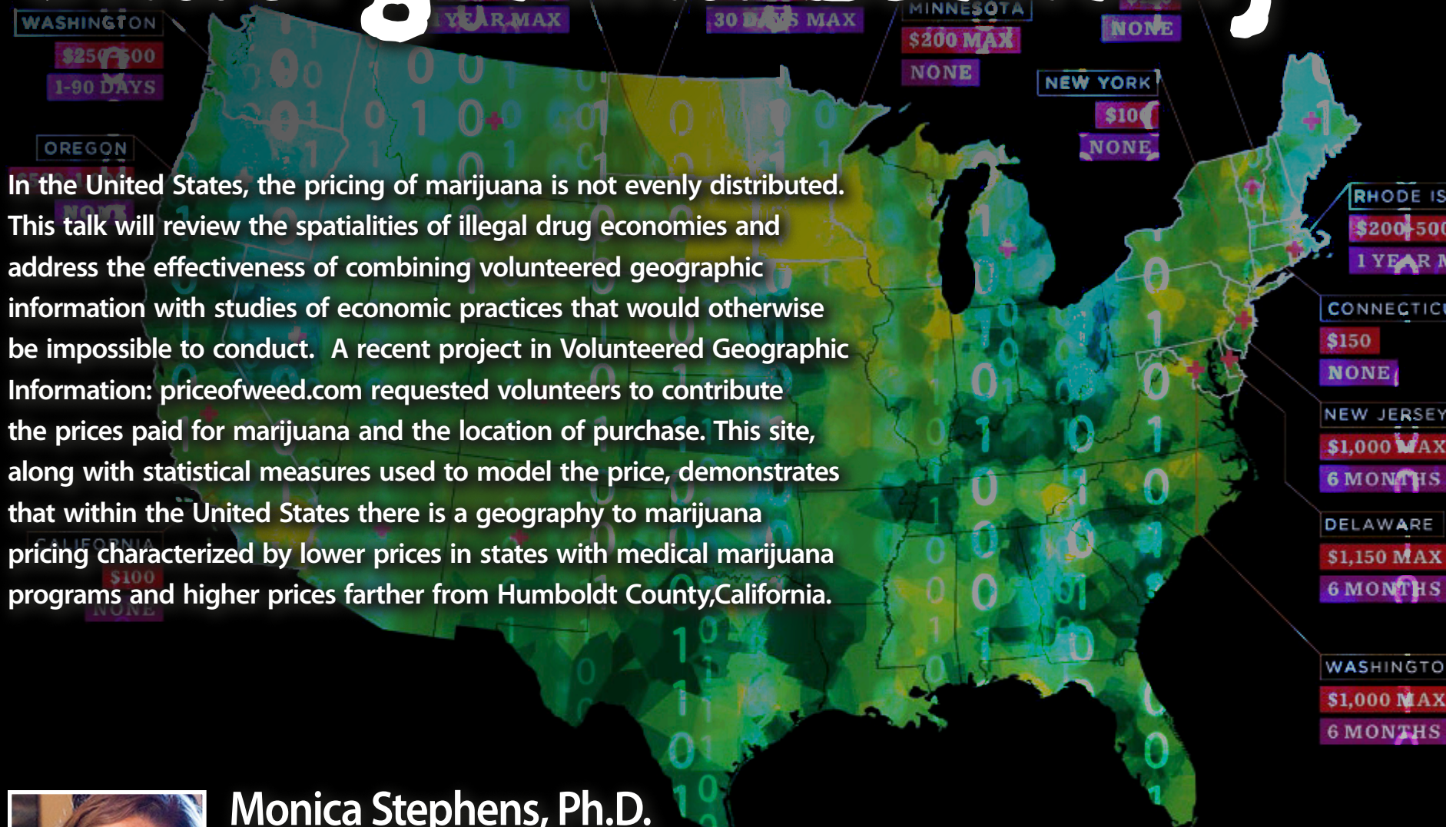


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Improving the economic, social, physical, and environmental health of individuals and communities through the interdisciplinary scientific study of marijuana.

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Data Shadows of the Underground Economy



In the United States, the pricing of marijuana is not evenly distributed. This talk will review the spatialities of illegal drug economies and address the effectiveness of combining volunteered geographic information with studies of economic practices that would otherwise be impossible to conduct. A recent project in Volunteered Geographic Information: priceofweed.com requested volunteers to contribute the prices paid for marijuana and the location of purchase. This site, along with statistical measures used to model the price, demonstrates that within the United States there is a geography to marijuana pricing characterized by lower prices in states with medical marijuana programs and higher prices farther from Humboldt County, California.



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