

Minding Animals Bulletin 43



The Call for Abstracts closes 18 August – but if you still wish to be considered after this date please lodge your abstract by logging on to: <http://mac4.tueventoenweb.com/> This **MUST** be done before 31 August on a first come, first served basis, and only if space and academic rigour allows

Please register at the Earlybird rate – closes 30 September

Register, Lodge your Abstract and Reserve your Accommodation at the Royal Pedregal at: <http://mac4.tueventoenweb.com/>

To be able to take advantage of the Minding Animals Member Discount and register for a cheaper rate, you **MUST** initially become a Member of Minding Animals. Membership of Minding Animals International Inc. for the period up to 31 December, 2017, is open to all individuals at the flat rate of \$20 USD. Savings of up to \$50 USD can be made. Please click this link to join: <http://www.mindinganimals.com/members-donors/>

See Bulletins 39 to 42 for full details: <http://www.mindinganimals.com/bulletins/>

Keynote Speaker

We are proud to announce that the Keynote lecture for Minding Animals 4 will be delivered by Paulina Rivero Weber.



Paulina Rivero Weber studied for her Bachelors, Masters and PhD at the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters of the UNAM, where she has taught ethics and other topics for more than twenty years. Paulina has written dozens of scholarly articles in México and abroad, as well as the books; *Nietzsche: truth and illusion*, *Heidegger: Aletheia, the original truth, heroin is sought*, and *Ethics: a university course*. She has also edited books *The Challenge of Bioethics*, *Daoism: contemporary interpretations*, amongst others.

Paulina's interests lie in ethics, particularly in bioethics, allowing her to focus academically on ethics to animals while exercising a degree of political activism through dialogue with the Chamber of Deputies of Mexico City. She is also active in AC Bioethics, Medicine and Health Seminary UNAM, the University Program on Bioethics, the National Research and SEDEN in Spain, where she is also a member of the Board of the journal *Nietzsche Studies*.

Paulina has lectured at various universities, including the University of Tübingen, University of Barcelona, La Complutense de Madrid, the University of Zaragoza and the University of Hawai'i. Paulina is currently professor in the Graduate programme and in the College of Philosophy at the UNAM. She is currently preparing the book *Bioethics: an introduction from philosophy*, and coordinating the book, *Current Issues in Bioethics: about nonhuman animals*.

Invited Speaker

Gustavo Ortiz Millán



Gustavo Ortiz Millán is a research professor at the Institute for Philosophical Research at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and is a member of Mexico's Colegio de Bioética. He works on ethics (moral psychology and applied ethics), philosophy of mind and action, although he is interested in aesthetics as well. He has published two books and edited several others, and has authored several papers on animal ethics. He has also taught at the National University of Mexico, CIDE, Columbia University, New York University and Brooklyn College (CUNY), and has been a visiting scholar at the University of California, Berkeley.

MAC4 Deadlines

- Close of Call for Abstracts: 18 August, 2017
- Last date for author notification: 31 August, 2017
- Close of first tier early bird registrations: 30 September, 2017
- Close of Registrations for Participation in a Panel Session: 30 September, 2017
- Close of ALL registrations if intending to give a paper: 1 November, 2017
- Close of Exhibition and Partnership Package: 1 November, 2017
- Close of second tier early bird registrations: 30 November, 2017

We are still missing an Abstract Author

We have had an abstract submitted where the author seems to have failed to save their details correctly. If you have submitted an Abstract with the title VIRTUAL VOYEURISM: THE 21ST CENTURY ZOO?, please email mindinganimals@gmail.com immediately, so we can correct the error. We are waiting to approve the abstract and are unable to do so until we hear from you!

You must Lodge your Abstract for MAC4 by 18 August at the very latest!

Please go to: <http://mac4.tueventoeweb.com/>

**If you still wish to be considered after this date,
you must do so before 31 August**

When lodging an abstract (limited of two per author), please carefully revise your orthography, style, vocabulary and abstract contents. If the paper is accepted (either as an oral presentation or poster), this is the information that will be published in the abstracts book that will be made available on the Minding Animals website in December. All successful nominated authors will be listed in the abstracts booklet. Only one author need lodge an abstract, whether they are the lead author or not. It will also be the information that the Abstract Committee will consider for the approval. Co-author names will not be listed in the programme, although they may be presenting at the conference in place of, or with the main author. For all co-authors, delegates are advised to consult the Conference Abstracts link on the Minding Animals website. Use of the term *et al* will be provided in the programme where there is more than one author of an abstract.

At the Conference

We stress to all delegates that they should participate in Minding Animals Conferences in a spirit of honesty and cooperation, accepting that other delegates may have quite divergent opinions, but always with the overall objective of protecting animals, no matter in what form or time frame. Nonetheless, we urge critical debate and active engagement with your fellow delegates.

