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Kendra McSweeney is a distinguished scholar and Professor of Geography at Ohio State University. Her research focuses on how global drug policies, population dynamics, and climate change shape the relationship between people and forests. Most of her fieldwork has been done in and with indigenous communities in Central America. Her work helps draw attention to how the drug war accelerates the destruction of indigenous territories, both socially and ecologically.

McSweeney began consulting in 2009 as a pro-bono legal consultant on behalf of the Federación Indígena Tawahka de Honduras and Foley Hoag LLP. Since then, she has been both an expert witness and an expert advisor in federal drug-trafficking cases.

McSweeney and her research team have addressed policy audiences across the globe. In addition, they have conducted over 100 interviews with U.S.-based and international media. Since 2011, she has been a principal investigator and co-investigator on grants for various foundations for drug-related research. Since 2014, she has also contributed to 20 academic publications on the drug trade, drug war, and drug policy.

In 2020, McSweeney co-founded the International Coalition for Drug Policy Reform and Environmental Justice. She is a current member of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime and the Interim Director of the International Studies Program at Ohio State University. In 2023, Professor McSweeney was inducted into the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and in 2024 to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

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