

Cannabis  
Policy Institute

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## Our Mission

The Cannabis Policy Institute at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas is dedicated to the development and advancement of cannabis research, policy, and education. By engaging with a range of stakeholders and community partners, the CPI is developing effective approaches to cannabis policy, expanding and coordinating educational opportunities, and supporting and promoting cannabis research.

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# Current Policy Projects

## Interstate Commerce

*Dr. Robin Goldstein*

## Advertising

*Dr. Marla Royne Stafford, Strategies 64*

## Hemp Beverages

*Leaf Street Strategies*

## Cannabis Policy Lab

*Christina Dempsey, Riana Durrett*

## Cannabis Economy White Paper

*Dr. Robin Goldstein*

# Areas of Interest

State Regulation

Economic Development

The Impact of Federal Changes  
to the State of Nevada

Public Health Impacts

Medical Research

Youth Prevention

The Relationship and  
Intersections with Gaming,  
Cannabis Tourism, and  
Hospitality

Social Equity and Inclusion in  
the Cannabis Industry

# Research on Impaired Driving

No validated behavioral or biological marker of recent cannabis use or cannabis-related impairment.

## California (T. Marcotte)

- *Large sample sizes, mobile simulator*

## Colorado (C. Bidwell)

- *Cannabis breathalyzer*
- *Impairment decreases after 1 hour*

# A Sample of Cannabis Research At UNLV

Responsible Advertising  
(Children)

Cannabis Conversations on  
Twitter

Cannabis and Gaming

Cannabis and Parkinson's  
Disease

Virtual Reality Youth Drug  
Prevention Program

Cannabis Purchasing Patterns

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**THANK YOU!**

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