



# Minding Animals<sup>®</sup>

## Welcome to the 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Minding Animals Bulletin.

In this Bulletin you will find:

- Further updates on planning for Minding Animals 3 in New Delhi in 2015
- A second Call for Nominations for Treasurer and other committee members
- Further notices regarding our Minding Animals Partner events

## Minding Animals Conference 3

The third Minding Animals Conference will be held in New Delhi, 13 to 20 January, 2015, hosted by the Wildlife Trust of India, in collaboration with Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU). The conference will be held at JNU and other locations in New Delhi.

Further details will be made available over the coming two months, including exciting news regarding our keynote speaker, further information on plenary speakers, a special preconference interfaith service, and arts and documentary events. Note that the conference will be Vegan with an Indian cuisine.

## First Round of MAC3 Plenary Speakers Announced

The first round of MAC3 Plenary Speakers has been announced. See below for more details.

## First Call for Abstracts will be made in late February, 2014

The first Call for Abstracts for MAC3 in New Delhi will be made next month, in February. Registrations will commence shortly after.

## Minding Animals Website

Have you visited the new Minding Animals website? We are constantly adding information, especially in relation to the third Minding Animals Conference in Delhi – just click on the MAC3 link. Our website domain remains: [www.mindinganimals.com](http://www.mindinganimals.com)

## The Inaugural Marti Kheel Memorial Lecture

Marti Kheel was a leading ecofeminist who died in November, 2011. Marti was on the steering committee to establish a second Minding Animals Conference after the first in Newcastle in 2009. She was then on the first Board when Minding Animals International was established in 2010 and was actively engaged in moving our organisation forward.

A conference was held in 2012 honouring the life and to continue the work of Marti Kheel. *Finding a Niche for All Animals* was a highly successful event organised by Carol Adams and Lori Gruen. Here are some words about Marti taken from the conference website:

*Marti brought active critical attention to standard approaches to other than human animal liberation philosophy by pointing out the overly rational and isolating perspective it so often takes. She focused her keen eye on environmental philosophers as well, including some ecofeminist philosophers, who while attending to whole systems and relations, generally ignored the lives of individual animals – other than human beings who have families and friends and who suffer horribly not only by our actions but through our willful neglect. Marti's scholarship drew on connections and brought out new possibilities for living more harmoniously with the movements of the natural world. Throughout her writing Marti advocated a nonviolent, emotionally responsive, holistic, and nondominative ethic by which humans may live in harmony with nature and nonhuman creatures. Her life, like her work, was fully engaged; she didn't just theorise about nonviolence and care, but she lived and died by those values.*



The **Inaugural Marti Kheel Memorial Lecture** will be delivered in New Delhi by Lori Gruen to further celebrate Marti's life and work. Lori will be introduced by Carol Adams, one of Marti's close friends and colleagues.

**Lori Gruen** is Professor of Philosophy, Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Environmental Studies at Wesleyan University where she also coordinates Wesleyan Animal Studies. Her work lies at the intersection of ethical theory and practice, with a particular focus on issues that impact those often overlooked in traditional ethical investigations, for example, women, people of colour, nonhuman animals. She has published and lectured extensively on topics in animal ethics, ecofeminism, and practical ethics more broadly. She is the author of two books on animal ethics, most recently *Ethics and Animals: An Introduction* (Cambridge, 2011); the editor of five books, including *Ecofeminism: Feminist Intersections with Other Animals and the Earth* with Carol J. Adams (Bloomsbury, 2014) and the *Ethics of Captivity* (Oxford, 2014); and the author of dozens of articles and book chapters. She is currently writing a book exploring the ethical and epistemological issues raised by human relations to captive chimpanzees. For more information, please go to [www.lorigruen.com](http://www.lorigruen.com)



## Some of our other Plenary Speakers

### Lisa Kemmerer

Lisa Kemmerer is a philosopher activist who has been working on behalf of the environment, nonhuman animals, and disempowered human beings for more than thirty years. A graduate of Reed, Harvard, and Glasgow Universities, she is the author of a handful of books, including *Animals and World Religions* and *Sister Species: Women, Animals, and Social Justice*. You can learn more about her her work at [www.lisakemmerer.com](http://www.lisakemmerer.com)



## Erica Fudge



Erica Fudge is Professor of English Studies at the University of Strathclyde, and was Director of Research for English, Creative Writing and Journalism there from 2011 to 2014. Her academic research focusses on historical human animal relations, with particular interest in the early modern period, and has written on the place and representation of animals in England in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries; on philosophical debates about animal reason and concepts of animal interiority in the period; on animal things; and, on human livestock relations. She has also published on the implications of bringing animals in to historical research. As well as this academic work, Erica has written about human animal relations in historical and contemporary culture for a wider public in her books *Animal* and *Pets*, and in the magazine *History Today*. She is the Director of the British Animal Studies Network, the leading network for those inside and beyond academia who are working on, and with, animals which meets twice a year and is based at the University of Strathclyde.