Although a paper can bear more than one author, each paper must be presented by only one of the authors listed when the abstract was submitted. If the author(s) cannot attend the conference, the conference organisation or any other person will not be able to present the paper on their behalf. Only a co-author attending the conference will be able to present a paper instead of the main author, since they will be the only participant able to discuss the presented results. However, more than one author can participate in the Q&A session. Note that all authors that attend the conference must register to be a delegate, separately. If accepted for a poster presentation, authors must display their posters during the entire conference period (starting from 17 January). The poster author(s) will be requested to attend their posters and be available to discuss their research with other delegates at lunch on 18 January.

Like all previous Minding Animals Conferences, and to accommodate all concurrent papers in the six allocated days for presentations, all Plenary and concurrent Invited Talks will be one hour (50 minutes and a 10 minute period for discussion (Q&A)). All accepted concurrent talks will be **STRICTLY** limited to 20 minutes (15 minutes for presentation and possible 5 minutes Q&A). The Q&A will be **AFTER** each presentation and **NOT** at the end of the three presentations. Further, delegates are welcome to move within sessions, therefore presenters **MUST** limit their talk to the time allocated to them; hence the need to stick to a tight schedule. Further, presentation slots may need to be moved by the organisers and may appear in a different place different from the Final Programme published on the website (presenters will be notified if a change is made). Authors are asked to consult the schedule located in the Conference Programme upon arrival at the Conference for their presentation time.

Register for the Conference, NOW!
Earlybirds close 30 September
Please go to: <http://mac4.tueventoenweb.com/>

FULL REGISTRATION - \$USD - will be charged in MXN Pesos

	Early Bird to 30 September, 2017	1 October to 30 November	1 December onwards
Developed Nation	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
Developed Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$450.00	\$550.00	\$650.00
Intermediate Nation	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Intermediate Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$550.00
Developing Nation	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Developing Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$450.00

STUDENT REGISTRATION - \$USD - will be charged in MXN Pesos

	Early Bird to 30 September, 2017	1 October to 30 November	1 December onwards
Developed Nation	\$400.00	\$500.00	\$600.00
Developed Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$550.00
Intermediate Nation	\$300.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Intermediate Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$250.00	\$350.00	\$450.00
Developing Nation	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$400.00
Developing Nation - Minding Animals Member *	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$350.00

PARTIAL (DAY) REGISTRATIONS - will be charged in MXN Pesos

Open after 1 November, 2017

Cost will be \$100 per day and irrespective of Full/Student, Member/Non-member or Developed/Intermediate/Developing Status

More than 3 days, you will need to register for the entire conference

- Developed nation is: USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, Japan, northern Europe, Gulf States
- Intermediate nation is: Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, eastern Europe, Russia, Turkey and other Middle East
- Developing nation is: All the Americas except USA and Canada, all of Africa, rest of Asia (excluding Turkey, Gulf States, the Middle East, Singapore and Japan), and the Pacific (excluding Australia and New Zealand)

No refunds after 1 December, 2017; 80% only 1 to 30 November; Full Refunds Before.
 All refunds will attract an administration fee of \$25USD.

What Do You Get for Your Registration?

Please note that all registration fees include all Mexican Federal and State taxes, access to all sessions, Conference Satchel and Programme Booklet, all refreshment breaks and all lunches (except 19 January).

Registrations (excluding the Partial Day Rate) include access to the Welcome Reception, Conference Dinner, and the Closing Reception and Cultural Event (this event excludes alcoholic beverages). An invoice/receipt will be sent to all registrants within 3 days of receipt of payment.

Certificates of Attendance at Minding Animals 4 will be issued after the conference via email. Please note that a certificate will be issued to a contributing author only if they have attended the conference.

Reserve your Accommodation in México NOW!

We strongly recommend that you stay at the Royal Pedregal Hotel at Periférico Sur 4363, Tlalpan, Jardines de la Montaña, 14210, México City, México from 17 to 24 January, 2018, inclusive. This will provide you with the best opportunity to mingle and discuss matters of shared interest, from breakfast in the morning to drinks in the bar after the conference sessions. Or even lounging by the pool or enjoying the spa! What a fantastic opportunity to be with your fellow animal travellers at the Conference hotel!

The Royal Pedregal is a splendid facility in a tranquil residential area of southern México City in close proximity to the Mexican National University (UNAM). The massive Perisur shopping complex, Olympic venues, World Trade Centre and must-see tourist mecca of Coyoacan are easily accessed from the hotel via an array of transport links, especially the always inexpensive taxi service. There are a limited number of additional hotels in the vicinity of the Royal Pedregal Hotel that range in price, but strongly recommend you book at the Royal Pedregal Hotel. Special conference rates exclusively available to Minding Animals delegates at the Royal Pedregal are unequalled when they are compared to other hotels, or even hostels in the city centre.

Rooms have been reserved at the Royal Pedregal for Minding Animals delegates, standard king sized or twin double rooms. We have negotiated the most reasonable room rates, which includes vegan breakfasts. Indeed, all conference lunches and refreshments will be vegan. Hotel guests also have free WiFi access.

