Join a discussion with experts from law enforcement, politics and public policy as they describe the current status of the marijuana legalization in Colorado, the prospects for national and international legalization, and the state of public opinion. Denver DA Mitch Morrissey, campaign consultant and Korbel School adjunct professor Rick Ridder, and Floyd Ciruli, Director of the Crossley Center and Korbel School adjunct professor, will present an interactive discussion of the status of marijuana legalization.

Mitchell R. Morrissey is the District Attorney of Denver, one of the largest jurisdictions to legalize the production, sale and distribution of recreational marijuana. He was elected DA in November 2004 and was sworn into office on January 11, 2005. He is responsible for the prosecution of more than 6,000 felony and 15,000 misdemeanor criminal cases each year. He is known internationally for his expertise in DNA technology, applying that technology in criminal prosecutions and working to ensure that DNA science is admissible in our courtrooms.

Rick Ridder is a former presidential campaign manager and senior consultant for five other presidential campaigns. In the over 25 years with RBI, Rick has consulted for numerous U.S. Congressional, gubernatorial, state and local campaigns. Internationally, he has worked in 20 countries, including the successful campaigns of four heads of state. Ridder ran the campaign to legalize recreational marijuana in Colorado and has consulted on legalization in numerous other states and counties.

Floyd Ciruli is the Director of the Crossley Center and adjunct professor teaching American foreign policy and foreign policy. Ciruli most recently published an opinion piece in the Denver Post on “2016: The Year of the Outsider.”