

Kevin A. Sabet, Ph.D.

WORK EXPERIENCE

SAM, Inc. and SAM Action, Inc.

President and CEO

New York, NY & Alexandria, VA

2013-Present

- Created, conceived, and led the industry-leading non-profit organization related to evidence-based marijuana policy in the United States.
- Devised strategic plan and raised more than \$5M in three years and implemented an advocacy and education program in more than 30 states and multiple countries. (Stopped legalization in 8 states and on the federal level.)
- Profiles in several major publications, grew to become the authoritative, dynamic, “can-do” voice on marijuana policies.

Yale University

Adjunct Assistant Professor

New Haven, CT

2017- Present

- Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry
- Affiliated Fellow, Institution of Social and Political Studies

University of Florida, School of Medicine

Director, Drug Policy Institute and Adjunct Assistant Professor

Gainesville, FL

2011- Present

- Director of multi-disciplinary center focused on helping policymakers make informed decisions on drug addiction issues.
- Worked with state and local governments to implement evidence-based policies.

Policy Solutions Group, Inc.

President

New York, NY

2011-Present

- Consultant to various governments and non-governmental organizations on drug policy issues; helped bring groups to the table to devise program and policy.
- Senior policy advisor post with the United Nations; advisor to the Organization of American States. Put together multiple events and meetings with key stakeholders.

The White House, Executive Office of the President

Administration of Barack H. Obama

Office of National Drug Control Policy

Senior Policy Advisor to the Director

Washington, DC

2009-2011

- Senior Advisor to the Director of ONDCP
- One of three principal writers of the President's inaugural *National Drug Control Strategy*. Involved in all major policy decisions, traveled the country to gain support for the President's policies. Worked with local and state governments extensively.

The White House, Executive Office of the President

Administration of George W. Bush
Office of National Drug Control Policy
Senior Speechwriter
Washington, DC

2003-2004

- Served as strategist, writer and editor for public pronouncements, including memos, speeches, press conferences, position papers, and other materials.

The White House, Executive Office of the President

Administration of William J. Clinton
Office of National Drug Control Policy
Writer/Analyst
Washington, DC

2000

- Focused on specific research and writing projects, including a revision of the Clinton Administration's position on drug legalization.

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Philosophy and Master of Science, Social Policy, University of Oxford
(Recipient of George C. Marshall Scholarship), 2007

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, University of California, Berkeley, 2001

AWARDS

Nils Bejerot Award for Global Drug Prevention (2014)

- Given at Stockholm City Hall by the anti-drug organization chaired by H.M. Queen Silvia of Sweden, for inspirational, global anti-drug leadership

John P. McGovern Award for Drug Prevention (2014)

- Given by the Institute for Behavior and Health, and Robert DuPont, the founding director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, for positive action in drug policy

George C. Marshall Scholarship (2001)

- One of forty national winners of prestigious three-year scholarship offered by the British government to US scholars. Initial pool of over 100,000 applicants

Warr-Goodman Scholarship (2005 and 2006)

- Single award winner of Oxford college scholarship given to most promising doctoral student (won twice)

National Institutes of Health Behavioral Sciences Training Pre-doctoral and Post-Doctoral Fellowships (2006-2008)

- Appointed as a pre-doctoral (2006-2007) and post-doctoral (2007-2008) scholar at the National Development and Research Institute (NDRI) to research drug policy under Bruce Johnson, Ph.D.

John Gardner Fellow (2001)

- Selected as one of six graduating seniors at UC Berkeley and Stanford University to work in a governmental or nonprofit organization. (*Declined*)

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Sabet, K. A. and Winters, K. (2018). *Marijuana and Contemporary Health Issues*. Oxford University Press. [book]

Sabet, K.A. (2018). *Reefer Sanity: Seven Great Myths About Marijuana*. Beaufort Press. Second Edition. (First edition published in 2013) [book]

Sabet, K.A. (editor) (2014). *Drug Abuse and Women: Gender Perspectives on Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery*. United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Initiative.

Opinion-Editorials

Op-eds published in the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Vancouver Sun*, *San Jose Mercury News*, *International Herald Tribune*, and hundreds of other publications

Scholarly Articles

Talpins, S., Holmes, E., and Sabet, K. “Promising Practice: Sweat Patch Drug Testing.” (2017). *For the Road, The Journal of the Idaho Prosecutors Association*. Vol. 11, Issue 3.

Sabet, K. A. and Grossman, E. (2014). Why do people use medical marijuana? The medical conditions of users in seven states. *Journal of Drug Policy and Practice*. Vol. 8. Issue 2.

Sabet, K.A. (2014). Review of *The Alternative World Drug Report: Counting the Costs of the War on Drugs* edited by Steve Rolles, George Murkin, Martin Powell, Danny Kushlick & Jane

Slater. *Drug and Alcohol Review*. Volume 3, Issue 2.

Sabet, K.A. et. al. (2014). Understanding the Importance of Heterogeneity When Analyzing Medical Marijuana Laws. [Letter] *Journal of Adolescent Health*, July.

Sabet, K.A. et al. (2013). Smart Justice: A New Paradigm for Dealing with Offenders. *Journal of Drug Policy Analysis*.

Sabet, K.A. (2013). A New Direction? Yes. Legalization? No. Drawing on Evidence to Determine Where to Go in Drug Policy. *Oregon Law Review*. Volume 91, Issue 4.

Sabet, K.A. (2013). Much Ado About Nothing: Why Rescheduling Won't Solve Advocates' Medical Marijuana Problem. *Wayne State Law Review*. Volume 58, Issue 1.

Sabet, K.A., Cohen, M., Thau, S. (2012). *Cannabis: A Short Review*. United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

Sabet, K.A. and Kerlikowske, R. G. (2011). Commentary on Voas et al.: Drug-Free Roadways – Can We Get There From Here? *Addiction*. 106 (7): 1228-1229.

Sabet, K.A. and Caulkins, J. (2011). Drug Abuse Warning Network. In Mark Kleiman and James Hawden (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy*. Sage Publications. [Total of eight entries in this publication.]

Sabet, K.A. and Johnson, B.J. (2008). Marijuana treatment admissions did not decrease after aggressive arrest policies were implemented in New York City. *Justice Research and Policy*.

Sabet, K.A. (2007). The local matters: A brief history of the tension between federal drug laws and state and local policy. *Journal of Global Drug Policy and Practice*, 4, 1.

Sabet, K.A. (2006). The (often unheard) case against marijuana leniency. In Mitch Earleywine (Ed.), *Pot Politics*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Sabet, K.A. (2006). Harm Reduction and Heroin Maintenance in Vancouver. In *AT ISSUE: HEROIN*, Michigan: Thomas Gale, p. 7.

Sabet, K.A. (2005). Making it happen: The case for compromise in the federal cocaine law debate. *Journal of Social Policy and Administration*, 39, 2, pp. 181-191.

Sabet, K.A. (1999). *Cannabis sativa* as a medicinal application: The need to distinguish between isolated cannabinoids and smoked marijuana. *Addictions*, Vol. 1999, p 10.