The ensuite rooms at the Royal Pedregal are spacious and tastefully furnished ensuring that guests enjoy a comfortable and restful stay. The air conditioned rooms include satellite LCD TV, a telephone, mini-bar, tea/coffee making facilities and wired internet access. Each room has keycard entry, blackout drapes curtains, daily housekeeping, turndown service, a private bathroom with shower/tub combination, free toiletries, a hair dryer, a laptop compatible safe, and ironing board.

The Royal Pedregal Hotel facilities include free WiFi, airport transportation, ATM machine, concierge, dry cleaning service, laundry, children's club, and the always necessary lounge bar. There is a fitness centre and full health spa at the hotel offering a variety of beauty and massage treatments, a sauna, steam room and spa tub. You will need this at the end of each conference day!

If you would like to have a look at the hotel facilities, please visit the hotel website at: <http://www.hotelesroyal.com.mx/>

We strongly recommend that you register for the conference and reserve your room at the Royal Pedregal Hotel as soon as possible.

We do not want you to miss out on staying with your fellow delegates

YOU MUST BOOK YOUR OWN ACCOMMODATION AT THE ROYAL PEDREGAL SEPARATELY FROM YOUR REGISTRATION

YOU CAN RESERVE YOUR ACCOMMODATION AT THE ROYAL PEDREGAL BY EMAILING (COPY TO ALL) TO:

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ALTERNATIVELY:

By calling 00+52 (55) 54 49 40 00

Or, if in the USA or Canada, by calling (1) 800 810 2892

AT ALL TIMES, QUOTE PROMOTIONAL CODES:

REF. Group/Grupo: **Minding Animals**
CONFERENCE CODE: **VEGANI**

DAILY ROOM RATES

People in Room	MXN PESOS	Approx. in USD as at 5 August	Approx. in AUD as at 5 August	Approx. in UK£ as at 5 August	Approx. in € as at 5 August
One	\$ 2,151.12	\$140.00	\$177.00	£108.00	€119.00
Two	\$ 2,570.54	\$143.00	\$181.00	£110.00	€123.00
Three	\$ 3,291.03	\$184.00	\$232.00	£141.00	€156.00

Remember: you may wish to stay with friends or fellow delegates and greatly reduce your personal accommodation costs as you can see above!

For example, 3 people staying in a room with 3 beds would each pay \$61 USD or \$77 AUD per night.

Notes:

1. Rates will be charged in Mexican Pesos.
2. Our Promotional Rates are valid for stay from January 12th to 26th, 2018.
3. Vegan buffet breakfast included.
4. All reservations need to be guaranteed by a credit card or a transfer for the total amount, and fully paid before arriving.
5. The rooms are not blocked. Occupation is on availability, so, we strongly recommend you make your reservations early.
6. All rates include all taxes and tips (bell boys, housekeeping and waiters).

Special Conference Events

Animals and Feminism Roundtables

As announced previously in Bulletin 42, Minding Animals delegates will have a unique opportunity to join leading feminist scholars and activists for the Animals and Feminism Roundtable for an engaging discussion. Topics will be determined by the participant's interests but may include: questions of intersectionality; reassessing patriarchy in challenging political times; race, gender, animals and an ethics of care; feminism, animals, and climate justice, ecofeminist perspectives, and much more. The roundtable will be led by **Carol Adams** and **Lori Gruen**.

We can now announce that we will be able to continue the discussion in a second roundtable led by **Lynda Birke** and **Candace Laughinghouse**.

Minding Animals – The Documentaries

Jill Robinson: To the Moon and Back

Jill Robinson: to the Moon and Back is the story of an extraordinary British woman who has worked tirelessly to end the inhumane act of bear bile farming in Asia. Jill is a Minding Animals Patron and returns to Minding Animals for a fourth time to inspire and motivate all our delegates.

Across China and Vietnam over 11,000 Asiatic black bears – better known as moon bears – are trapped in tiny coffin like cages, suffering regular bile extractions for use in traditional medicine, cosmetics and wine. Deprived of all but the most basic necessities to keep them alive, the bears are forced to endure unimaginable pain and torment for up to 30 years. In 1993, British born Jill Robinson took a stand against this practice. Jill began the animal welfare charity Animals Asia and created two bear sanctuaries in China and Vietnam spanning over 180,000 square metres. The 55 minute documentary is by British Director Andrew Telling. His motivation was that the cruelty of bear bile farming, and Jill's work to end it, was still known to a relatively small number of people. Narrated by actor, Peter Egan, the film also includes contributions from Downton Abbey actress Lesley Nicol, Born Free founder, Virginia McKenna and Guns 'n' Roses drummer Matt Sorum.

