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**“Slaying Dragons for Science:
The Relentless Barriers to Cannabis Efficacy Research”**

Dr. Suzanne Sisley

Opening Reception Talk - Tuesday June 9, 6:30 pm

Red Lion Inn, Spokane, WA – Skyline 1 Conference Room

Dr. Suzanne A. Sisley practices medicine in Scottsdale, AZ and specializes in Internal Medicine and Psychiatry. She is widely known for her research into potential medical uses of marijuana to treat veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Dr. Sisley served as Principal Investigator for the only FDA-approved randomized controlled trial (RCT) looking at use of whole-plant marijuana (grown by National Institute on Drug Abuse-NIDA) in combat veterans with treatment-resistant post-traumatic stress disorder PTSD for past 5 years. This protocol has now become a multi-site trial & Sisley serves as Site PI for Arizona portion of this RCT.

Dr. Sisley won the University of Arizona’s Leo B. Hart Humanitarian Award for “outstanding contributions made for social reform” by the University of Arizona College of Medicine in 2001 and served as a faculty member in excellent standing for nearly 7 years. Yet, suddenly on Friday, June 27, 2014 at 5pm, she was stripped of all 3 of her contracts at University of Arizona without any fair hearing nor due process. Dr. Sisley believed her termination from the University of Arizona resulted from her unflagging efforts/political advocacy to enable this study to FINALLY be implemented. Sisley cites this “firing” as one of her proudest professional achievements....prioritizing her patients’ needs and advocating for science over political pressure.

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