

Economic Inquiry is pleased to announce a planned Symposium on the Economics of Marijuana and Drugs. The decriminalization of marijuana in several countries and states in the US poses a number of issues related to drug enforcement and also provide a natural experiment that allows for a wide array of different economic analyses to be applied.

All papers related to the economics of drugs and drug enforcement will be considered, especially if they relate to current policy questions. Possible topics include, but are not limited to:

- The effects of decriminalization on:
 - Drug Use
 - Crime
 - Health
 - Traffic Safety
 - Tax Revenues
 - Other States/Countries
 - Substitution patterns e.g., from alcohol, to hard drugs
 - Energy Consumption and the Environment
 - Black market suppliers and Drug Cartels
- Optimal Regulatory Policy i.e., How should marijuana be regulated
- Market frictions in legalization
- Federal versus state control
- The future of the marijuana market
- State decisions to decriminalize
- Social norms and economic behavior
- Legalization and Enforcement Cost Savings
- Adolescent decisions to use legal and illegal drugs
- Suicide
- Entry and exit decisions of Marijuana
- Product Differentiation
- Rents and Rent-Sharing
- Marijuana and Hard Drug Addictions
- Financial Markets and Legalization

Symposium Editors:

Philip Curry, University of Waterloo

Wesley W. Wilson, University of Oregon and *Economic Inquiry* Editor

Submission Due Date:

Submissions are due no later than March 1, 2018.

Submission Process:

Please follow the standard *Economic Inquiry* submission procedures and note that you would like your submission to be considered the Marijuana and Drugs Economics Symposium Issue. Instructions are available at www.weai.org/Submission-Instructions. Also, see the editor's statement at www.weai.org/EIEditorsStatement.

Western Economic Association International Conferences:

Interested authors are encouraged to submit research for these upcoming conferences:

- 93rd Annual Conference, June 26-30, 2018, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
- 15th International Conference, March 21-24, 2019, Tokyo, Japan
- 94th Annual Conference, June 28-July 2, 2019, San Francisco, California

If you wish to present in special organized sessions, please contact Wes Wilson at wwilson@uoregon.edu. Complete participation info is available at www.weai.org.