In China, where over 10,000 bears are still caged by an industry that is still legal, Animals Asia enjoys broad support, with polls suggesting that around 90% of Chinese oppose the cruelty. Moves in recent years by the Chinese government to partner with organisations to provide synthetic equivalents suggest the demand is there for an alternative as well as the resolve to end it. In Vietnam, where caged bears numbers have dropped from 4,000 to around 1,000, Animals Asia Vietnam is lobbying for a roadmap to end the suffering for good and put in place a plan to rescue and rehabilitate the remaining bears. This roadmap appears more sound given the Vietnamese government's recent announcements to end the practice. Animals Asia has rescued almost 600 bears from bile farms and continues to care for almost 400 in sanctuaries in China and Vietnam.

Film Director and Writer: Andrew Telling

Language: English

Release Date: 6 March 2017 (UK)

Filming Location: China

Global Release: 24 April, 2017

Trailer: <https://www.animalsasia.org/au/media/news/news-archive/jill-robinson-to-the-moon-and-back-documentary-is-out-today.html>

Alternative trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=356cFAoHGpE>

Dogs of Democracy

Dogs of Democracy is a documentary about the stray dogs of Athens and the people who take care of them. Author and first-time filmmaker Mary Zournazi explores life on the streets through the eyes of the dogs and the experiences of Greek citizens. For Zournazi, Greece has become 'the stray dog of Europe': the dogs have become a symbol of hope for the people and for the anti-austerity movement. Filmed in Athens, the birthplace of democracy, the documentary offers a universal story about love and loyalty and what we might learn from animals. Coming from a Greek family living in Australia, Mary Zournazi made her first visit to Athens in 2014. She is the author of several books including *Hope - New philosophies for change* and *Inventing Peace* with the German filmmaker Wim Wenders. She teaches in the sociology program at the University of New South Wales.

Released: 2016

Released by Ronin Productions

Runtime: 58 minutes

Directed by: Mary Zournazi

Produced by: Mary Zournazi and Tom Zubrycki

Language: English

Trailer: <https://vimeo.com/192731022>

The Ghosts in Our Machine

With the exception of our companion animals and the wild and stray species within our urban environments, we experience animals daily only as the food, clothing, animal tested goods and entertainment we make of them. This moral dilemma is largely hidden from our view. *The Ghosts in Our Machine* illuminates the lives of individual animals living within and rescued from the machine of our modern world.

Through the heart and photographic lens of animal rights photojournalist Jo-Anne McArthur (our Minding Animals Dinner Speaker), audiences become intimately familiar with a cast of nonhuman animals. From undercover investigations to joyful rescue missions, in North America and in Europe, each photograph and story is a window into global animal industries: Food, Fashion, Entertainment and Research. The film charts McArthur's efforts to bring wider attention to a topic that most of humankind strives hard to avoid. Are nonhuman animals property to be owned and used, or are they sentient beings deserving of rights?

A film by Liz Marshall
Featuring Jo-Anne McArthur
Produced by Nina Beveridge and Liz Marshall
Produced in association with *Give Up The Ghost* by Radiohead
Running Time: 92 and 60 minutes
Language: English
Released: 2013
Trailer: <http://www.theghostsinourmachine.com/>

Call of the Baby Beluga

One day in Quebec, a baby beluga whale washes up on a gravel beach along the St Lawrence River. Unexpectedly, she is vigorously alive. A scientific team decides to take unusual steps to try to save her. The story of this baby whale leads us on a larger journey through the amazing world of the St Lawrence beluga whales and of the scientists who have worked for decades against long odds to help them. Like the story of the baby, it is a tough trip in a beautiful place, a true tale of drama, uncertainty, camaraderie, hard work, achievement, perseverance, and love, brightened by a glimpse of hope.

Release date: January 28, 2016
Produced for Network CBC's - The Nature of Things
Directed by Michael Parfit and Suzanne Chisholm
Trailer: <http://www.callofthebabybeluga.com/>

Saving Luna

A life does not have to be human to be great. This momentous film returns to Minding Animals for a fourth time! Warning: you will be moved!

Saving Luna is an award-winning documentary produced by Mountainside Films, and directed by Michael Parfit and Suzanne Chisholm. It tells the true story of a lone baby orca named Luna, who was separated from his family and tried to befriend people on the west coast of Vancouver Island. The film is narrated as a personal story by codirector Michael Parfit. Another version of the film, narrated by film star Ryan Reynolds (*The Proposal*, *Green Lantern*, and others), was released in selected theatres in the United States in late 2011.

Saving Luna is the true story of Luna, a baby male orca who gets separated from his family in a remote Canadian fjord. When the friendly orca seeks companionship from people, he becomes beloved and feared. People can't figure out what to do. To native people, he's a chief's spirit. To boaters, he's a goofy friend. To conservationists, he's a cause. To scientists, he's trouble. To officials, he's a danger. To the filmmakers, he's a lovable streetkid whale. As conflict and tragedy stain the waters, Luna becomes a symbol of the world's wildest beauty: wonderful to know, hard to save.

