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## Schedule Overview | ASPEN PSYCHEDELIC SYMPOSIUM 2026

### Day 1 | Saturday, June 6

- 10:00 AM Opening Remarks from Zach Leary and Tasia Poinatte
- 10:15 AM **OPENING CONVERSATION**  
Joshua Kappel & Ean Seeb: State of Psychedelic Access in Colorado
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Shifting Paradigms, Community Healing and the Future of Healthcare
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Scott Shannon, MD: Metaphysics, Modern Physics and the Mystical Experience
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Sacred Medicines, Shared Futures: Global Pathways to Psychedelic Access
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Growing our Medicines: Psychedelics, Food and Regenerative Practice
- 4:15 PM **SHORT FILM**  
A Place We Call Eternity
- 4:30 PM **SPOTLIGHT TALK**  
Dalibor Sames, PhD: Ibogaine on my Mind: Science, Mysticism, and Iboga Intelligence (I.I.)
- 5:00 PM Resource Exploration
- 5:15 PM **FEATURE TALK**  
Ismail Ali, JD

### Day 2 | Sunday, June 7

- 10:00 AM Opening Remarks from Zach Leary
- 10:15 AM **PANEL 3**  
Anecdotes to Acceptance: Edge, Preclinical and Novel Uses
- 11:30 AM Resource Exploration
- 11:50 AM **CONVERSATION**  
Travis Tyler Fluck & Moudou Baqui: The Initiate's Gaze: What We See as Psychedelics Go Mainstream
- 12:20 PM **SPOTLIGHT TALK**  
Stephanie Karzon Abrams: To be Well is to Be Wild: Psychedelics for Women's Health
- 12:40 PM **SPOTLIGHT TALK**  
Christine Diindiisi McLeave, PhD: Stewarding Sacred Medicines: Indigenous Voices in a Time of Psychedelic Growth
- 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM Lunch
- 2:45 PM **FEATURE TALK**  
Leor Roseman, PhD: Ripples: Psychedelic Peacebuilding and Collective Liberation in Palestine & Israel
- 3:45 PM **PANEL 4**  
Youth Use: How to Talk to Your Kids about Drugs
- 4:45 PM Resource Exploration
- 5:00 PM **FEATURE TALK**  
Story Time with Leonard Pickard
- 6:00 PM Closing Remarks from Zach Leary and Martha Hammel



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### Aspen Psychedelic Resource Center

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An Aspen-based non-profit organization that educates community members and thought leaders on the optimal use of psychedelic medicines with an emphasis on equity, safety, and spirituality. APRC grew out of Right to Heal Aspen—an initiative to locally decriminalize plant medicines—and was established in response to community feedback following the passing of Prop 122 (The Natural Medicine Health Act of Colorado); the community expressed a need for ongoing support in navigating healing, safety, legality, and integration of psychedelics into health practices.

*As your psychedelic librarians, Aspen Psychedelic Resource Center is dedicated to supporting your research and providing access to valuable resources for your inquiries.*

WEBSITE: [ASPENPSYCHEDELIC.ORG](http://ASPENPSYCHEDELIC.ORG)



### Healing Advocacy Fund

EVENT PRODUCER

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that protects and expands safe, affordable state-regulated access to psychedelic healing for all who need it. In Colorado, HAF is stewarding responsible implementation of Colorado’s therapeutic access model for psilocybin. Our team combines depth of experience from supporting the launch of the world’s first state-regulated psilocybin program in Oregon with nuanced policy analysis and robust stakeholder engagement to identify gaps, reduce barriers, and propose workable solutions to problems that have never been solved before.

WEBSITE: [HEALINGADVOCACYFUND.ORG](http://HEALINGADVOCACYFUND.ORG)



### Aspen Public Radio

EVENT PRODUCER

A 501(c)(3) overseen by Roaring Fork Public Radio, enriches the community with informative, entertaining, and educational radio and digital content. Established in 1980 as Roaring Fork Public Radio Translator, the station has evolved from broadcasting out of a local living room to serving as a trusted news source in the Roaring Fork Valley. Located at the Red Brick Center for the Arts in Aspen, tune in at 91.5FM and 88.9FM, with additional repeater signals available throughout the valley. Streaming online at [aspenpublicradio.org](http://aspenpublicradio.org) extends the station’s reach globally, embodying its commitment to delivering quality programming professionally and reliably.

*Aspen Public Radio is recording all of today’s panel discussions, spotlight talks, and feature talks to archive online at [aspenpublicradio.org/speakers](http://aspenpublicradio.org/speakers).*

WEBSITE: [ASPENPUBLICRADIO.ORG](http://ASPENPUBLICRADIO.ORG)



### Wheeler Opera House

EVENT PRODUCER

Since 1889, the Wheeler Opera House has been Aspen’s favorite year-round performance venue and has become the Roaring Fork Valley’s premiere site for concerts, films, festivals, lectures, community events, and more. The Wheeler takes great pride in being a part of Aspen’s history as a gathering place and space for artistic expression in our community. A department of the City of Aspen, in-kind support has been generously provided for this two-day event.

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WEBSITE: [EXPLOREBOOKSELLERS.COM](https://www.explorebooksellers.com)

## Mountain Made Product

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Mountain Made is a substrates company based in the foothills of the West Elk Mountains of Colorado. We're focused on providing home growers with the resources to grow their own mushrooms at home.

WEBSITE: [MOUNTAINMADEPRODUCT.COM](https://www.mountainmadeproduct.com)

## Iboga Wellness Institute

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Iboga Wellness Institute is a pioneering medical institute offering medically supervised ibogaine therapy with a special focus on neurological support, PTSD, addiction recovery, and optimization. Iboga Wellness Institute programs combine comprehensive screening, continuous clinical monitoring, and integration support in a restorative Cozumel setting.

WEBSITE: [THEIBOGAINSTITUTE.ORG](https://www.theibogainstitute.org)

## Psychedelic Bar Association

COMMUNITY PARTNER

The Psychedelic Bar Association is a member-driven nonprofit organization comprised of accomplished attorneys, paralegals, patent examiners, law students, and other legal professionals from all practice areas and perspectives dedicated to solving the novel legal, ethical, and policy issues impacting the emerging psychedelics sector.

WEBSITE: [THEPSYCHEDELICBAR.ORG](https://www.thepsychedelicbar.org)

## Hamilton's Mushrooms

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On a mission to revolutionize the way people view mushroom concentrates. Committed to sourcing the finest quality organic mushroom products, Hamilton aims to fund captivating cinematic ventures centered around the fascinating world of mycology. Their focus lies in offering the most potent mushroom concentrates on the market, devoid of unnecessary additives or extravagant packaging. Their water-soluble concentrated powders are designed to deliver premium medicinal benefits at a reasonable cost. All products undergo rigorous third-party testing and hold international organic certifications, ensuring transparency and quality. Hamilton's Mushrooms sets itself apart by providing essential constituent concentrations to empower consumers with knowledge and trust in their purchases.

WEBSITE: [THAMILTONSMUSHROOMS.COM](https://www.thamiltonsmushrooms.com)

## Changa Institute

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Changa Institute is the nation's standard in psilocybin facilitator training, with government accreditation across Oregon, Colorado, and New Mexico and 700+ trained practitioners. Through the Changa Institute Research Center (CIRC), we advance evidence-based psilocybin treatment research, including the first state-regulated psilocybin study for veteran PTSD in U.S. history and the Intersubjective Shared Altered States (ISAS) consciousness study, to expand safe, equitable patient access to mental health care.

WEBSITE: [CHANGAINSTITUTE.COM](https://www.changainstitute.com)

## The Nowak Society

COMMUNITY PARTNER

A 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to giving voice to the essential values and pressing issues of the psychedelic movement. The Nowak Society serves as a platform for connecting and organizing psychedelic communities, amplifying needed voices, and addressing critical emerging issues within Colorado's psychedelic movement, fostering unity and growth while celebrating diverse paths and promoting right relationships with plant, fungi, and other psychedelic substances.

