

GROWING CANNABIS RESEARCH IN WASHINGTON STATE:

Progress, Challenges, & Next Steps

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Collaborative for Cannabis Policy, Research and Outreach (CCPRO)

The CCPRO will be the nexus for cannabis scholarship, policy, outreach and community engagement in Washington State.

Goals

1. Coordinate and support cannabis research at WSU.
2. Develop cannabis related policy to assure compliance with federal and state laws.
3. Serve as the primary point of contact for interactions with governmental, industry, and other cannabis stakeholders.



Priority Areas



Improving Health and Well Being



Public Policy and Safety



Economics



Agricultural Research

Awarded I502 Pilot Grants:

- 19 projects funded between FY16–FY19 I502 funding
- Total awards for FY16-FY19: \$473,083

Awarded External Funding:

- 48 externally funded projects
- Total external funding: \$3,093,466 and growing

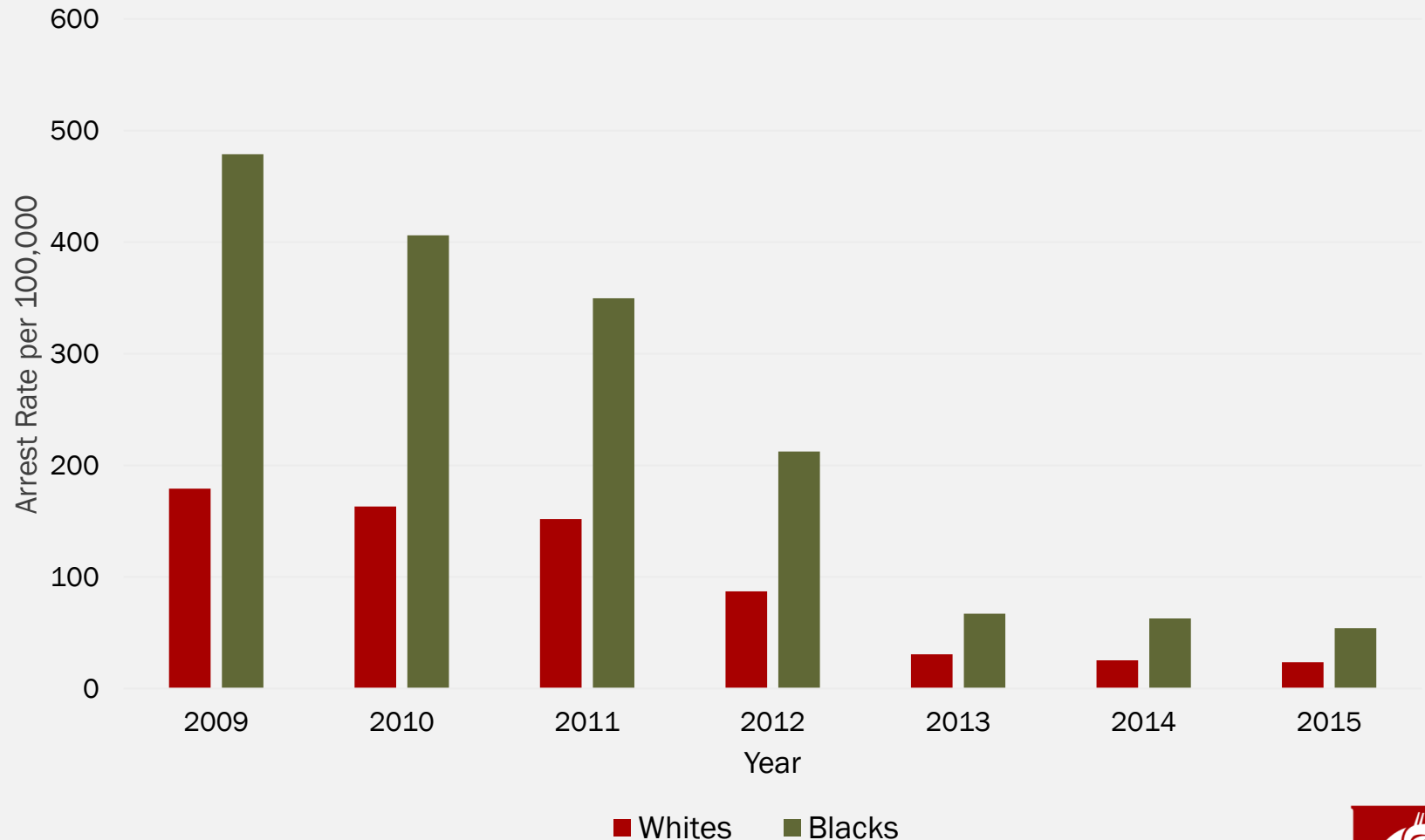
Research
Funding



Racial Disparities and Marijuana Crime

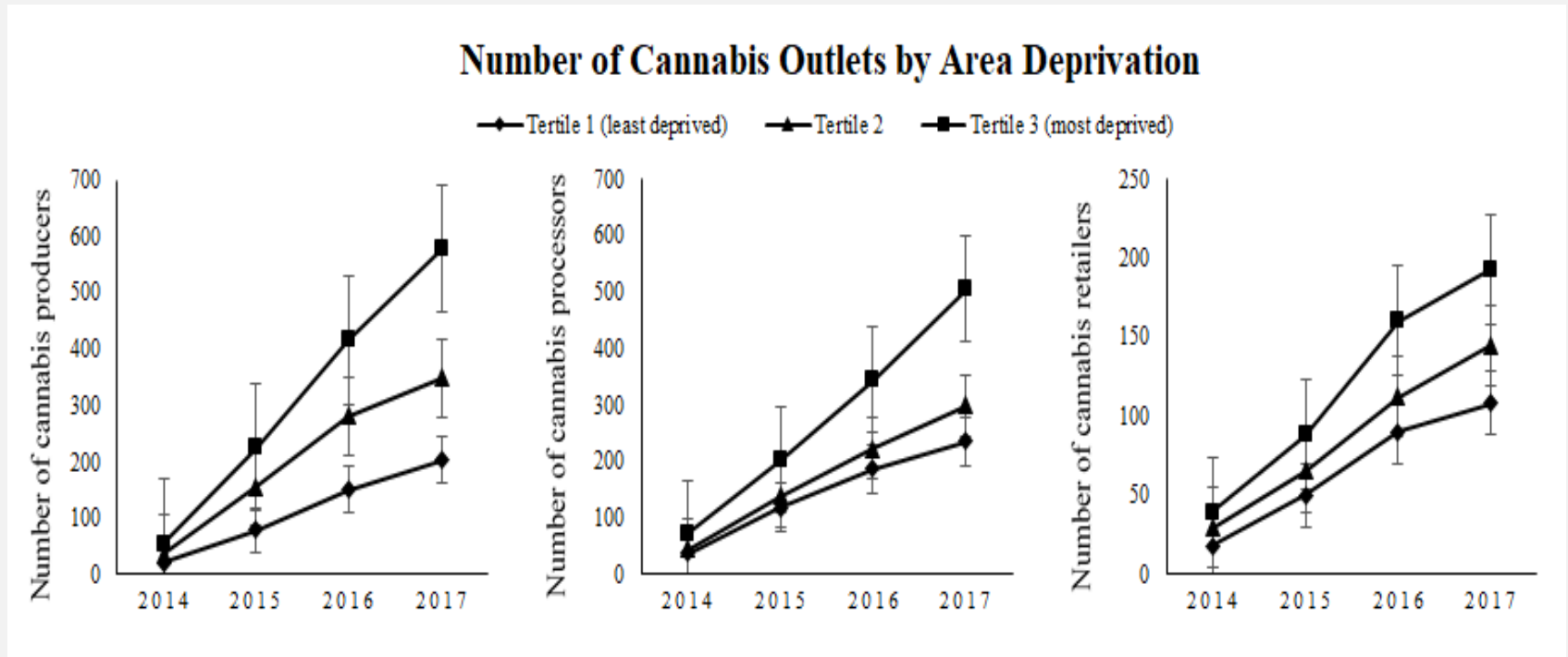
Dale W. Willits, PhD, David Mankin, PhD, Nick Lovrich, PhD, Mary Stohr, PhD (DOJ Grant)