Release Date: 5 December 2008 (Canada)
Telefilm Canada, through the Theatrical Documentary Program.
Produced by Mountainside Films in association with CBC Newsworld.
Trailer: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ik-UDAjBCaw>

Minding Animals Conference: The Panels

Do you want to be on a panel at Minding Animals in México? Most of the panels are now filled; but if you are interested in being on a panel, we ask that you contact mindinganimals@gmail.com **immediately** if you are interested (to allow for planning). Please note that all panelists will need to register before 30 September to secure a spot on that panel.

Study Circles, which have been a popular aspect of all previous Minding Animals conferences, have been replaced by dedicated Panel Sessions. Nonetheless, there will again be an opportunity for delegates at all of the panels to indicate if they wish to continue ongoing debate in established or new online Study Circles by leaving their name and email contact details.

The structure of the panels will involve a number of speakers who will each present a 10 minute talk, followed by questions and discussion from the floor. **No abstract is required for the panel sessions.** If you participate, we MUST reiterate that questions or comments within the open discussions are to be kept brief and not become presentations. Please find following a list of the panels, the panel members so far, and the focus and short description of each panel.

The following Panels were announced in Bulletins 41 and 42:

- The Tom Regan Memorial Panel: His Life and Philosophy
- The Animal Studies Student: 3 years on
- Fighting Animals
- Aquatic Animals and Research
- Animals and Tourism: Journeys into Animal Destinations
- The Realities of Animal Lives and Questions of Modernity
- Animals and Captivity
- Ecophilosophy
- Animal Art Exhibitions
- Picking Up Static: Art, Animals and Interference
- Animals and Food
- Veganism
- Justice and the Political Status of Animals
- Animals, Exoticism and Indigeneity in the Literary Imagination
- Animal Law Education
- Animals and Human Health: Los animales y la salud humana
- Minding Animals in Development
- Animals in Higher Education
- The Greyhound
- The Elephant
- Global Animals
- Animals and Film
- Animals in Veterinary Medicine
- Towards Global Animals Welfare Standards

We can now announce the following panels:

Animals and Disasters

This session will focus on the plight of animals caught in natural or human made disasters. The panelists, from different regions of the globe, will bring together their expertise and experiences associated with planning, rescue, shelter and advocacy for diverse species caught in emergencies such as hurricanes, earthquakes, fire and floods. This panel will address the specific vulnerabilities of companion animals, working and service animals, animals exploited for food and in scientific research, and animals living in the wild. There will also be discussion of how animals are made more or less vulnerable before disasters strike, and the need to question and change preexisting practices that put them at risk. The Animals and Disasters panelists are:

- Annie Potts
- Donelle Gadenne
- Leslie Irvine
- Stephen Blakeway
- Claudia Edwards

Animals and the Law I - How Animal Law Relates to Animal Rights and Protection: An International Movement

Animal law, which includes legislation, regulation and litigation relevant to nonhuman animals, is an outgrowth of the animal rights and protection movements. It has developed differently in each country, based on differing laws and cultures. These panelists will compare and contrast the challenges and achievements of animal law in their respective countries. Your panelists are:

- Joyce Tischler (animals and the law in the USA)
- Sarah Margo (animals and the law in Australia)
- Marcel Sebastian (animals and the law from a sociological perspective)
- Yoriko Otomo (animals and the law in the UK)

Animals and the Law II - National Perspectives

Following on from the discussion in the previous panel, this panel will explore animals and the law in specific jurisdictions. Laws that relate to animals are generally designed to help protect animals from animal cruelty. Many countries have laws against animal cruelty, including Australia, Canada, the United States of America and the European Union. In these jurisdictions, imprisonment and fines can be issued if acts of cruelty are brought to the attention of law enforcement agencies (either government officials or animal welfare organisations). Some countries have laws that were established by other governments during times of imperialism and colonialism. However, those animal laws are not often enforced. The panelists in this session are:

- Saskia Stucki (animals and the law in Germany and Switzerland)
- Tagore Trajano (animals and the law in Brazil)
- Steven Wise (animals and the law in the USA)
- Marita Candela (animals and the law in Spain and the broader European Union)

Animals and Philosophy

How are animals approached in philosophy? Whether they are communicated implicitly or explicitly, ideas on animals and animality are always embedded in philosophical thought concerning the human kind and any matter of humanity. For example, what it means to be human may be contrasted with, compared with, or claimed to be identical with what it means to be an animal. The animal other is always there, if not always in the foreground. The Western tradition in philosophy has had an anthropocentric bias, and has to a significant extent neglected the reality of animality. How must philosophy be reworked in order to take the reality of animality into account in a fair and representative manner? The Animals and Philosophy panelists are:

