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## Human-Animal Studies Newsletter



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**June, 2017**

Dear Colleague,

Welcome to this issue of the Animals & Society Institute's Human-Animal Studies e-newsletter. I hope that this issue has information that is of use to you. Please let me know what you'd like to see! For future editions of this newsletter, please send submissions to [margo@animalsandsociety.org](mailto:margo@animalsandsociety.org).

### **ASI News**

As part of our efforts to reach out to students with an interest in human-animal studies, ASI created [Sloth](#), an online bi-annual journal that publishes international, multi-disciplinary writing by undergraduate students and recent (within three years) graduates that deals with human/non-human animal relationships from the perspectives of the social sciences, the humanities, and the natural sciences. *Sloth* showcases the important and innovative contributions of undergraduates, giving those who are interested in human/non-human animal

relationships a way to contribute to and engage with the field, as well as an opportunity to build their skills, knowledge, and resumes in anticipation of their graduate school careers.

[Submission and formatting instructions can be found here.](#) Next issue's submissions due **September 15!**

Our newest SASI chapter, at the University of Redlands, accomplished so much in their first semester! In one semester:

- The group gained an email list of about 30 students, about 6 of whom were regular members.
- They visited Farm Sanctuary in Acton and organized volunteer trips to a local cat shelter.
- They donated \$50 each to Sea Shepherd, Food Empowerment Project, and Il Gattoro D'Aleppo.
- They participated in a teach-in of various progressive student groups on campus, where they spoke to other students about the importance of animal protection in an increasingly divided world. They also joined a coalition of progressive environmental and social justice student groups called the Justice Coalition.

Check them out at their [Facebook page](#) and find out more about the SASI program [here!](#)

## HAS News

Don't forget to register for, and send in an abstract for, the Minding Animals conference! The conference will be held from January 17-24, 2018, in Mexico City. Abstracts close July 15.

- [Registrations and Abstracts](#)
- [Details regarding the best accommodation option and how to share costs](#)
- [Further details about the conference](#)

Commencing on August 28, the University of Liverpool will host an on-line module for delegates working towards their PgDip/MSc in Veterinary Professional Studies; the module can also be studied as stand-alone, non-credit bearing CPD. The module, titled [Animals and Society](#), is worth 20 credits. The aim of this course is to introduce the role of social sciences in the study of animal health and of the impacts of animals in society (focusing on contemporary issues in Europe and Africa). It covers key concepts and qualitative research methods related to the application of social sciences to animal health issues. It also explores issues related to the roles of animals in different societies, differing scientific paradigms and the role of research in policy and decision-making. Themes include:

- Human-Animal Interactions (which includes societal views on health, animals as risk and the interplay between human and animal

- health);
- Science, Evidence & Policy (which includes Science, uncertainty & decision-making, Animal disease control and Animal health controversies);
  - Animals & Livelihoods (which covers Engaging communities, Animals & international development and Animal Care in low and middle income countries).

The teaching and learning strategy allows students to study at a distance in an online forum that encourages interaction between professional peers as well as the teaching staff, while maintaining flexibility to be available to working professionals on a part time basis. The module comprises introductory lectures and tutorials that enable debate and reflection and uses guided and self-directed preparatory reading. Assessment is through contribution to tutorials, the online learning log, and an essay. Tutors Include:

Dr Carri Westgarth, Research Fellow in Human-Animal Interactions, UoL

Dr Rob Christley, Reader in Epidemiology UoL and lead on the PATHS group (People & Animals & Their Health in Society

Dr Gina Pinchbeck, Reader in Veterinary Epidemiology UoL

Dr Sophia Latham Lecturer in Epidemiology and AXA Research Fellowship UoL

Dr Andrew Stringer, Dir Global Health Education & Dir Global Health Initiatives, North Carolina State Univ

For further details contact: [cpdvets@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:cpdvets@liverpool.ac.uk)

Announcing the second edition of the [Master program in Food, Law, and Finance](#) at the International University College of Turin (IUC), Italy. The Master program includes a course in animal law/ human-animal studies. The deadline for applications is **July 15**.

## New Books

Following are some of the books coming out this month that we are excited about!

