



CIVIL COUNTERPOINTS

A CAMPUS CONVERSATION SERIES

Tuesday,
MARCH 19
SUB Ballroom
5:30-7:00 p.m.

PERSPECTIVES ON POT: **MARIJUANA IN U.S. SOCIETY**

Introduction by
Dr. Sean Cunningham

Associate Professor and Chair, Department of History

Remarks
Provost Michael Galyean

Host

Dr. Erik Bucy

Formby Professor in Strategic Communication

Invited Guests:

Taylor West

*Senior Communications Director,
Cohnnabis (Denver, CO)*

Zachery Sneed

*Director, Master of Science in
Addiction Counseling Program,
TTU Health Sciences Center*

Roy Bassett

*Chief of Police, Frenship ISD,
Former Deputy Chief,
Lubbock Police Department*

Jake Syma

*Associate Librarian and member,
Hub City National Organization for the
Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML)*

By early 2019, ten states had legalized recreational and medical marijuana, and 23 more allowed medical use only. This represents a substantial shift from its criminalization during much of the 20th century, including fervent anti-drug messaging by state and federal governments and non-governmental organizations. Yet marijuana remains a divisive topic across the U.S. population and many of its institutions. This interactive session brings together experts from various fields to discuss, with the public, issues surrounding marijuana use from multiple vantage points including health, economics, politics, social impacts and law enforcement.

In addition to Professors Cunningham and Bucy, faculty organizers include Profs. Jaime Bologna (Ag Sciences & Natural Resources), Jorge Ramírez (Law), Michael Sanfrancisco (Honors), Kent Wilkinson (Media & Comm), and Aliza Wong (Honors).

The Formby Professorship in Strategic Communication, the Department of History, Office of the President and Student Union & Activities provided support for this evening's program.

Reception to follow in adjoining room after the program.