WEBSITE: [THENOWAKSOCIETY.ORG](https://www.thenowaksociety.org)

## Althea, PBC

SUPPORTING SPONSOR

Althea is the infrastructure platform for legal psychedelic care. We build the software that licensed facilitators and healing centers rely on to run compliant practices: client intake and screening, preparation, session documentation, outcomes tracking, and payments — all in one purpose-built system.

For people seeking psychedelic experiences, Althea provides trusted pathways into care. Our directory and marketplace help participants discover licensed facilitators and curated journeys across Oregon and Colorado, the first two state-regulated psilocybin therapy programs in the country.

Althea is also home to Tricycle Day, the leading psychedelic education newsletter, reaching more than 90,000 readers each week with thoughtful reporting on the science, culture, and practice of psychedelics. Together, our software, marketplace, and media work to make legal psychedelic care safer, more accessible, and more effective as the industry takes shape.

WEBSITE: [WITHALTHEA.COM](https://www.withalthea.com)

## CU Denver Center for Psychedelic Research

SUPPORTING SPONSOR

The CU Denver Center for Psychedelic Research (UCDCPR), launched in 2024, is dedicated to improving quality of life through research and education on the effects and therapeutic mechanisms of psychedelic interventions.

We are a comprehensive, transdisciplinary center focused on researching the basic science, therapeutic effects and mechanisms, and social, economic, and public health implications of psychedelic drugs and providing training to prepare the next generation of researchers, clinicians, and community leaders in the responsible and evidence-based use of psychedelic therapies.

In this initial period, the UCDCPR is focused on three areas: research, education, and infrastructure. The center will also conduct events to share with the community and to inform public policymakers.

WEBSITE: [CLAS.UCDENVER.EDU/PSYCHEDELIC-RESEARCH](https://clas.ucdenver.edu/psychedelic-research)

The image shows a logo for BIPANNA, featuring a stylized orange and red teardrop shape above the text "BIPANNA" and the website "www.bipanna.com". Below the logo is a large heading "Navigate Complexity. Advance Healing." followed by a sub-heading "Accounting, tax, and CFO services built for psychedelics' pioneers shaping the future of health and human experiences." The background is a light beige color with decorative orange and green line art elements, including curved lines at the top and bottom, and small plant-like motifs.

## Foray Farms

COLLABORATOR

Foray Farms is proud to be among Colorado's first licensed psilocybin cultivators, working at the intersection of ethical cultivation, responsible supply, and the future of natural medicine. As this industry takes shape, we are focused on doing it right from the ground up with regenerative practices, clean and consistent products, and a transparent, compliant supply chain that supports facilitators, therapists, and wellness partners. In a room filled with policymakers, researchers, and practitioners, we believe cultivation is foundational and deserves the same level of care and intention. Foray is building not just a product, but the infrastructure behind it, with a steady, scalable, and values-driven approach to psilocybin production in Colorado and beyond.

WEBSITE: [CANNOLOFARMS.COM/FORAY-FARMS](https://cannolofarms.com/foray-farms)

## Vicente LLP

COLLABORATOR

Vicente LLP is the premier cannabis and psychedelics law firm. For over a decade, we have helped clients navigate laws and regulations, build and grow businesses, and shape public policy to advance the legal cannabis, hemp, and psychedelics fields across the globe.

Founded in 2010, Vicente LLP has played a pivotal role in shaping the modern cannabis and psychedelics sectors. We were instrumental in drafting and passing Colorado's Amendment 64, the first successful ballot initiative to legalize adult-use cannabis, and we continue to lead in developing responsible regulatory frameworks nationwide. Our firm also helped craft Colorado's Natural Medicine Health Act, the groundbreaking Colorado law that decriminalized certain psychedelic natural medicines and created a state-regulated psilocybin-assisted therapy program.

WEBSITE: [VICENTELLP.COM/](https://vicentellp.com/)

## Bipanna

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Bipanna is a specialized accounting firm dedicated to the natural medicine sector. We navigate the complex financial and legal frameworks unique to the emerging psychedelic industry, providing the technical clarity and structural rigor our clients need to stay compliant and profitable.

WEBSITE: [BIPANNA.COM](https://bipanna.com)

## Psylutions

COLLABORATOR

Psylutions brings pharmaceutical-grade precision to psychedelic therapy. Through homogenized formulations and advanced potency profiling, we eliminate dosing variability by delivering consistent, reliable outcomes. This empowers facilitators with accurate, repeatable experiences while minimizing adverse effects.

Our Pharmacological Strains are developed through a foundation of innovation and consistency. Each harvest is carefully curated to support specific therapeutic intent from precise, low-dose microprotocols to high-potency formulations designed for transformative journeys.

We offer precisely dosed, high-potency, data-driven products, including capsules, teas, chocolates, and gummies. Each crafted to ensure clarity, control, and confidence in every experience.

WEBSITE: [THEPSYLUTIONS.COM](https://thepsylutions.com)

## The Wholeness Center

COLLABORATOR

The Wholeness Center is an integrative psychiatry clinic in Fort Collins, Colorado, and a recognized pioneer in the evolving field of psychedelic and transformative mental health care. Advancing a systems-based model designed to move beyond symptom management, Wholeness blends psychiatry, psychotherapy, and interventional treatments, including ketamine, esketamine (Spravato), neurotherapy, with functional medicine and a broader, whole-person approach to healing.

In parallel, Wholeness operates a state-licensed Healing Center under Colorado's Natural Medicine framework, reflecting its commitment to responsibly exploring the role of psychedelic and natural medicine within a comprehensive continuum of care. Through its clinical work, research involvement, and leadership in emerging modalities, Wholeness is helping to shape a more integrative, human-centered future for mental health.

WEBSITE: [WHOLENESS.COM](https://wholeness.com)

## North Spore

COLLABORATOR

North Spore is proud to sponsor the Aspen Psychedelic Symposium and to gather with a community exploring the deeper intelligence of the fungal kingdom. Founded in Portland, Maine, North Spore was born from a simple conviction: that mushrooms have something to teach us, and that the knowledge of how to grow them belongs to everyone. As a vertically integrated mycology company, we produce 100% of our own spawn, sterile substrates, liquid cultures, and grow kits in-house, putting the tools of cultivation directly into the hands of home growers, farmers, chefs, clinicians, and researchers across North America. Mycelium is the original network: ancient, decentralized, regenerative, and quietly underwriting the health of every ecosystem on Earth. We believe the resurgence of interest in fungi—culinary, functional, ecological, and psychedelic alike—marks a profound shift in how humanity relates to the living world, and we're honored to support spaces like the Aspen Psychedelic Symposium where that conversation can unfold with curiosity, rigor, and reverence.

WEBSITE: [NORTHSPORE.COM](https://northspore.com)

## Frontiers of Knowledge Conference

COLLABORATOR

Frontiers of Knowledge | Full-day Symposium  
Sunday, August 23, 2026 | 9am-5pm

After a tremendous premier in 2025, Frontiers of Knowledge is back in 2026 with a new focus, "Consciousness in the Living World". In 2025 we followed an arc in time, which moved from the creation of the universe to current understandings of human consciousness. In 2026, our leading edge speaker series will move from the development of human consciousness in concert with the natural world — to possibilities of the newest intelligence, AI, which is now ours to evolve. How might we think about life in this expanded universe? What does it mean to be human in the cosmos at this time?

WEBSITE: [FRONTIERSOFKNOWLEDGE.ORG](https://frontiersofknowledge.org)

## Etc Hospitality

COLLABORATOR

Etc is a licensed natural medicine healing center based in Golden, Colorado, offering psilocybin-assisted therapy in a thoughtful, supportive setting. We work alongside trusted facilitators to guide each part of the process, from preparation to integration, so you feel informed, safe and genuinely supported. Together, this creates space for meaningful experiences and lasting change.