**Bradshaw, G. A. (2017). *Carnivore Minds: Who These Fearsome Animals Really Are*. Yale University Press.** Myth and media typically cast animals we consider predators or carnivores as unthinking killers—dangerous, unpredictable, and devoid of emotion. But is this portrait valid? By exploring their inner lives, this pioneering book refutes the many misperceptions that hide the true nature of these animals. We discover that great white sharks express tender maternal feelings, rattlesnakes make friends, orcas abide by an ancient moral code, and much more. Using the combined lenses of natural history, neuroscience, and psychology, G. A. Bradshaw describes how predators share the rainbow of emotions that humans experience, including psychological

trauma. Renowned for leading research on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) in elephants and other species, Bradshaw decries the irrational thinking behind wildlife policies that equate killing carnivores with "conservation." In its place, she proposes a new, ethical approach to coexistence with the planet's fiercest animals.

**Choné, A., Hajek, I., & Hamman, P. (Eds.). (2017). *Rethinking Nature: Challenging Disciplinary Boundaries*. Taylor & Francis.**

Contemporary ideas of nature were largely shaped by schools of thought from Western cultural history and philosophy until the present-day concerns with environmental change and biodiversity conservation. There are many different ways of conceptualising nature in epistemological terms, reflecting the tensions between the polarities of humans as masters or protectors of nature and as part of or outside of nature. The book shows how nature is today the focus of numerous debates, calling for an approach which goes beyond the merely technical or scientific. It adopts a threefold - critical, historical and cross-disciplinary - approach in order to summarise the current state of knowledge. It includes contributions informed by the humanities (especially history, literature and philosophy) and social sciences, concerned with the production and circulation of knowledge about "nature" across disciplines and across national and cultural spaces. The volume also demonstrates the ongoing reconfiguration of subject disciplines, as seen in the recent emergence of new interdisciplinary approaches and the popularity of the prefix "eco-" (e.g. ecocriticism, ecospirituality, ecosophy and ecofeminism, as well as subdivisions of ecology, including urban ecology, industrial ecology and ecosystem services). Each chapter provides a concise overview of its topic which will serve as a helpful introduction to students and a source of easy reference.

**Eagan, R. (2017). *Wolf Nation: The Life, Death, and Return of Wild American Wolves*. Brenda Peterson.**

In the tradition of Peter Matthiessen's *Wildlife in America* or Aldo Leopold, Brenda Peterson tells the 300-year history of wild wolves in America. It is also our own history, seen through our relationship with wolves. The earliest Americans revered them. Settlers zealously exterminated them. Now, scientists, writers, and ordinary citizens are fighting to bring them back to the wild. Peterson, an eloquent voice in the battle for twenty years, makes the powerful case that without wolves, not only will our whole ecology unravel, but we'll lose much of our national soul.

**Hamilton, L., & Taylor, N. (2017). *Ethnography after Humanism*. Palgrave.**

This book argues that qualitative methods, ethnography included, have tended to focus on the human at the cost of understanding humans and animals in relation, and that ethnography should evolve to account for the relationships between humans and other species. Intellectual recognition of this has arrived within the field of human-animal studies and in the philosophical development of posthumanism but there are few practical guidelines for research. Taking this problem as a starting point, the authors draw on a wide array of examples from visual methods, ethnodrama, poetry and movement

studies to consider the political, philosophical and practical consequences of posthuman methods. They outline the possibilities for creative new forms of ethnography that eschew simplistic binaries between humans and animals. Ethnography after Humanism suggests how researchers could conduct different forms of fieldwork and writing to include animals more fruitfully and will be of interest to students and scholars across a range of disciplines, including human-animal studies, sociology, criminology, animal geography, anthropology, social theory and natural resources.

**Kean, H. (2017). *The Great Dog and Cat Massacre: The Real Story of World War Two's Unknown Tragedy*. University of Chicago Press.**

The tragedies of World War II are well known. But at least one has been forgotten: in September 1939, four hundred thousand cats and dogs were massacred in Britain. The government, vets, and animal charities all advised against this killing. So why would thousands of British citizens line up to voluntarily euthanize household pets? In *The Great Cat and Dog Massacre*, Hilda Kean unearths the history, piecing together the compelling story of the life-and death-of Britain's wartime animal companions. She explains that fear of imminent Nazi bombing and the desire to do something to prepare for war led Britons to sew blackout curtains, dig up flower beds for vegetable patches, send their children away to the countryside-and kill the family pet, in theory sparing them the suffering of a bombing raid. Kean's narrative is gripping, unfolding through stories of shared experiences of bombing, food restrictions, sheltering, and mutual support. Soon pets became key to the war effort, providing emotional assistance and helping people to survive-a contribution for which the animals gained government recognition. Drawing extensively on new research from animal charities, state archives, diaries, and family stories, Kean does more than tell a virtually forgotten story. She complicates our understanding of World War II as a "good war" fought by a nation of "good" people. Accessibly written and generously illustrated, Kean's account of this forgotten aspect of British history moves animals to center stage-forcing us to rethink our assumptions about ourselves and the animals with whom we share our homes.