- Dale Jamieson
- Jeff Sebo
- Mylan Engel Jnr.
- Morten Tønnessen

Animals and Religion

Animals and their place in human lives differ vastly across the world's religions, as symbols, as idols, in myth, scripture, cosmology and in dietary practice. For some religions, we are equals and that animals deserve to live their lives free from suffering. Other religions have traditionally seen animals purely for their instrumental value, something 'beneath' us, to be controlled and exploited. But is this really true or does it all depend on how scripture and other sacred texts have been interpreted? Panelists in this session will consider how religions determine the way their followers treat, respect, protect or exploit animals. Your panelists are:

- Christopher Chapple
- Laura Hobgood
- Chris Fegan
- Candace Laughinghouse

Animal Minds: Feeling Animals

The study of animal cognition raises profound questions about the minds of animals and philosophy of mind itself. This panel will examine the essential topics, problems and debates as they cut across animal cognition and the philosophy of mind. Panelists will address key topics, such as: what is cognition, and what is it to have a mind? What questions should we ask to determine whether behaviour has a cognitive basis? What can empirical evidence about animal behaviour tell us about philosophical theories of consciousness? Does animal cognition involve beliefs and concepts? Do animals have a 'language of thought'? Do animals have social norms or moral emotions? How can we tell what animals who are very different from us, think and feel? Your panelists are:

- Kristin Andrews
- Dale Jamieson
- Steven Wise
- Jeff Sebo

Down on the Farm

Around two in every three farm animals are factory farmed (that's over 50 billion animals every year). These intensive systems put production above all else, creating vast quantities of seemingly cheap meat, milk and eggs. But factory farming comes at a cost. Treated as commodities, animals are often raised in intense confinement. Factory farming is highly dependent on large quantities of precious resources, such as grain based feed, water, energy and medication. This system of food production has failed. Factory farming is not just bad for farm animals, it's dangerous, unfair and dirty, with impacts ranging from climate change to biodiversity loss and disease to food insecurity. Factory farming is too often viewed as the cheap, efficient solution to feeding our world. But this couldn't be further from the truth. For every 100 food calories of edible crops fed to livestock, we get back just 30 calories in the form of meat and dairy - a 70% loss. In short, people are being forced to compete with farm animals for food. Tackling one of the greatest sustainability concerns of our time is a daunting challenge, but also a unique opportunity to resolve some of the world's most pressing economic, environmental and ethical challenges. We need a food and farming revolution; one that provides healthy, affordable food for all, produced from farming systems that are safer (promoting our welfare and that of farm animals), fairer (supporting rural livelihoods and relieving poverty) and greener (protecting the planet and its precious natural resources). This panel will also examine particular ways different agricultural animals are situated within environmental, social and cultural contexts, from feral equines transitioning to domestic settings, to pigs in the concentrated pork production system, to animals that have escaped or have been rescued from the animal industrial complex to become feral or to reside in farm sanctuaries. Your panelists examining the animal industrial complex are:

- Philip Lymbery
- Mary Trachel
- Karen Dalke
- Karen Mancera
- Alice DiConcetto

Compassionate Conservation

Compassionate conservation is a rapidly growing interdisciplinary movement that promotes the protection of animals as individuals within conservation practice and policy. It is recognised that wild animals and ecosystems face an increasing number of threats. Further, many animals are harmed (through suffering and killing) to serve human interests and values without due consideration of another animals' interests and intrinsic value. Solutions supporting human and nonhuman stakeholders are not readily available despite strong and universal aspirations and motivation to protect nature, and traditional conservation efforts in setting aside protected areas are insufficient to protect nature. A simple and morally acceptable approach is needed to alleviate suffering in humans and other animals to resolve issues of land sharing. This panel will examine the ethic of compassionate conservation that considers animals as individuals, not merely as objects or metrics to be traded off for the good of populations, species or biodiversity, and provides a novel framework of transparency and robust decision making for conservation that will benefit all stakeholders. Your Compassionate Conservation panelists are:

- Chris Draper
- Ron Kagan
- Daniel Ramp

Wildlife in the City: Crossing Boundaries

In what United Nations reports now refer to as ‘the Urban Age’, the pervasive and expansive process of urbanisation around the world is complicating relations between humans and our wild cohabitants. Expanding cities encroach on longstanding sites of wildlife migration, nesting and foraging, some that have existed for millennia. Habitat fragmentation and destruction threaten some species on the one hand, and provide increased opportunities for synanthropic species on the other. Wildlife often turns up in unlikely places, confounding long held presumptions of the division between the urban and the wild. What is our responsibility to nonhuman cohabitants in our midst? What are the limits and possibilities of an expanded sense of hospitality? Although the presence of wildlife in urban areas is hardly a new phenomenon, we are witnessing growing efforts to understand and manage human wildlife encounters and human wildlife relations in cities. In this panel, there will be a discussion of the rising interest in and response to presence of wildlife in urban areas, including the complex assemblages of government, nongovernment organisations and citizen’s groups that have emerged over the past few decades to address human wildlife encounters. Your panelists will be:

