

Chris Conrad, updated bio, September 5, 2015

#### 50-word bio

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#### 100-word bio

Chris Conrad, Oaksterdam University instructor and internationally respected expert on industrial hemp, cannabis cultivation, processing and consumption, is a court-qualified expert witness who legally grew and processed marijuana in Europe and has testified hundreds of times in state and federal courts. He is author of *Hemp: Lifeline to the Future* and *Hemp for Health*, one of the first books to promote CBD. His research monograph, *Cannabis Yields and Dosage*, is a standard in the field and he co-founded theLeafOnline.com news service. His latest book is *The Newbie's Guide to Cannabis and the Industry*. He consults with Drug Policy Action.

#### 200-word bio

Chris Conrad is an internationally respected expert on industrial hemp, marijuana cultivation, processing, religious, personal and medical use and a court-qualified expert witness who has testified more than 320 times in state, military and federal U.S. courts. He legally grew and processed marijuana in Europe in the 1990s and curated the Hash-Marihuana-Hemp Museum in Amsterdam and the Oaksterdam Cannabis Museum in Oakland. His newest book is *The Newbie's Guide to Cannabis and the Industry*, with Jeremy Daw. Conrad is author of *Hemp: Lifeline to the Future* and *Shattered Lives: Portraits From America's Drug War*, with wife Mikki Norris. His groundbreaking 1997 book, *Hemp for Health*, was among the first to promote CBD and has been translated into six languages, including *Cannabis para la Salud*. His research monograph, *Cannabis Yields and Dosage*, uses federal medical marijuana and cultivation research to explain principles of producing and consuming medical marijuana, as well as legal issues. He has presented to the National Academy of Science / Institute of Medicine, at the *Fifth Int. Clinical Conference on Cannabis Therapeutics* 2008, California Assn. of Toxicologists 2013, Uruguayan Ministry of Interior 2014, International Pharmaceutical Academy, Toronto, 2014 and 2015, etc. He consults with Drug Policy Action.

#### 499 words

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Conrad was editor in chief of *The Oaksterdam News* as well as of the *West Coast Leaf*, "the cannabis newspaper of record," political science instructor at Oaksterdam University, cofounder of [www.theLeafOnline.com](http://www.theLeafOnline.com) online news service. A renowned expert witness, a legal consultant who teaches at CLE trainings for attorneys, CMEs for health care professionals and numerous events around the world, including Seattle Hempfest, Chris Conrad has an entertaining mix of humor and wit with his wisdom. You can hear him hosting Leaf fRadio on the Time4Hemp Broadcast Network, [www.time4hemp.com](http://www.time4hemp.com), or contact him via [www.ChrisConrad.com](http://www.ChrisConrad.com) and get links to his books and other sites from there. He consults with Drug Policy Action.

Among other honors, Chris Conrad and his wife, Mikki Norris, have received awards from the Hemp Industries Association, the Drug Policy Alliance, National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws, San Francisco Bay Guardian, Seattle HempFest, and most recently a lifetime achievement award from the Emerald Cup.