WEBSITE: [ETC-HOSPITALITY.COM](https://etc-hospitality.com)

## Lost Garden

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Sarah Paul and Josh Walker have partnered to bring Colorado over 25 years of natural medicine cultivation experience. After a series of life changing experiences with mushrooms, Sarah contacted Josh and they developed the idea for Lost Garden Labs and Therapeutics. Josh has worked extensively with mushrooms in the gourmet food scene in Nashville, as well as consulting for psilocybin research at Vanderbilt University. Today, his passion for natural medicine shines through as Lost Garden's head mycologist. As one of the first licensed natural medicine cultivators and product manufacturers, Lost Garden Labs and Therapeutics specializes in producing high quality, consistent, regulated natural medicine as well as fortifying the relationships between the medicine and those who serve it.

WEBSITE: [LOSTGARDENLABS.COM](https://lostgardenlabs.com)

## McAllister Law Office

FRIEND OF THE SYMPOSIUM

McAllister Law Office, PC specializes in the regulatory, health care, business, and religious freedom aspects of psychedelic medicines and therapies in the United States. The firm co-authored both cannabis and psychedelic legalization ballot initiatives in Colorado and works as a legal expert in these fields. The firm also has achieved federal recognition in the United States of multiple psychedelic churches and represents dozens of religious organizations using psychedelics. Finally, the firm works with health care providers providing ketamine therapy and exploring emerging opportunities in psychedelic medicines.

WEBSITE: [MCALLISTERLAWOFFICE.COM](https://mcallisterlawoffice.com)



### Martha Hammel

Martha is an advocate, activist, and educator in the psychedelic space. She holds a master's degree in nutrition in which she focused on the intersection of emotional trauma, addiction, and gut health. She has over a decade of clinical experience working with transformation healing, through nutrition, functional movement, psychedelic integration, and spiritual connection.

Martha is the executive director of the Aspen Psychedelic Resource Center, which provides community education and outreach regarding the safe use of plant medicine in the Roaring Fork Valley. She is an advisor for the National Psychedelic Association, supporting the psychedelic industry as it emerges in Oregon and Colorado.

When she isn't focusing her energy on various projects, you can find her in the mountains; skiing, hiking, running, biking, climbing, playing on the river, or simply watching the stars.

 [ASPENPSYCHEDELICRESOURCECENTER.ORG](https://www.aspenpsychedelicresourcecenter.org)

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 [MARTHA-HAMMEL-05326419](https://www.linkedin.com/in/MARTHA-HAMMEL-05326419)



### Tasia Poinatte

Tasia Poinatte is the Colorado Director of the Healing Advocacy Fund (HAF), a nonprofit that works to protect and expand safe, affordable access to psychedelic healing. She has been closely involved in the rollout of Colorado's natural medicine program, bringing in lessons learned from Oregon, organizing stakeholder input, and advocating for policies that allow flexibility while centering safety. Tasia is passionate about the intersection of healing work, local food systems, and ecological restoration and enjoys wild harvesting, rewilding urban spaces and planting the "idea seed" of a food forest/edible polyculture at every healing center.

 [HEALINGADVOCACYFUND.ORG](https://www.healingadvocacyfund.org)

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### Rob Frohman

Rob Frohman, serves as a board member of the Colorado Psychedelic Society and provides project management support to APS. Through his practice Colibri Within, he accompanies individuals through moments of change. He also advises organizations on strategy and transformation through Frohman Consulting. Based in Colorado.



### Breeze Richardson

Executive Director of Aspen Public Radio, Breeze is a respected public media strategist with a master's in public policy from the University of Chicago and bachelor's degrees in economics and American Studies from the University of Kansas. Known for her storytelling and community-focused programming throughout the Roaring Fork Valley, she has interviewed authors and renowned journalists, and led public conversations on disability, inclusion, and the role of local news in fostering democracy. Showcasing her commitment to diverse voices and community dialogue, Breeze has been producer for all three Aspen Psychedelic Symposiums.

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### Laura Betti

Co-founder of the Aspen Psychedelic Resource Center and a certified psychedelic integration coach (BTY). She focuses on educating individuals about psychedelic preparation, risk reduction, and post-journey integration. Her goal is to help people make informed decisions regarding these powerful tools and optimize their experiences. Laura has completed additional training with organizations such as Third Wave for microdosing, the Zendo Project for psychedelic peer support, and NEST Harm Reduction's Psychedelic Stewardship, among others. She believes that empathy and compassion are fundamental to the healing process. Alongside her work in the psychedelic field, Laura is also a fine artist.

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10:15 AM | DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**OPENING CONVERSATION**

**State of Psychedelic Access in Colorado**

Transforming Colorado’s psychedelic laws has required a willingness to challenge convention and step into the unknown. Join two of the most influential figures in Colorado’s legal access framework for a conversation about how we got here and where we’re headed – including diving into Colorado’s groundbreaking efforts to lead the nation in standing up a responsible and compassionate access model for ibogaine.

**FEATURED PANELISTS:**

**Joshua Kappel**  
**Ean Seeb**

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**SPOTLIGHT TALK**

**Scott Shannon, MD: Metaphysics, Modern Physics and the Mystical Experience**

What happens when psychedelics, modern physics, and mystical experience begin pointing toward the same questions about consciousness and reality? In this provocative presentation, psychiatrist and psychedelic researcher Scott Shannon, MD explores how psychedelic experiences challenge materialist models of mind and why states of unity, meaning, connection, and love so often emerge as central elements of healing and transformation. Drawing from neuroscience, quantum theory, metaphysics, and decades of clinical work, Dr. Shannon invites participants into a bold exploration of consciousness, healing, and the rediscovery of wholeness in modern life.

10:40 AM | DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**PANEL 1**

**Shifting Paradigms, Community Healing and the Future of Healthcare**

Integrating psychedelic therapy into existing healthcare frameworks is rife with both challenges and opportunities. Many of the existing inequities, barriers and gaps in mainstream healthcare risk being amplified, yet psychedelics also create openings for reimagining and creativity. Bringing together leaders in psychedelic facilitation, harm reduction, community care, and mental health access, this panel will examine how psychedelic experiences challenge conventional approaches to healing and invite more integrated, relationship-centered models of care. Panelists will explore the interface between community healing and regulated practice along with efforts to make psychedelic care more broadly accessible.

**MODERATOR:**

**Tasia Poinsatte**

**FEATURED PANELISTS:**

**Mikki Vogt, LPC LAC NCMF**  
**Hanifa Nayo Washington**  
**Travis Tyler Fluck**  
**Ben Halper**

12:40 PM | DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**SPOTLIGHT TALK**

**Skippy Mesirov: Psychedelics & Leadership: The Next Evolution of Human Consciousness**

This talk explores the evolving relationship between psychedelics and leadership development—from the Eleusinian Mysteries of ancient Greece to modern neuroscience and clinical research. Skippy Mesirov, founder of the Civic Courage Lab and creator of the COURAGE METHOD which has trained over 1,000 leaders across the nation, will examine how psychedelic medicines, when paired with intentional frameworks for growth and integration, are being used at his healing center SANCTUM, and beyond, to accelerate emotional intelligence, cognitive flexibility, purpose, and collective coherence in leaders and teams. In an era defined by AI, polarization, and rapid change, this talk explores whether expanding human consciousness via specific psychedelic protocols, may become one of the defining leadership opportunities of our time.

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**PANEL 2**

**Sacred Medicines, Shared Futures: Global Pathways to Psychedelic Access**

As countries and communities around the world explore new approaches to psychedelic access, important questions are emerging around law, cultural stewardship, religious freedom, and international collaboration. This panel will examine diverse global frameworks for legal access, including the longstanding exchange between Colorado and Uruguay — whose landmark cannabis legalization, the first in Latin America, was informed in part by dialogue with policymakers in Colorado. From religious freedom protections in the United States to efforts in Gabon to steward iboga within the Bwiti tradition while expanding access to healing, panelists will explore what ethical, collaborative, and culturally grounded futures for psychedelic access might look like.

