.



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**Seats are limited – register to save your spot here: <http://bit.ly/2nyedHH>**

Location and details: This is a FREE event taking place from 9am to 5pm at the University of Calgary's Downtown Campus (906 8 Avenue Southwest, Calgary); A light lunch will be provided. Pending availability and interest, a shuttle service from Foothills campus may also be available. Please direct questions to: [rebecca.saah@ucalgary.ca](mailto:rebecca.saah@ucalgary.ca)