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As a physician, entrepreneur, and drug policy expert Dr. Malik Burnett works to advance the broader drug policy reform agenda with the goal of shifting US drug policy from a framework based on criminal justice to one based on public health. He is currently an Adjunct Assistant Professor in Addiction Medicine at the University of Maryland Midtown Campus where he serves as Chair of the Opioid Taskforce and an addiction medicine physician at MedMark Treatment Centers. Additionally, he is involved in developing a number of venture start-ups and drug policy initiatives through his consulting company Prevision Strategies and Analytics.

He successfully co-chaired the Initiative 71 campaign, a ballot measure legalizing cannabis in the Nation's Capital, as a policy manager at the Drug Policy Alliance. The first campaign in the nation to highlight social and racial justice as the procuring cause for ending cannabis prohibition. Additionally, he has worked on developing medical and adult use cannabis policy in the District of Columbia, Jamaica, Massachusetts, Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Vermont. He has written extensively on drug policy, cannabis policy, cannabis science and the endocannabinoid system having his work featured in the [New York Times](#), [Washington Post](#), CNN, Fox News, [The Lancet Medical Journal](#), VICE News and many cannabis related media outlets. He is currently involved in developing a number of venture start-ups and drug policy initiatives through his company Prevision Strategies and Analytics and will be a fellow in Addiction Medicine at the University of Maryland for 2020-2021 academic year.

Dr. Burnett is originally from Montego Bay, Jamaica by way of Atlanta, Georgia. His passion for drug policy is rooted in eliminating the racial disparities which exist in drug enforcement practices. He attended Duke University where he completed a medical degree and a master's in business administration at Duke's School of Medicine and the Fuqua School of Business, respectively, after completing a Bachelor's of Science in Psychology. At Duke he was very active advocating on behalf of students and under-served communities and served as a Trustee on the Duke University Board of Trustees. He earned his MPH from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and completed his residency training in general preventive medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital and his fellowship training in addiction medicine at University of Maryland Medical Center.