## Claire Jean Kim



Claire Jean Kim is Associate Professor of Political Science and Asian American Studies. She teaches classes on race, multiculturalism, minority politics, social movements, immigration, and human animal studies. Her first book, *Bitter Fruit: The Politics of Black-Korean Conflict in New York City* (Yale University Press, 2000) won two awards from the American Political Science Association: the Ralph Bunche Award for the Best Book on Ethnic and Cultural Pluralism, and the Best Book Award from the Organized Section on Race and Ethnicity. Her forthcoming book, *Race, Species and Nature in a Multicultural Age* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), examines the intersection of race and species in impassioned disputes over how immigrants of colour, racialised minorities, and Native people use animals in their cultural traditions. Kim has also written numerous journal articles and book chapters. She is the recipient of a grant from the University of California Center for New Racial Studies, and has been a fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study in Princeton and the University of California Humanities Research Institute. Kim is an Associate Editor of *American Quarterly* and the co-guest editor of a special issue of *American Quarterly*, *Species/Race/Sex* (September 2013).

## Tentative Schedule for MAC3 in 2015

13 January – Interfaith Service, Opening of Registrations and Welcome

14 January – Opening of Conference and Keynote Address, Protecting the Animals Seminar Series, and Opening of Arts Festival

15 and 16 January – Conference continues

17 and 18 January – a weekend of special events, including a Critical Animal Studies Satellite Event

19 January – Conference continues

20 January – Conference concludes

## Themes

Theme 1 – Animals and Religion

Theme 2 – Wildlife Welfare and Conservation Science

Theme 3 – Women and Animals

Theme 4 – Animal Law and Public Policy

Theme 5 – Animals and Culture

Theme 6 – Animals and the Humanities

## MAC3 Disputes and Resolutions

Please note: just as for the first two Minding Animals Conferences, we will also have a Disputes and Resolutions expert helping the Board if anyone feels they need to lodge a complaint. If you have any significant problems or issues if they arise between now and the conference or you feel aggrieved in any way, please contact the Disputes Counsel at [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

## Travel Advice

Here are some suggestions when travelling to the Minding Animals Conference in New Delhi.

## Vaccinations

Consider vaccinations for Cholera, Hepatitis A and Typhoid. These are probably unnecessary if you intend to stay in New Delhi only. In relation to Malaria, you should consider obtaining Doxycycline or some quinine-based medication from your doctor, especially if travelling outside New Delhi or staying in India to travel, although it will be winter. One side-trip to be announced shortly will be to a wetland – then, in this case, such medication is strongly recommended.

It is particularly recommended that you approach any animal with caution as rabies is prevalent in India. The JNU campus has many street dogs and squirrels as well as macaques and jackals. We strongly advise that you should not approach or interact with any animal in any way.

Toilet paper is not available in all facilities, including some hotels, hostels, tourist sites and public lavatories. Unless you wish to use the ever-present hose, then it is recommended that you take an ample supply of tissue paper at all times.

It is highly recommended that you consider obtaining a course of the drug Ciprofloxacin from your doctor to take with you. This antibiotic is safe and extremely effective in treating stomach bugs and diarrhoea. Some groups of people may be less disease resistant than others.

In this regard, it is also recommended that you take a supply of Imodium, as well as sachets of an oral electrolyte powder, such as Dioralyte, to use with bottled water.

## Visas and Luggage

Most overseas visitors require a visa to enter the country, some with particular restrictions, such as from Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan. You MUST ensure that you leave at least 3 months between applying for a visa and your departure. Minding Animals will endeavour to have the abstract review process completed by 1 October, 2014. In all respects, your visa, travel and accommodation are your responsibility. Information regarding accommodation options will become available soon.

When eventually departing India from any airport, you should ensure that any hand/cabin luggage is labelled with a tag from the airline which you are using. Security staff at airports will stamp that tag as security-checked. This is complicated as the authorities may require a second security check before you enter the plane and they will verify that the first check has been stamped on that particular airline's tag. If this is not done, you may risk losing your hand/cabin luggage.