- Sue Ruddick
- Leesa Fawcett
- Sue Bunce
- Justin Podur
- Jennifer Wolch
- John Hadidian

Animals and Politics

This panel focuses on the interaction of nonhuman animals and politics in a variety of ways with the aim of discussing the importance and impact of politics to nonhuman animals. The discussion that ensues will include, but not be limited to, the current political turn in interspecies studies, political issues that nonhuman animals face, how specific issues can be newly approached via a political lens, questions of how best to approach aiding nonhuman animals, the importance of political engagement for the movement, new approaches that draw on the political, issues the movement faces that can be overcome via a political approach, and nonhuman animals as political agents, as appropriate beings of political focus and inclusion, and as subjects that may benefit from political ideas as do humans. Your panelists will be:

- Mark Pearson MLC
- Greta Gaard
- Andrew Woodhall
- Kim Stallwood
- Peter Chen

Animals and Literature

This panel considers education as a practice of freedom, taking the focused study of affective literature as a vital instrument in the pursuit of earth’s survival. Judith Butler reminds us that affect follows framing, demanding a consideration of ‘the relation of affect to ethical and political judgment and practice’ (Frames of War, 2009). In the midst of the selective act of violence that frames humans as a species apart, we ask how the study of literature might differently represent Butler’s ‘sphere of appearance itself’. We approach this question in a speculative way. What might some of the futures for literary animal studies be? How might the nascent field of literary animal studies negotiate present and emerging literary genres and their unique intersections with animalities?

In what ways are contemporary approaches to literature shaped by the canon, when it comes to writing and reading nonhuman animals, and how might the posthuman project assist fresh readings of classic texts in literary animal studies? Is speculative fiction a special case or does the intertextual nature of literature declare such questions moot? Sherryl Vint reminds us of 'science fiction's long history of exploring the intricacies and pitfalls of communicating with another species' and the ways in which the speculative imagination can produce new potentialities for communicating with another species (Animal Alterity, 2010). As we engage in guerrilla pedagogies, bringing nonhuman animals into mainstream classrooms as we bring in our own bodies, we pause at Paolo Friere's instructions. Emancipatory pedagogy 'must be forged with, not for, the oppressed' (Pedagogies for the Oppressed, 1970). Can animal studies scholars create new ethical pedagogies as formalised courses in the light of this difficulty? Does creative writing and literary curricula need to move beyond institutional practices to speak in uncensored ways that make space for the voice of the oppressed? There are controversies enough in how literary animal scholars might approach the work of past, present and emerging authors who are writing with an acute awareness of human culpability in the marginalised lives and violent deaths of other species in this world. This panel seeks to explore such provocations that face literary animal scholars now speculating on ways to unsettle the humanist doxa of the humanities. Your panelists are:

- Susan Pyke
- Hayley Singer
- Evelyn Tsitas

Bioethics and Effective Cultural Change

Many experts now agree that biomedical research on nonhuman animals is both scientifically and morally problematic. In spite of this development, relatively few people within the biomedical research industry are attempting to move away from this practice. In this panel, the science, ethics, and politics of biomedical research on nonhuman animals (as well as other human uses of nonhuman animals) will be discussed. Consider will be made of the arguments for and against this practice, obstacles that stand in the way of progress on this issue, and strategies for effectively bringing about progress through activism, advocacy, education, and more. Your panelists are:

- Kathrin Herrmann
- Mary Trachel
- Kathleen Job
- Jeff Sebo

Final Panels to be announced in the next Bulletin

We have other panels planned and in an advanced stage of development. Details regarding these final panels will be announced in the next Minding Animals Bulletins in September:

- Animals and the LGBTIQ Communities
- Animals and Climate Change
- The Animal Shelter
- Marine Animals
- Animals, Zoos and Sanctuaries
- Animals and Indigenous Communities
- Animals in Literature
- Animals and Music
- Animals, History and Ethology
- Continental Philosophy
- Invertebrates and Human Interactions/The Bee

MAC4 Food Committee

To assist the MAC4 Organising Committee to provide delegates with the best vegan catering, we have appointed a food committee. Members of the food committee are:

Alfred U'Ren is a tenured professor at Instituto de Ciencias Nucleares, UNAM, in Mexico City, where he leads his institute's Quantum Optics Laboratory. He obtained his doctorate in optics at the University of Rochester, has authored nearly 50 articles in refereed journals, has received numerous awards including the Research Prize in Exact Sciences from the Mexican Academy of Sciences, and is a member at level III, the highest, of the National System of Researchers. He grew up in a vegetarian family, and together with his wife, Cristina, he became strictly vegan four years ago as part of a life long commitment to health, the environment, and the well being of all sentient beings.