**MODERATOR:**

**Sean T. McAllister**

**FEATURED PANELISTS:**

**Stephane Lasme**  
**Augusto Vitale Marino**

4:15 PM | DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**SHORT FILM**

**A Place We Call Eternity**

In 2015, John Hopkins and NYU recruited participants for the psilocybin and religious leaders study, the first psychedelic study to investigate the compound’s impact on the spiritual and personal lives of active clergy from the world’s major religions.

This is the story of an Episcopalian priest who participated in the study, his clinical facilitator, Dr Bill Richards, and an unusual intersection of Christianity and psychedelics. Bringing together religion and scientific breakthrough, the ineffable and the sacramental, “A Place We Call Eternity” asks the fundamental question, if psychedelics can so reliably open people to a mystical experience, can psychedelics transcend religious difference

**Directed by Lindsay Branham**

**Edited by Lindsay Branham**

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**Sound Mix Kyle Turgeon**

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3:30 PM | DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**CONVERSATION**

**Growing our Medicines: Psychedelics, Food and Regenerative Practice**

Too often, the culture and systems we’ve created hem in the bounds of our imagination, causing us to accept what we should not. In a cultural moment characterized by conflict, illness and ecological crisis, this panel explores ecological integrity – how we may orient our collective actions towards regeneration of the Earth’s ecosystems and in doing so, heal ourselves. Plant and fungi medicines can be powerful allies in rediscovering our capacities for attunement, imagination and action.

**MODERATOR:**

**Lindsay Branham, PhD**

**FEATURED PANELISTS:**

**Anemone Salome**  
**Benoit Azagoh-Kouadio**

4:30 PM | DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**SPOTLIGHT TALK**

**Dalibor Sames: Ibogaine on my Mind: Science, Mysticism, and I.I.**

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5:15 PM | DAY 1 | SATURDAY, JUNE 6

**FEATURE TALK**

**Ismail Lourido Ali, JD**

Join MAPS’ co-executive director Ismail Lourido Ali reflecting on exciting opportunities, surprising contradictions and emergent risks facing the psychedelic field today.



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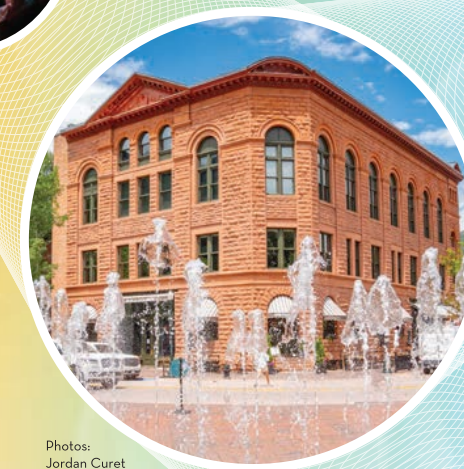
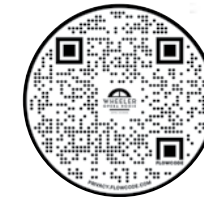


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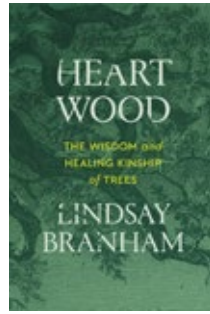
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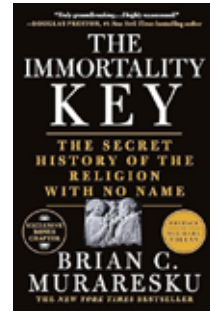
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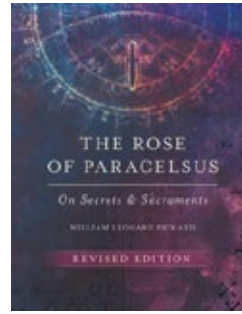
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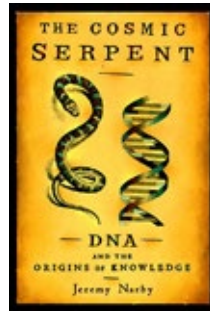
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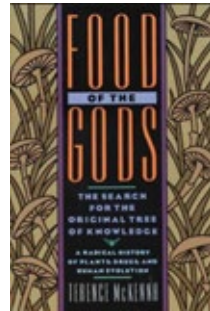
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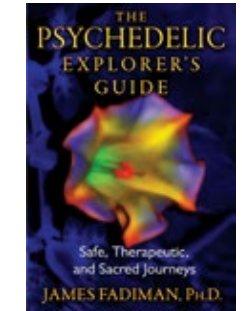
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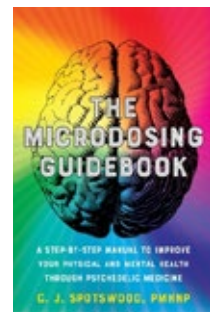
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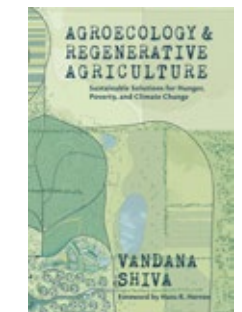
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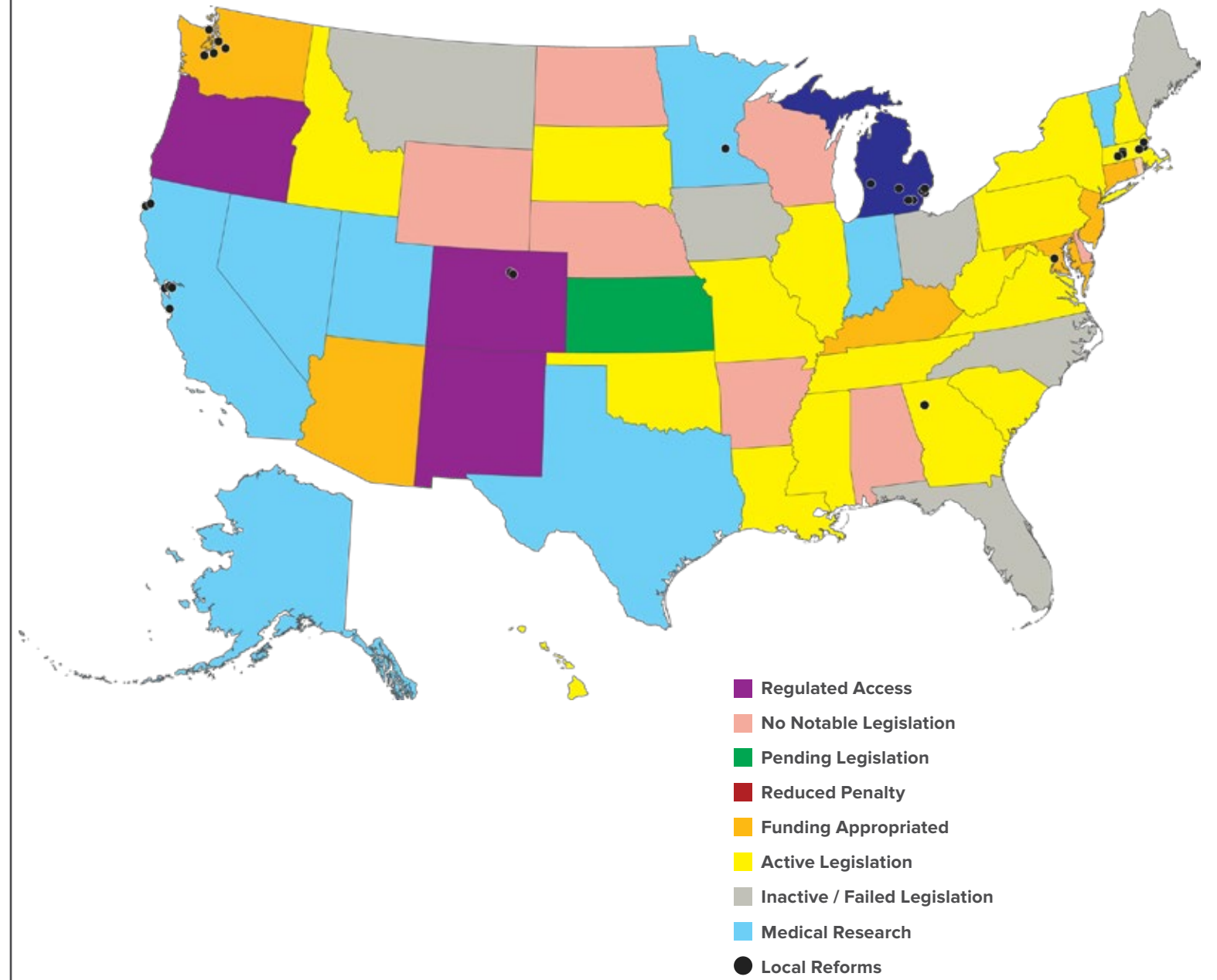