## Minding Animals International Inc. Call for Nominations

The new Board needs to fill some vacant (and vital) positions:

- Treasurer – you must be money-savvy, a whiz with MYOB or other accounting software, and be committed to animals
- Minding Animals Editor – must be familiar with publishing regular newsletters and have experience in being an editor for an academic journal
- Web and Social Media Designer – should have experience in developing web-sites and be familiar with various forms of social media
- Grant Writer – must have experience in writing grant and funding applications
- National Group Convenor for Asia, the Pacific and the Americas – must be prepared to actively negotiate the development of new national and supra-national groups
- Minding Animal Study Circle Convenor – must have an interest in several academic areas and be willing to further develop what has been a popular component of the Minding Animals Conferences

All positions answer to the Board and are presently voluntary although all expenses will be reimbursed. It is hoped that, except for the Treasurer, all positions will soon be paid positions answerable to the Board through the Executive Director. Nominations should be sent to:

[mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

## Minding Animals Partner and Preconference Events

Would you like to partner your conference, seminar or other event with Minding Animals International? Benefits include a reach to an Animal Studies audience of over 3,000 academics, activists and artists. If you are interested, please drop us a line at [mindinganimals@gmail.com](mailto:mindinganimals@gmail.com)

In this Bulletin, you will find details on the following events:

- **6 to 8 February, 2014: Innsbruck, Austria - Human Animal Studies Conference**
- **1 March, 2014: Padova, Italy – Think Animal – the world from the perspective of nonhuman animals**
- **12 to 14 March, 2014: Warszawa, Poland - Zwierzęta i ich ludzie (Animals and their People: the Fall of the Anthropocentric Paradigm) Conference and Art Exhibition**
- **17 to 18 March, 2014: Washington, DC, USA - The Science of Animal Thinking and Emotion**
- **23 May, 2013: Sydney, Australia - An evening with Marc Bekoff (rescheduled from Dec, 2013)**
- **19 to 21 June, 2014: Canberra, Australia - Affective Habitus: new environmental histories of Botany, Zoology and Emotions**
- **17 to 20 July, 2014: Sheffield, England – Reading Animals: an International English Studies Conference**
- **4 to 5 December, 2014: Edinburgh, Scotland - Between Apes and Angels: Human and Animal in the Early Modern World (CFP Close 31 October, 2014)**

### **6-8 February, 2014: Innsbruck, Austria**

#### ***Human Animal Studies Conference***

Hosts: University of Innsbruck

Further information regarding the conference, please contact Reinhard Heuberger ([reinhard.heuberger@uibk.ac.at](mailto:reinhard.heuberger@uibk.ac.at)), Reingard Spannring ([reingard.spannring@uibk.ac.at](mailto:reingard.spannring@uibk.ac.at)) or Alejandro Boucabeille ([alejandro17de@yahoo.de](mailto:alejandro17de@yahoo.de))

Websites: [www.uibk.ac.at/news/has](http://www.uibk.ac.at/news/has)

### **1 March, 2014: Padova, Italy**

#### ***Think Animal – the world from the perspective of nonhuman animals***

Hosts: Ghirardi Foundation

Venue: Villa Contarini (see: <http://www.villacontarini.eu/it/la-fondazione-ge-ghirardi.html>)

Entrance fee: free

Conference languages: Italian

Further information regarding the event, please contact Rachele Malavasi ([rachele.malavasi@iamc.cnr.it](mailto:rachele.malavasi@iamc.cnr.it))

This event will explain to delegates (mainly members of the public), the sentience concept and will illustrate cognitive abilities of those nonhuman animals that are more in contact with humans: working, domestic, farm animals, general bird cognition and cephalopods. The aim is to give the public some tools to understand the deep emotional world of animals, and to make them aware of their psychological, other than physical, needs.

**12-14 March, 2014: Warszawa, Poland**

***Zwierzęta i ich ludzie (Animals and their People: the Fall of the Anthropocentric Paradigm) Conference and Art Exhibition***

Hosted by the Institute of Literary Research of the Polish Academy of Science, and partnered by Le Centre de civilisation française et d'études francophones (CCFEF) de l'Université de Varsovie Faculty of Artes Liberales at the University of Warsaw. Funded by the Polish National Science Centre

Exhibition partner: Salon Akademii Gallery, The Academy of Fine Arts in Warsaw

Conference languages: Polish and English

Further information regarding the conference, please visit the website or contact the conference and exhibition organisers: Dorota Łagodzka, Anna Barcz and Leszek Golec at [animalstudies.pl@gmail.com](mailto:animalstudies.pl@gmail.com)

