

**25<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas Pitts Lectureship in Medical Ethics**  
**April 4, 2019**

**Opioid Controversies: The Crisis—Causes and Solutions**

Thurmond-Gazes Auditorium 125, Medical University of South Carolina

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019**

**8:00 REGISTRATION**

**8:30 Welcome**

**Darlene Shaw, PhD, Associate Provost and Professor of Psychiatry, Medical University of South Carolina**

**8:35 Introductory Comments**

**Robert M. Sade, MD, Director, Institute of Human Values in Health Care**

***SESSION I: OPIOIDS AND CHRONIC PAIN***

**MODERATOR: David Schenck, PhD**

**8:45 Paul J. Christo, MD, MBA, Associate Professor of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine, Director, Multidisciplinary Pain Fellowship Program, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD**

**Opioids May Be Appropriate for Treating Chronic Pain**

**9:15 Robert Malcolm, MD, Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Division of Addiction Sciences; Director, Bio-Behavioral Medicine, Institute of Psychiatry, MUSC**

**Opioids Should Not Be Used for Treating Chronic Pain**

**9:45 Panel: Christo and Malcolm**

**10:15 COFFEE BREAK**

***SESSION II: SHOULD OPIOID PRESCRIPTIONS BE LIMITED BY POLICY?***

**MODERATOR: Kathleen Brady, MD, PhD**

**10:30 Richard S. Larson, MD, PhD, Executive Vice Chancellor, Vice Chancellor for Research, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

**Opioid Prescriptions Should Be Limited to Three Days**

**11:00 Stefan Kertesz, MD, MSc, Professor, Division of Preventive Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Medicine, Birmingham, AL**

**Nonconsensual Dose Reduction Is Neither Justified Nor Reasonable**

**11:30 Panel: Larson and Kertesz**

**12:00 Lunch**

***SESSION III: IS MARIJUANA A GATEWAY DRUG FOR OPIOIDS?***

**MODERATOR: Jason F. Arnold, JD, MPH**

**1:00 Arthur Robin Williams MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, Columbia University, Research Scientist, New York State Psychiatric Institute**

**Marijuana Is a Gateway Drug for Opioids**

**1:30 Jacob Sullum, Senior Editor, Reason magazine, widely published syndicated newspaper columnist**

**Cannabis Consumption Does Not Cause Opioid Use**

**2:00 Panel: Williams and Sullum**

**2:30 COFFEE BREAK**

***SESSION IV: IS LITIGATION THE WAY TO COMBAT THE OPIOID CRISIS?***

**MODERATOR: Ann Rice Ervin, JD, MA**

**2:45 Rebecca L. Haffajee, JD, PhD, MPH**, Assistant Professor of Health Management and Policy,  
School of Public Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

**Litigation Against Drug Companies Will Combat the Opioid Crisis**

**3:15 Richard C. Ausness, JD, LL.M.**, Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Stites & Harbison  
Professor of Law, College of Law, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY

**Litigation Against Drug Companies Is Ineffective**

**3:45 Panel: Haffajee and Ausness**

**4:15 Panel: All Speakers and Audience**

**5:00 Adjourn**