**Taylor, S. (2017). *Beasts of Burden: Animal and Disability Liberation*. The New Press.**

How much of what we understand of ourselves as "human" depends on our physical and mental abilities-how we move (or cannot move) in and interact with the world? And how much of our definition of "human" depends on its difference from "animal"? Drawing on her own experiences as a disabled person, a disability activist, and an animal advocate, author Sunaura Taylor persuades us to think deeply, and sometimes uncomfortably, about what divides the human from the animal, the disabled from the nondisabled-and what it might mean to break down those divisions, to claim the animal and the vulnerable in ourselves, in a process she calls "cripping animal ethics." *Beasts of Burden* suggests that issues of disability and animal justice-which have heretofore primarily been presented in opposition-are in fact deeply entangled. Fusing philosophy, memoir, science, and the radical

truths these disciplines can bring-whether about factory farming, disability oppression, or our assumptions of human superiority over animals-Taylor draws attention to new worlds of experience and empathy that can open up important avenues of solidarity across species and ability. *Beasts of Burden* is a wonderfully engaging and elegantly written work, both philosophical and personal, by a brilliant new voice.

(All summaries taken from publishers' websites.)

## New Research

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## Journals

An upcoming special issue of *Humanimalia* invites papers on the subject of "Breed" from multiple disciplinary and geographic perspectives, and from any time period. The concept of "breed" has become central to many industries and economies in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries; yet, as the work of Harriet Ritvo, Donna Landry, Richard Nash, Sandra Swart, and Margaret Derry-among many others-variously demonstrates, the consolidation of "breed" in its modern form is a relatively recent historical development that is enmeshed in the history of human identity. Closely aligned with imperial agendas, scientific developments, and fluctuating understandings of humanity, the idea of breed has proven to be an essential component to understanding the modern world. Breed is central to understandings of 'co-evolution' and 'intra-action', yet, what breed constitutes, how it functions within the modernizing framework, and how it differs between time periods and geographic locations remain largely open questions. Send abstracts (500-1000 words) and queries by **July 15** to: [kristen.guest@unbc.ca](mailto:kristen.guest@unbc.ca) or [monica.mattfeld@unbc.ca](mailto:monica.mattfeld@unbc.ca)

*Animal Law Review* is the nation's oldest law journal devoted entirely to the discussion of legal issues relating to animals. Soon entering its twenty-third year of publication, Animal Law Review has gained national recognition, boasting several hundred subscribers. Animal Law Review is dedicated to providing a balanced, scholarly forum for discussing these and other animal-related legal issues. Volume 23.1 came out in mid-April and Volume 23.2 will be released in mid-August or early September. The editors accept submissions for the journal on a rolling basis. Instructions for submissions can be easily accessed [via this link](#). Email [se-animallaw@lclark.edu](mailto:se-animallaw@lclark.edu) with any questions.

[\*\*Animal Studies Journal\*\*](#) is seeking submissions from scholars and creative practitioners for a special edition focusing on the themes of the forthcoming Australasian Animal Studies Association conference 'Animal Intersections', to be held at the University of Adelaide 3-5 July, 2017. The journal is interested in papers which address the fractures, tensions and layers of intersection across human-animal relations, and in particular for the lives of non-human animals. Papers might engage with the practices and methods associated with theories of intersectionality in order to enrich the study of non-human animal lives and their interface with human society. If you are interested in submitting an essay for consideration, please visit the journal website and consult submission rules and policies. Length of contributions is generally 4000-6000 words for articles, 1000-6000 for creative works plus images. Submissions are due no later than **July 31**.

[\*\*Between the Species\*\*](#) will publish a special journal issue in honor of Tom Regan. Please consider submitting a paper that is related to Tom Regan's work. The deadline is **July 1**. When submitting a manuscript, indicate that you'd like your paper to be considered for this special issue.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

[Edge Hill University Centre for Human Animal Studies Conference: Animals and Social Change](#)

June 29-30, Liverpool Quaker Meeting House.

[Australasian Animal Studies Association Conference 2017: Animal Intersections](#). July 3-5, University of Adelaide.