Website: <http://animalstudies.ibl.waw.pl/uk/>

**17-18 March, 2014: Washington DC, USA**

***The Science of Animal Thinking and Emotion***

Hosts: Gallaudet University, Washington, DC, and the Humane Society Institute for Science and Policy

Conference language: English

Further information regarding the conference, please visit the website or contact the conference and exhibition organisers:

Website: <http://www.humanesociety.org/about/departments/hsisp/>

**23 May, 2014: Sydney, Australia (rescheduled from 6 Dec, 2013)**

***An evening with Marc Bekoff***

Details regarding this event will appear shortly in the next Bulletin and at: <http://thinkwildlife.uts.edu.au/>

**19-21 June, 2014: Canberra, Australia**

***Affective Habitus: new environmental histories of Botany, Zoology and Emotions***

Host Institution and Venue: Humanities Research Centre, Australian National University

The Fifth Biennial Conference of The Association for the Study of Literature, Environment and Culture, Australia and New Zealand (ASLEC-ANZ) – and an Environmental Humanities collaboratory with the ARC Centre of Excellence for the History of Emotions, and Minding Animals International

Convenor: Dr Tom Bristow, ANU Research Fellow

Perceptions, values and representations of our relationship with the physical environment have been read anew in the Anthropocene century through the lens of ecocriticism and affect theory. At present we are witnessing a turn in ecocritical theory to the relevance of empathy, sympathy and concordance, and how these move across flora and fauna; yet, ecocriticism has not thoroughly considered whether human and nonhuman affect are reducible to a theory of emotions. The conference seeks to refine the theoretical turn and to address the interdisciplinary shortcoming, while ecocritically articulating expansion of the analysis of the humanities.

Invited speakers include Tom Griffiths, Michael Marder, John Plotz, Will Steffen and Gillen D'Arcy Wood.

ASLEC-ANZ membership comprises writers, artists, cinematographers, and musicians as well as academics working in and across several areas of the Environmental/Ecological Humanities, including ecocritical literary and cultural studies, environmental history and the history of science, anthropology and ecophilosophy.

Inquiries, and paper and panel proposals to: [2014EHC@anu.edu.au](mailto:2014EHC@anu.edu.au)

The deadline for submission of abstracts (c. 200 words) is March 30, 2014

Selected conference papers will be published in *Animal Studies Journal*, and *Australasian Journal of Ecocriticism and Cultural Ecology*.

## **17-20 July, 2014: Sheffield, England**

### ***Reading Animals: an International English Studies Conference***

Host Institution and Venue: School of English, University of Sheffield, UK

Abstract deadline: 19 December 2013.

Conference contacts: Sean McCorry [s.mccorry@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:s.mccorry@sheffield.ac.uk) or Bob McKay [r.mckay@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:r.mckay@sheffield.ac.uk)

Keynote Speakers: Erica Fudge, Tom Tyler, Cary Wolfe, others TBC

This conference seeks to reflect and to extend the full range of critical methodologies, forms, canons and geographies current in English Studies; contributions are also most welcome from interested scholars in cognate disciplines. *Reading Animals* will be programmed to encourage comparative reflection on representations of animals and interspecies encounters in terms of both literary-historical period and overarching interpretive themes. As such, seven keynote presentations are planned; each will focus on how reading animals is crucial in the interpretation of the textual culture of a key period from the middle ages to the present. The conference will also feature a plenary panel of key scholars who will reflect on the importance when reading animals of thinking across periods and in thematic, conceptual and formal terms.

Abstracts for 20 minute papers (300 words) or pre-formed 3 paper panels (1000 words) are welcome by 19 December, 2013, from researchers at any stage of their career, including early career scholars and postgraduates. Please send by email to [readinganimals@sheffield.ac.uk](mailto:readinganimals@sheffield.ac.uk)

Papers should focus on the interpretation of textual animals at any date from the Middle Ages to the present.

## **4-5 December, 2014: Edinburgh, Scotland**

### ***Between Apes and Angels: Human and Animal in the Early Modern World***

Host Institution and Venue: University of Edinburgh

Keynote speakers: Harriet Ritvo and Louise Hill Curth

Other speakers: Ingrid Tague, Juliana Schiesari, Karen Edwards, Peter Edwards, Richard Almond and Susan Wiseman

Call for papers (close 31 October, 2014) – see conference blog: <http://apesandangels.wordpress.com/cfp-2/>

Conference language: English

Further information regarding the conference, please visit the website or contact the organisers: Andrew Wells and Sarah Cockram at [andrew.wells@ed.ac.uk](mailto:andrew.wells@ed.ac.uk) or [s.cockram@ed.ac.uk](mailto:s.cockram@ed.ac.uk)

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