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## Mapping Psychedelic Drug Policy Reform in the United States



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10:15 AM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**PANEL 3**

**Anecdotes to Acceptance: Edge, Preclinical and Novel Uses**

Throughout history, scientific breakthroughs have often emerged from the edges — through personal experimentation, lived experience, and observations that challenged conventional assumptions. This panel explores how anecdotal reports and citizen-led inquiry are helping shape emerging psychedelic research related to stroke recovery, traumatic brain injury, neurodegenerative conditions, and chronic pain. Bringing together researchers, practitioners and individuals with profound personal healing experiences, the conversation will examine the opportunities and ethical tensions of translating lived experience into scientific understanding and broader clinical acceptance.

**MODERATOR:**

**Jake McWink**

**FEATURED PANELISTS:**

**Jim Grigsby, PhD**  
**James Hall**  
**Jim Koch**  
**Jillian Gordon**

12:20 PM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**SPOTLIGHT TALK**

**Stephanie Karzon Abrams: To be Well is to Be Wild: Psychedelics for Women’s Health**

Health and wellness today is not found inside the system, it is forged in the places the system hasn’t reached or caught up to (and sometimes never will). To be truly well today requires a kind of wildness: the willingness to experiment, to trust your own body, to seek what isn’t yet sanctioned, and to walk paths without guardrails.

In this talk, clinical neuropharmacologist Stephanie Karzon Abrams makes the case that psychedelics are uniquely suited to the female experience — and that hormonal state and life stage are not background variables but central clinical determinants that the field can no longer afford to ignore. From puberty to postpartum to menopause and beyond, she will explore why a psychedelic-informed lens now belongs at the center of women’s care.

To care for women is not only to work within what is known, but to stay in relationship with what is unfolding. This talk is an invitation to do exactly that.

11:50 AM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**CONVERSATION**

**The Initiate’s Gaze: What We See as Psychedelics Go Mainstream: Travis Tyler Fluck and Moudou Baqui**

Many new participants are entering this landscape seeking palliatives — relief from depression, anxiety, and trauma. Others approach psychedelics as wellness tools, productivity enhancers, or beautiful peak experiences.

From the perspective of an initiate, these medicines are far more than psychological tools or therapeutic interventions. They are ancient doorways to ego death, spiritual awakening, and profound transformation. The initiate has not just felt better — they have died and been reborn, witnessed the collapse of the separate self, and touched something far deeper than self-improvement.

As these substances move from the underground into cultural acceptance, a critical question emerges: Will we reduce them to safe, sanitized wellness products... or will we preserve their power to truly initiate us?

**FEATURED PANELISTS:**

**Travis Tyler Fluck**  
**Moudou Baqui**

12:40 PM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**SPOTLIGHT TALK**

**Christine Diindiisi McLeave, PhD: Stewarding Sacred Medicines: Indigenous Voices in a Time of Psychedelic Growth**

As psychedelics become more mainstream, Indigenous communities are raising important questions about cultural respect, ecological protection, and the future of sacred medicines. This talk offers an entry point into these conversations by exploring the connections between stewardship, conservation, and Indigenous knowledge systems. Rather than focusing only on psychedelics themselves, the presentation asks how we can build cultures of care, humility, and responsibility in relationship to the medicines and traditions that are being sought after by so many people today.

2:45 PM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**FEATURE TALK**

**Leor Roseman, PhD: Ripples: Psychedelic Peacebuilding and Collective Liberation in Palestine and Israel**

Ripples Alliance weaves psychedelics, peacebuilding, science, art, and rituals to foster a movement of peace and liberation – in Palestine and Israel, and beyond. It is the continuation of seven years of research, now transforming into a non-profit to continue and expand our work. Our pilot projects, launched as research studies at Imperial College London, revealed the potential of psychedelic medicines for societal healing. Working with a cohort of Palestinian and Israeli researchers, peacemakers, and artists, we led several successful sessions for deep personal & collective healing and visionary future building.

In our pilot project in Spring 2022, three groups of Palestinians and Israelis were invited to participate in an ayahuasca peacebuilding program. The invitation was to explore the ceremonial and healing space of ayahuasca through a collective intention: to ground the transformative spiritual practice in the political reality of conflict and oppression; to heal collective trauma and liberate from rigid narratives and ethos; to invite insights and transform them into actions of co-resistance; to create a community of solidarity and care; and to celebrate life and good music together. In this lecture-performance, Leor will weave political realities with liberatory imaginaries by sharing results, stories, revelations, revolutions, reflections, and updates from Ripples Alliance.

5:00 PM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**FEATURE TALK**

**Story time with Leonard Pickard**

Alleged to have produced “90% of the world’s LSD,” academic, author, and advocate William Leonard Pickard has a lifetime of stories to share. In this intimate storytime session, he will share reflections from his extraordinary life, including encounters with mystics, scientists, outlaws, and seekers across generations of psychedelic culture.

3:45 PM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**PANEL 4**

**Youth Use: How to Talk to Your Kids About Drugs**

The Natural Medicine Health Act allows for supervised and unsupervised use of psychedelics by Coloradans aged 21 and over. What does the shifting paradigm of psychedelic healing mean for youth understanding of drug use? What can we do to promote comprehensive understanding of the risks of psychedelic exploration among youth? What are we seeing here in Aspen that may need to be addressed?

**MODERATOR:**

**Joe Moore of Psychedelics Today**

**FEATURED PANELISTS:**

**Ronan Wood**  
**Trina Faatz, MA, ADS, PRC**  
**Bonnie Halpern-Felsher, PhD**

6:00 PM | DAY 2 | SUNDAY, JUNE 7

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Zach Leary and Martha Hammel, Executive Director, Aspen Psychedelic Resource Center**



### Ismail Lourido Ali, JD

Ismail Lourido Ali is a Dissoumba initiate who serves as MAPS Co-Executive Director. Ismail has been actively participating in the drug policy reform movement for over a decade, informed by half a lifetime of diverse personal experience with psychedelics and other substances. Previously, as the Director of Policy & Advocacy at MAPS, Ismail supported the design, building, and implementation of psychedelic policy reform across the country and world.



### Lindsay Branham, PhD

Dr Lindsay Branham is an environmental psychologist, author, Emmy-nominated film director and eco-doula exploring embodied and erotic ecology. Her debut book, Heartwood: The Wisdom and Healing Kinship of Trees (Hachette, March 10, 2026), is a lyrical exploration of how trees can dissolve the fissure between humans and the living world, and why this intimate connection is essential for healing ourselves and the planet. Her PhD research at the University of Cambridge, "The Body of the World," pioneered the discovery that interoceptive awareness—our eighth sense—is the key capacity driving an intimate, lasting connection with the Earth that motivates pro-environmental behavior. This finding bridges environmental psychology, embodied cognition, and deep ecology. She is the founder of NOVO, and for two decades she has directed collaborative film-based interventions to improve human rights and ecological crises. These films have reached 200 million people and raised over \$80 million for human and environmental rights efforts across 25+ countries. She is also the founder of the Heartwood Institute, dedicated to restoring kinship between humans and nature. She holds a PhD in Psychology from the University of Cambridge and has been featured by the New York Times, BBC, CNN, and National Geographic. She is a regular columnist for The Aspen Times.