Abuse and Safeguarding under conditions of Austerity and Globalisation. July 7, Manchester Metropolitan University. Find out more by emailing [k.kardas@mmu.ac.uk](mailto:k.kardas@mmu.ac.uk)

[International Symposium for Equine Welfare and Wellness](#). July 11-13, Wartenberg-Rohrbach, Germany.

[Critical Animal Studies: Forging Alliances and Intersections](#). July 15-16, Melbourne, Australia.

Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals workshop. August 9, University of Colorado, Boulder.

[World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences](#). August 20-24, Seattle, WA

[7th International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level](#). September 5-8, Wageningen, Netherlands.

Development for Species: Animals in society, animals as society.  
September 18-19, Deakin University, Melbourne City campus.

[Decolonization and the Politics of Wildlife in Africa, an International Conference](#). September 26-30, Stellenbosch Institute of Advanced Study, South Africa.

[Working with Animals](#). October 6-7, University of Southampton.

[First International Canine Science Conference](#). Arizona State University, October 6-8, Tempe, AZ.

[International Conference on Agricultural and Food Science](#)/International Conference on Biotechnology and Bioengineering. October 25-27, 2017 Lahore, Pakistan.

[Animal Law Conference](#). October 13-15, Portland, Oregon.

[5th European Conference for Critical Animal Studies](#). October 26-28, Lund University, the Pufendorf Institute

[Minding Animals](#). January 17-24, 2018, Mexico City.

[2018 Association of Professional Humane Educators](#) (APHE) annual humane education conference. March 7-9, 2018, Orlando, Florida.

## **Calls for Papers: Conferences**

### **Development for Species: Animals in society, animals as society.**

September 18-19, Deakin University, Melbourne City campus.

This symposium aims to introduce nonhuman species, particularly farmed animals, into the development discourse as stakeholders, and critical members of societies, rather than their current status as environmental/economic commodities in development. With the rise of human-animal scholarship, development scholars are increasingly recognising the importance of including non-human animals in our academic endeavours, and the urgency of studying animals as actors, as well as subjects of marginalisation in societies. Together with the mounting evidence that directly link animal agriculture to planetary catastrophes like climatic change, the impetus to examine the role of animals in our shared species ecological and social worlds is of growing urgency. The organisers seek abstracts in the areas including but not limited to:

- Urban/rural sociologies and animals
- Religion, culture and animals
- 'Food' and sociology of farmed/production animals
- Sociology of relationships and animals
- Sexual Politics of Meat - gendered violence in animal farming

- Companion Animals and society
- Poverty and animal rights
- Democracy and nonhuman animals
- Activism and animals
- Developing species inclusive spaces
- Challenging anthropocentrism in research

Presentations are to be 20mins in duration. Please send your 200-300 word abstracts to both [zoei.sutton@flinders.edu.au](mailto:zoei.sutton@flinders.edu.au) & [y.narayanan@deakin.edu.au](mailto:y.narayanan@deakin.edu.au) by **June 30**.

[Working with Animals](#): October 6-7 at the University of Southampton. The British Animal Studies Network seeks papers for its next meeting, to be held at the University of Southampton on the theme of 'Working with Animals'. Please submit your title with an abstract of no more than 200 words and a brief biography (also of no more than 200 words) to Emma Roe on [E.J.Roe@soton.ac.uk](mailto:E.J.Roe@soton.ac.uk). These should be included within your email - i.e. not as attachments. The deadline for abstracts is **July 14**. Sadly there are no funds to support travel, accommodation or attendance costs. The organizers would welcome papers that deal with such issues in contemporary and historical settings, and would especially like to see papers that address these issues from contexts outside the UK, including the Global South. Papers are welcomed from across animal studies, including disciplines such as (but not limited to) geography, anthropology, sociology, literary studies, art history, history, science and technology studies, ethology, psychology, behavioural sciences and ecology.

## **Calls for Papers: Books**

***Encyclopedia of Food and Agricultural Ethics***, 2nd edition. Eds. Paul B. Thompson (Michigan State) and David M. Kaplan (University of North Texas). The editors are accepting contributions on the ethical dimensions of food, agriculture, eating, and animals. Entries should be 2,000 words (min) to 4,000 words (max). Contact [David.Kaplan@unt.edu](mailto:David.Kaplan@unt.edu)  
Deadline for submissions: October 1.

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As you can see, there is a tremendous amount of activity and progress going on today in the field of human-animal studies, and we always invite your input and participation.

[Your donation](#) to the Animals & Society Institute will enable us to continue to expand the field in many more ways and work in conjunction with

others around the world who share these goals.

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