

Defining Human-Animal Studies

Human-Animal Studies (HAS) is a rapidly growing interdisciplinary field that examines the complex and multidimensional relationships between humans and other animals. HAS comprises work in a wide range of disciplines in the social sciences (sociology, anthropology, psychology, political science), the humanities (history, literary criticism, philosophy, geography), and the natural sciences (ethology, veterinary medicine, animal welfare science, and comparative psychology).

The Animals & Society Institute (ASI) provides leadership in the HAS field by working with students and scholars to develop programs, publications, and other resources that expand the availability of courses and degree programs in colleges and universities worldwide. **This year, recognizing the growth of the field and the need to promote interdisciplinary conversation, we launched our one-of-a-kind *“Defining Human-Animal Studies”* series.**

The 2018 series showcases 25 short videos featuring a diverse group of scholars and experts defining HAS terms and concepts unique to their disciplines. The series is a much-needed opportunity to facilitate dialogue among HAS scholars and promote continued growth and diversification of the field. Video topics include:

- Speciesism by Peter Singer, Ira W. DeCamp Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University, and a Laureate Professor at the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at the University of Melbourne
- Animal Rights vs. Animal Welfare by David Favre, Professor of Law, Michigan State University
- Sentience by Jonathan Balcombe, Biologist and author of What a Fish Knows

Season 2 of the series kicks off in early 2019, so check back for updates and [sign up for our e-newsletter](#) to be sure you don't miss next season's launch!