### Benoit Azagoh-Kouadio

Benoit Azagoh-Kouadio is Farming Director at Round the Bend Farm, a 115 acre non-profit sustainable living education center and holistically managed farm in South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, providing community based educational and food security programming. His work includes growing annual vegetables, fruits, orchard tree crops, culinary mushrooms and medicinal herbs in agroforestry systems and he also serves as an herbalist specializing in Lyme disease and tick-borne illnesses. As an advocate-activist, community organizer and harm reduction educator, he has been a supporter of the field of psychedelic medicine for almost 20 years and is a facilitator at Journadas de Kura, an international Ayahuasca retreat program and community based in Minas Gerais, Brasil.



### Moudou Baqui

Moudou Baqui MA, Ed, known best as "Baba Moudou" is an award winning educator, a student of martial sciences under Grandmaster "Ahati" Kilindi Iyi, and founder of Tammerrian Institute, which specializes in an African fighting system known as "Aha Sake". He is the founder of Per Ankh entheogenic church, President of the Detroit Psychedelic Society and celebrated internationally as a leading figure in psychedelics and mycology. Moudou Baqui also serves as a National Board member of Decriminalize Nature and the Michigan Decrim board. Moudou has helped organize decrim efforts in over 4 U.S. cities including his home, Detroit, MI. Moudou has been a guest lecturer throughout the U.S., Senegal, Ghana, Gambia, Budapest and Spain. His current projects focus on traditional African use of entheogens and approaches to sacred plant medicine. He has been a return speaker at Breaking convention. Working with The University of Miami he served as a research partner in several psychedelic research projects in Black and Brown communities. Their first published results presented in 2021 focused on Black and Brown psychedelic users and relative morbidity rates related to COVID-19.



### Trina Faatz

Trina Faatz, MA, ADS, PRC, is a Certified Peer and Family Specialist who has worked with Colorado families for the last 7 years in education and addiction coaching. Her evidence based program brings connection and positive reinforcement to enable healthy choices and healing from substance abuse and misuse.

Trina mentors youth in recovery and brings their voices into high schools to educate audiences about the stages of addiction, overdose risks and reversals. Her speakers are peer recovery coaches and licensed addiction counselors in recovery themselves. Students report this is the most impactful class they take in the entire year. Her emphasis is harm reduction, education and acceptance, speaking only the truth.



### Travis Tyler Fluck

Travis Tyler Fluck is an educator, death doula, activist, cultivator, and empathetic witness. He serves his communities as a steward & facilitator as a leader for the Denver Psilocybin Initiative and co-founder of the Denver Mushroom Cooperative The Medicine Path has afforded Travis resolution to existential dilemmas as well as the means to help others heal and tap into true potential.

As a casualty of the drug war, Travis' life has been peppered with traumatic arrests and periods of incarceration. Fortunately, over the years, Travis has gained the tools and the platform to influence systemic change and work towards a ceasefire to the drug war.



**Christine Diindiisi McCleave, PhD**

An enrolled Turtle Mountain Anishinaabe scholar, public educator, and policy advocate whose work centers Indigenous rights, healing, and diplomacy. With a PhD in Indigenous Studies, her research examines the ceremonial use of peyote and the impacts of the contemporary psychedelic landscape on Indigenous communities. She previously served as CEO of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, leading national research and federal policy efforts advancing truth, justice, and healing for survivors and descendants. Her work has included engagement at the United Nations and collaboration with the U.S. Department of the Interior. Most recently, she facilitated Colorado's Tribal and Indigenous Working Group under the Natural Medicine Health Act and now supports the protection of Indigenous medicines and biocultural knowledge through her work with the Indigenous Medicine Conservation Fund.

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**Jillian Gordon**

Jillian Gordon is the Co-Founder and CEO of Go Within, one of Colorado's first licensed healing centers. A licensed facilitator, she specializes in supporting clients navigating chronic pain, burnout, nervous system dysregulation, and life transitions. Her path into this work was shaped by her own experience using psychedelics for chronic pain and trauma healing, which led her to dedicate her career to ethical, client-centered care. As a care coordinator, educator, and entrepreneur, Jillian brings lived experience, therapeutic presence, and operational leadership to conversations on chronic pain, psychedelic care, and the future of compassionate, responsible healing services.



**Jim Grigsby, PhD**

Director of the CU Denver Center for Psychedelic Research, Jim has studied psychedelics since an interesting experience as a student at the University of Kansas. With an MA from the University of Saskatchewan and a PhD from the University of Colorado, he's been a carpenter, backhoe and bulldozer operator, construction foreman, tractor-trailer driver, and mountain firefighter, but with NIH funding to do neuroscience, he's spent most of his time doing research at CU, studying TBI and stroke outcomes, executive functioning, movement disorders, the gut-brain axis, and other stuff. A co-discoverer of the fragile X tremor/ataxia syndrome (FXTAS), since 2011 he's done research on MDMA, and on psilocybin with late-stage cancer patients. He co-edited a textbook on psychedelics with Charlie Grob, MD, country and world.



**James Hall**

James 'Jamo' Hall was in a devastating snowmobile accident in March of 2020. He experienced the early days of COVID from a hospital bed, unsure if he would ever walk or talk normally again. He went on to surprise everyone around him — doctors, surgeons, and rehab specialists — with the speed and timeliness of his recovery. In looking back at the months leading up to the accident, one detail stood out: James had been microdosing psilocybin for about eight months prior. It became a compelling question — whether that practice played a role in his resilience and neurological recovery. That question sparked a deeper pursuit. Instead of relying on outside sources, he decided to grow his own mushrooms and formulate his own microdoses. What started as a personal exploration quickly evolved into something bigger — the creation of Mountain Made Products: substrates designed to make mushroom cultivation accessible, reliable, and achievable for home growers

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**Ben Halper**

Ben Halper is the Event Services Manager for Zendo Project, a Licensed Natural Medicine Facilitator in the state of Colorado, and works as a consultant in the skilled nursing and long-term care industry. He previously held the role of Regional Director of Admissions & Business Development for a large nursing home, assisted living, and personal care home organization.

Ben is a founding board member of the Pittsburgh Psychedelic Society, produced the Sleeping Octopus Assembly on Psychedelics conference, and is a member of the Psychedelic Passage facilitator network. Previously he has lectured on psychedelics at University of California Berkeley, has worked as a Sanctuary Coordinator for RGX Medical, and is trained as a Yoga Instructor and End-of-Life Doula.