Marijuana Possession Arrest Rates



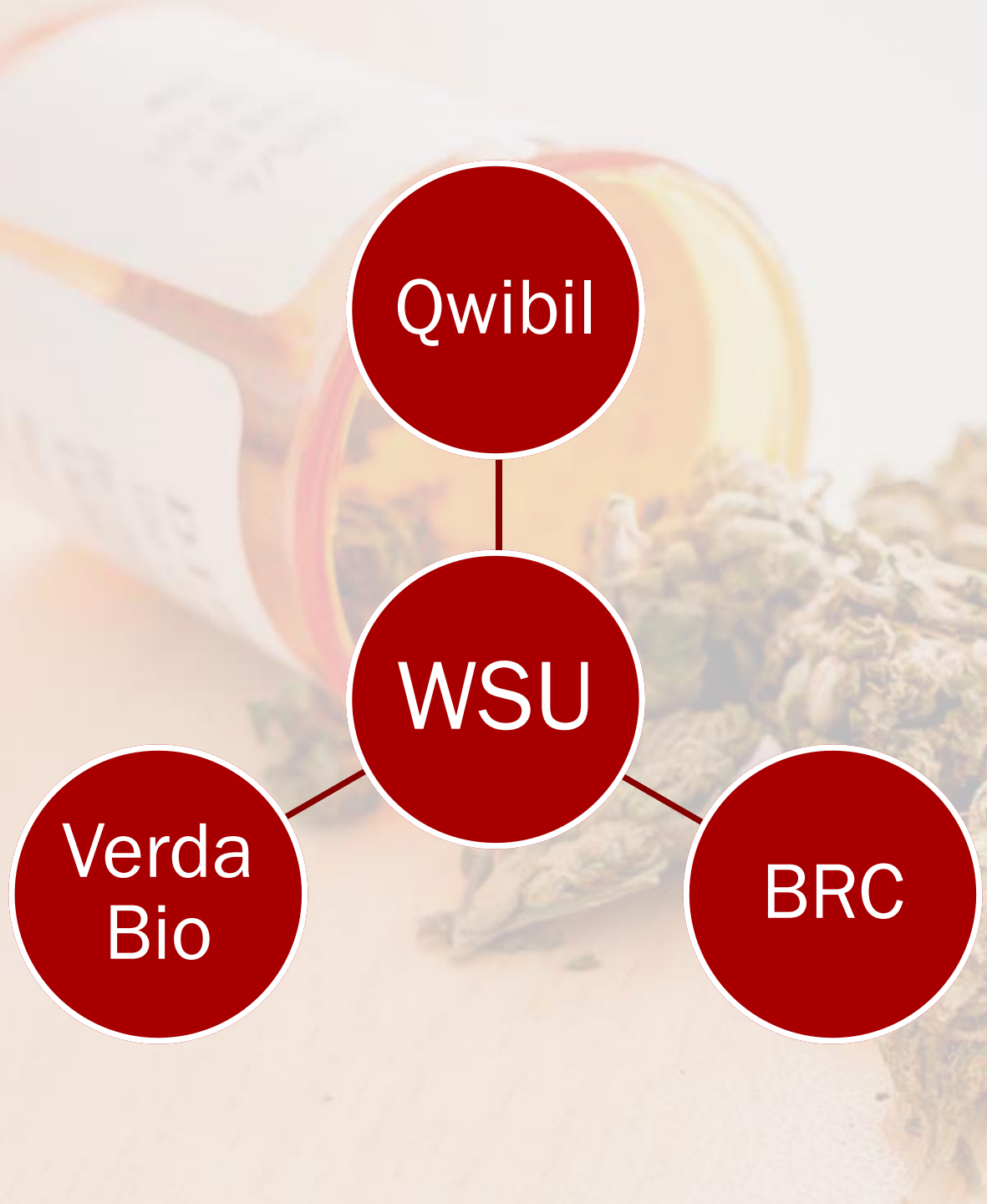
WA Cannabis Industry & Neighborhood Socioeconomic Characteristics

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Deprived areas have an increased likelihood of licensed cannabis producers, processors, and retailers.



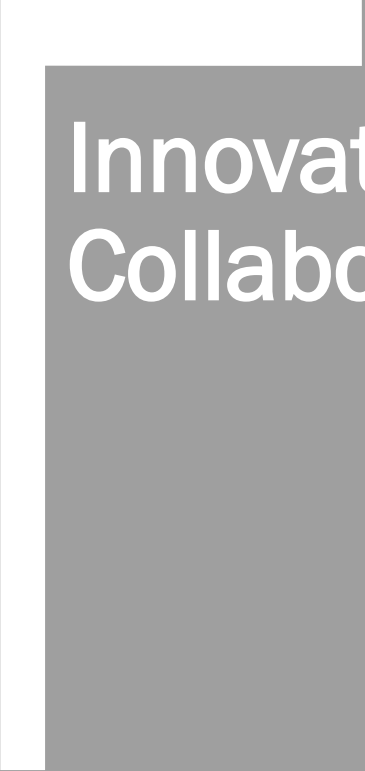


Qwibil

WSU

Verda
Bio

BRC



Innovative Collaboration



We Are Better Together

- Close partnerships with
 - *LCB*
 - *WSDA*
 - *DBHR (prevention)*
 - *Intercollegiate*
 - UW- CRC
 - UNR
 - University of Colorado
 - COGR
- Actively engaged with industry

Outreach
and
Engagement





Create a
Cannabis
Center



Move from
small scale
to large
scale efforts

Next Steps



Opportunities and Challenges

■ Hemp

- *New hemp plan approved by USDA*
- *Expand CBD research*
- *Novel applications of hemp (e.g., textiles)*

■ Marijuana

- *Potency (how much is too much)*
- *Vulnerable populations*
- *Public consumption*
- *Federal regulations that inhibit research*



- State Government Investment Consistent with I-502
- Hemp Plan rules completed and submitted to USDA
- Lifting of federal regulations of marijuana a a schedule 1 drug

What We
Need
From You



Thank You

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