In recent years legislation has been passed governing the use, sale and prescription of cannabis and cannabidiol. The Washington Psychiatric Society is pleased to offer this workshop which will focus on the potential therapeutic benefits of cannabidiol for psychiatric disorders as well as the risks of cannabis use including psychosis and addiction in this still-evolving area of practice and research. Regulatory and legal issues related to prescribing medical marijuana in our region will also be discussed.

WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Britta Hahn, Ph.D.

Britta Hahn obtained a master's degree in Neuroscience and a Ph.D. in Behavioral Pharmacology from the Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London. She acquired a background in fMRI methods during her postdoctoral training at NIDA. Today, Dr. Hahn is an Associate Professor at the Maryland Psychiatric Research Center, University of Maryland School of Medicine. Her research revolves around cognition, schizophrenia, drug abuse, and effects of nicotine, with cannabidiol being a more recent interest.

David Shurtleff, Ph.D.

David Shurtleff is Acting Director of the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH), performing a wide range of activities aimed toward directing, and implementing a program of research that builds a scientific evidence base about complementary and integrative health approaches that advances fundamental knowledge, and informs decision making by the public, by health care professionals, and by health policymakers. Dr. Shurtleff's 23-year career at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) has focused on providing leadership and fostering activities aimed toward directing, and implementing a program of research that builds a scientific evidence base about complementary and integrative health approaches that advances fundamental knowledge, and informs decision making by the public, by health care professionals, and by health policymakers.

Susan Weiss, Ph.D.

Susan Weiss is the Director, Division of Extramural Research at the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), which oversees NIDA's extramural programs, research training, operations planning, and trans-NIH initiatives, such as the Adolescent Brain Cognitive Development (ABCD) study, and the BRAIN Initiative. Dr. Weiss also serves as a senior science advisor to the NIDA Director and scientific liaison to the NIH, HHS, and other Federal Agencies.

Carla Williams, Esq.

Carla M. Williams is a senior level Assistant General Counsel with the Department of Health's Office of the General Counsel and has served in this capacity for fifteen years. Ms. Williams has been the principal legal advisor to the District's Medical Marijuana Program since its inception in 2010. Additionally, she also currently serves as counsel to the District of Columbia Boards of Pharmacy and Dentistry, as well as to the Department of Health's Pharmaceutical Control Division. Ms. Williams graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law with Honor, and an emphasis in health law.

Arian Gibson

Arian Gibson has served in the role of Program Manager of the Division of Medical Marijuana and Integrative Therapy with the Department of Health for the past 9 months. He graduated with a BS in Environmental Science and Biology from North Carolina Central University. He is currently studying Food Safety Regulation at The John Hopkins University for a MS. Mr. Gibson previously was the Program Manager for the Food Safety Division at the Department of Health. Mr. Gibson has over 20 years of experience in the public health field.

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