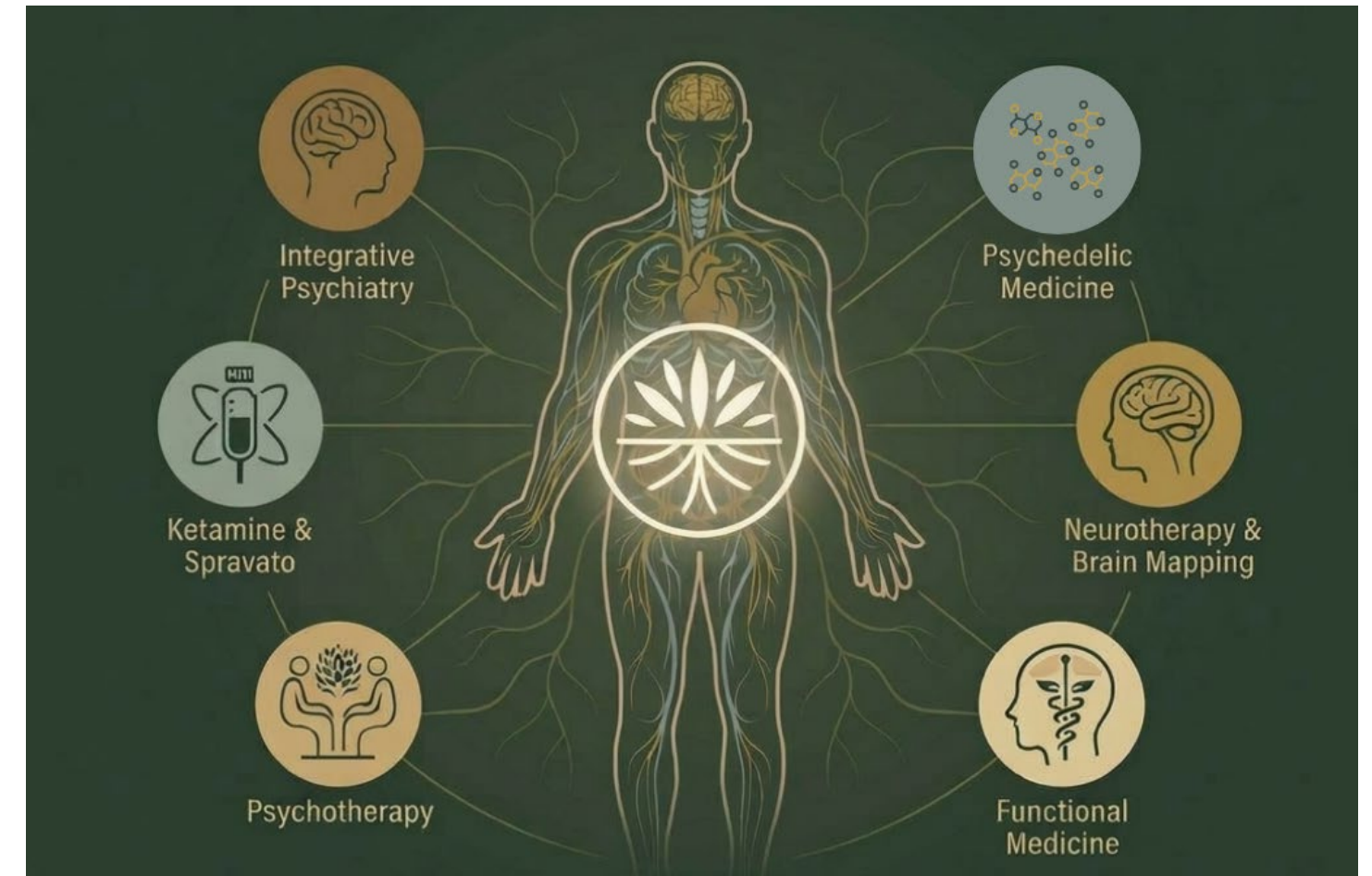
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**Dr. Bonnie Halpern-Fletcher**

Dr. Halpern-Felsher is a developmental psychologist whose research has focused on cognitive and psychosocial factors involved in adolescents' and young adults' health-related decision-making, perceptions of risk and vulnerability, health communication, and risk behavior. Her research has focused on understanding and reducing health risk behaviors such as tobacco use, alcohol and marijuana use, risky driving, and risky sexual behavior.

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### Joshua Kappel

Joshua Kappel, a founding partner of Vicente LLP, is committed to supporting entrepreneurs and visionaries in creating sustainable and people-centered ventures and social movements. His advocacy includes shaping legislation and frameworks for emerging industries, notably co-authoring Colorado's successful Proposition 122, the Natural Medicine Health Act. Joshua's expertise spans advising companies and nonprofits on policy, corporate structuring, risk analysis, regulatory compliance, and other legal complexities. A revered figure in the field, he serves on boards and associations, contributing significantly to cannabis and psychedelic policy developments.

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### Stephanie Karzon Abrams

Stephanie Karzon Abrams is a neuropharmacologist and founder of Beyond Consulting, which supports the integrative and psychedelic medicine fields through research, clinical partnerships, and healing center development. She serves as Clinical Director at Mystic Health, is an associate-prescriber of MDMA and psilocybin therapy under Canada's SAP, and is the Research Director at the Microdosing Collective nonprofit. Stephanie believes in the undercurrent of joy woven into the fabric of our existence; thus, she creates talks and workshops that explore the human experience through the lenses of science, culture, and celebration. With professional experience in neurology, intensive care, and medical device at Johnson & Johnson, she is a recognized leader in innovative healthcare. Her work bridges neuroscience, women's health (GALILEA), plant medicine, and the healing power of music. A musician, writer, and speaker, Stephanie creates gatherings rooted in music and meaning through her label, Public Secret.

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### Stéphane Lasme

Gabon native and serial entrepreneur with diverse experience in professional basketball, plant medicine, and early-stage investing. He earned an athletic scholarship for basketball at UMASS, where he earned accolades such as Atlantic 10 Player of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year. After graduating with a degree in biology, Steph played professional basketball for 12 years in the NBA and international leagues, winning championships and MVP awards. Transitioning to entrepreneurship, he founded "erbnworld", a cannabis business, and co-founded Stedde Capital. As Managing Director, he leads commercial initiatives in Gabon, focusing on leveraging the therapeutic benefits of the Iboga Tree to address global mental health challenges while honoring Gabon's rich cultural heritage.

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### Jim Koch

Jim Koch is a successful real estate developer and entrepreneur, Jim brings what may be the most compelling personal story in the ibogaine advocacy space — not as a healthcare executive, but as a Parkinson's Disease patient whose life was dramatically transformed by ibogaine treatment. Jim was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in 2022 at the age of 56, though his symptoms — tremors, rigidity, drooling, balance difficulties, and gait issues — had begun a full decade earlier in 2012. In May 2025, Jim underwent ibogaine treatment specifically targeting his Parkinson's disease. The results were nothing short of miraculous.



### Zach Leary

Host of the Psychedelics Then And Now Podcast; writer, futurist, spiritualist, psychedelic facilitator, integration coach, and socio-cultural theorist; son of psychologist, author, and champion of psychedelic counterculture, Tim Leary, Zach studied and was mentored by Ram Dass, giving him a front-row seat to the most important cultural movements of the late 20th century. His first book "Your Extraordinary Mind - Psychedelics in the 21st Century and How to Use Them" is out now on SoundsTrue.

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Augusto Vitale Marino is an Associate Researcher at the Latin American Center for Social Sciences (CLACSO) at the University of the Republic of Uruguay, with 25 years of experience in public policy at various institutions in his country, as well as working in international cooperation and regulatory affairs.

He has advised public health teams, civil society organizations, and government teams in Argentina, Canada, and the Netherlands, and has served as an international expert in sessions of the Congress of Spain, Paraguay, and his own country, Uruguay.



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**Sean T. McAllister**

Sean T. McAllister is an attorney specializing in the regulatory, health care, business, and religious freedom aspects of psychedelic medicines and therapies in the United States. He is a drafter of Colorado's Natural Medicine Health Act legalizing four psychedelics in that state; an appointed member of Denver Psilocybin Mushroom Policy Review Panel; General Counsel for the Zendo Project; Advisory Board member for Psychedelic Parenthood Community; and was outside general counsel to MAPS' Psychedelic Science Events, LLC in 2025. Sean is licensed to practice law in Colorado and California, but consults all across the US on religious freedom issues.

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**Jake McWink**

Jake McWink is the founder of the Psychedelic Stroke Institute, where he focuses on supporting stroke survivors and caregivers with psychedelic education, resources, and real-world data collection to better understand how these tools may support recovery. He is a Colorado state-licensed natural medicine facilitator at Chariot Healing Center in Boulder, and founder of Alringo, where he helps individuals build psychedelic literacy so they can approach these tools gently, establishing a durable, lifelong relationship of healing. His perspective brings together deep personal experience, emerging practice, and one of the field's more underexplored questions: how psychedelics may fit into stroke recovery.

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**Skippy Mesirow**





Skippy Mesirow spent over 20 years in high-level public service—including presidential campaigns, statewide races, and elected office—while navigating his own experience with addiction, anxiety, and unresolved childhood trauma. That work reshaped his understanding of leadership and led him to found the Civic Courage Lab™, where he created The COURAGE METHOD™ and has trained more than 1,000 leaders nationwide in whole-human leadership. While serving on Aspen's City Council, in a community with four times the national suicide rate, he facilitated the creation of the nation's first city-level model for therapeutic psychedelic access. He currently serves on Colorado's Natural Medicine Advisory Board and is the founder and facilitator at SANCTUM, where his team accelerates the COURAGE METHOD with careful, legal psychedelic retreats with leaders and changemakers — to manifest collective human flourishing, seeing each other's differences as strengths, to come back into one global family

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**Joe Moore**

CEO and co-founded one of the planet's best-known psychedelic podcasts and training platforms, Psychedelics Today, in 2016 with Kyle Buller. He combines over 20 years of avid psychedelic study and training with over 20 years of experience in software and multinational project management. Joe is a leading expert in transpersonal breathwork, a board member of the Psychedelic and Pain Association and the Psychedelic Medicine Coalition, and a sought-after international speaker on the intersecting subjects of psychedelic medicine and healing, breathwork, drug policy, medical innovation, international justice, and environmentalism

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**Leor Roseman**

Leor Roseman is a Senior Lecturer and Psychedelic researcher at the University of Exeter. He has previously worked at the Centre for Psychedelic Research, Imperial College London, under the mentorship of Prof. Robin Carhart-Harris and Prof. David Nutt, supporting the foundational work of a reemerging research field. His interdisciplinary research covers neuroscience, psychology, phenomenology, anthropology and conflict resolution, using various research methods such as fMRI, quantitative, qualitative, microphenomenology, ethnographic, and participatory research. Leor co-developed and teaches the new Master's degree – Psychedelics: Mind, Medicine and Culture. Also, Leor co-founded Ripples – a non-profit dedicated to peacebuilding supported by psychedelics.

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**Anemone Salome**

Anemone Salome (they/them/all) is a community organizer, food systems advocate, and equity-driven leader based in Colorado. Their work sits at the intersection of land, food justice, and collective healing, with a focus on building community-rooted systems and relationships that challenge structural inequities. They have led and supported projects ranging from urban land reclamation to local policy change and grassroots organizing, centering the leadership and lived experiences of historically marginalized communities. As the founder of Potted Peace Project, Anemone integrates land-based practices, education, and community care to cultivate healing and connection. Their approach is grounded in the knowledge that food, land, and consciousness are deeply interconnected pathways toward liberation.



**William Leonard Pickard**

Alleged to have produced “90% of the world's LSD,” William Leonard Pickard was sentenced to two consecutive life sentences without parole, he served 20 years in maximum security federal prisons and was given compassionate release in 2020. As former deputy director of the Drug Policy Analysis Program as UCLA, and a research associate in neurobiology at Harvard Medical School, his 1996 prediction of the fentanyl epidemic, and recommendations for prevention, were confirmed by the RAND Corporation in its seminal volume “The Future of Fentanyl and Other Synthetic Opioids”. Currently, he is a senior advisor for JLS Fund II LP and the Fireside Project. He is a research affiliate with Harvard Law School, Petrie-Flom Center on Health Law Policy, Biotechnology and Bioethics, Program on Psychedelics Law and Regulation.



**Dalibor Sames, PhD**

A Professor of Chemistry at Columbia University in New York City, Dr. Sames has been studying ibogaine and iboga alkaloids for two decades and introduced a novel explanatory model for ibogaine's actions. A cofounder of Gilgamesh Pharma, he designs ibogaine analogs with improved cardiac safety. Dr. Sames is interested in the conceptual and mechanistic links between molecular information encoded in psychedelics and the induced brain and mind states that may mediate restorative and healing processes. He has received several awards, including The Alfred P. Sloan Fellowship Award, The McKnight Technological Innovations in Neuroscience Award, and The Pfizer Award for Creativity in Organic Synthesis.

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**Ean Seeb**

Ean Seeb is a Denver born and raised entrepreneur, policy advocate, and leader in the evolving field of natural medicine and plant-based therapeutics. As a founding partner of Denver Relief in 2009 and Denver Relief Consulting and former two-term Board Chair of the National Cannabis Industry Association, he played a key role in helping shape Colorado's nationally recognized cannabis industry beginning almost 2 decades ago through responsible policy, regulatory strategy, and business leadership, eventually selling a portion of his several businesses to International Country music superstar, Willie Nelson. Ean has worked with leading cannabis operators and policymakers to advance safe access, industry standards, and sustainable growth, earning recognition as a trusted voice in cannabis reform and innovation. Working as Governor Jared Polis' Special Advisor on Cannabis and Natural Medicine since 2019, his work now bridges cannabis, natural medicine, and psychedelic therapies, with a focus on evidence-informed healing, compassionate access, and the future of integrative wellness. In this role, he has helped lead implementation of the state's Natural Medicine program, with a heavy emphasis in the Outcome Measurement database and this year's successful Ibogaine Pilot Program creation.

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**Scott Shannon, MD**

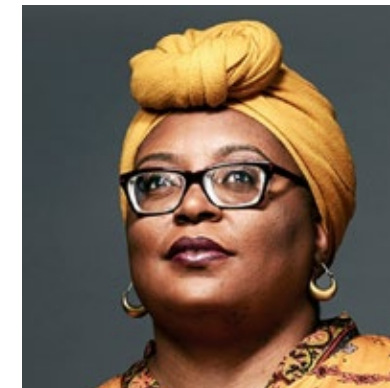
A psychiatrist and psychedelic pioneer, Scott Shannon, MD, has spent five decades exploring the nature of consciousness and healing. As co-founder of Wholeness Center in Fort Collins, he is advancing a systems-based, transformative model of care that challenges conventional psychiatry. He began working with MDMA-assisted psychotherapy before its prohibition and has remained at the leading edge of its return. An author, clinician, and Principal Investigator in pivotal psychedelic trials, he stands as an unrepentant change agent in a field hungry for reinvention.



**Mikki Vogt, LPC, LAC, NMCF**

Mikki Vogt, LPC, LAC, NMCF serves as Co-Founder and Clinical Director at NeuroAlchemy and is a pioneering voice in Colorado's psychedelic landscape. She co-authored the state's Standardized Safety Screening and Response Tool, helped shape Natural Medicine Program policy, and co-founded Colorado's first licensed healing center. An educator with Numinus, Synthesis, Acadia, and CU Denver's Natural Medicine training programs, she helps cultivate the next generation of facilitators. Blending advanced clinical training in EMDR, Internal Family Systems, and Somatic Experiencing with reverence for the sacred, her work bridges science and ceremony—honoring both the depth of healing and the mystery of transformation.

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**Hanifa Nayo Washington**

Hanifa Nayo Washington (she/her) is a multidisciplinary leader at the intersection of health equity, systems change, and psychedelic-assisted therapy. She is Co-Director of the Psychedelic Mental Health Access Alliance, where she's building publicly fundable care models through Medicaid-focused pilots, cross-sector partnerships, and community-informed design. Her work generates real-world evidence to help policymakers, insurers, and state agencies bring psychedelic care into public health systems—expanding access to breakthrough mental health treatments. A certified psilocybin facilitator trained through Oregon's state program, Hanifa brings more than 30 years of experience bridging policy, philanthropy, and frontline care to advance new pathways for healing and care for communities with complex care needs. She was a founding team member of Fireside Project's Psychedelic Support Line and serves on the boards of the Zendo Project and the Kindred Trust, a trusted voice in the field, her work is rooted in healing justice and her Afro-Indigenous traditions.

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**Ronan Wood**

Aspen native, and current psychology student at American University Paris, Ronan works at active intersection of modern education and the incoming mental health landscape. He is an international ambassador for Before You Trip, which bridges the gap between present education ideas, the new future of mental health, and frames of thinking for future generations.

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