Cristina Porras is the director of personal banking at Grupo Financiero Banregio, overseeing mortgages, credit cards, and personal insurance amongst other banking services. She was the first ever female director of mortgage banking in the Mexican banking system and advocates for women's rights. Cristina holds an undergraduate degree in civil engineering from UNAM, and a Master's degree in finance from EGADE Business School at Tecnológico de Monterrey. In her early twenties she became vegetarian and has been strictly vegan for over four years. Together with her husband, Alfred, she is raising a vegan six month old baby as part of her life long commitment to health, the environment, and the well being of all sentient beings.

Elizabeth Dechant, CPA, is a cofounder of Temictli, a plant-based food project, started in 2015 and located in Mexico City. She has been involved in social justice initiatives for several years, as a finance manager for a leading human rights organisation based in Chicago and as an organiser in various animal rights and environmental activist groups in Chicago and Western Pennsylvania.

Rosa Linda Fragoso leads the committee and is a cofounder of Temictli, a plant based food project located in Mexico City. From its beginnings in early 2015, Temictli has been a pioneer in creating healthy and balanced vegan meals in CDMX using sustainable and local food sources, supplies, and delivery techniques. Within her commitment to work in the community, Rosa Linda is currently working with local food manufacturers to help bring their products to a growing vegan market and assisting to conserve their families' recipes and practices. Rosa Linda also has backgrounds in philosophy specialising in ethics, studies in cinema and photography and holds a Masters degree in psychoanalysis.



Book Recommendations

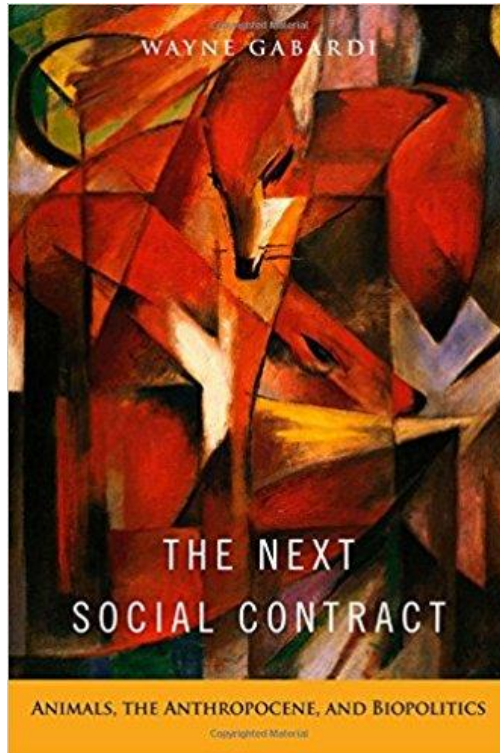
We would like to highly recommend the following Animal Studies publication for our readers:

The Next Social Contract: animals, the Anthropocene, and biopolitics

Author: Wayne Gabardi

Publisher: Temple University Press

Publication: 2017



In his latest book, *The Next Social Contract*, Wayne Gabardi rigorously considers the fate of animals in the twenty first century. He claims that if we are to address the challenges raised by the Anthropocene – the period where nonhuman beings tend to be mere extras, often subsumed under the umbrella notion of ‘nature’ – we need to radically rethink our basic ethical outlook and develop a new, ‘more-than-human’ social contract. Gabardi's wide ranging and multidisciplinary analysis focuses on four principal battlegrounds of animal biopolitics in the twenty first century: the extinction of wild animals, the crisis of oceanic animals, industrialised farm animals and the future of industrial agribusiness, and the situation of contact zone animals moving into human occupied habitats. In his recasting of the social contract, Gabardi envisions a culture shift in human animal relations toward posthumanism that features the ethical and political prioritisation of animal life so it is on par with that of human well being. We highly recommend this most provocative text.

Partner Events

5 to 8 September, 2017: Wageningen, The Netherlands

7th International Conference on the Assessment of Animal Welfare at Farm and Group Level

WAFL is an international scientific conference on the assessment of animal welfare at farm and group level. It is organised once every three years, and following the successful meeting in Clermont-Ferrand in 2014, it will next be held in Wageningen, The Netherlands. Please visit the website <http://www.wafl2017.com/> for details about the programme and instructions about registration that has already opened (early bird closes 1 June, 2017). Please note that scientific abstract submissions has closed, but WAFL is still looking for pitches to present innovations which improve animal welfare. Just let the organisers know if you have a good idea!

3 October, 2017: Morelia, México

Terra Zoo Polis: Reflexiones y acciones para la cohabitación en la tierra devastada

This free event, conducted in Spanish, is the second Minding Animals Pre-conference event hosted by Facultad de Filosofía at the Universidad Michoacana de San Nicolás de Hidalgo, our co-host for MAC4 in Ciudad de México. Register through facebook Minding Animals/ Animales en Mente.

For information, please contact: contact@mindinganimals4.umich.mx

5 to 6 October, 2017: London, England

Extinction and Livestock Conference

Compassion in World Farming and WWF are hosting their first ever conference to explore the impact of livestock production on the future of life on Earth. Livestock production and its use of finite resources is devastating biodiversity and pushing wildlife to the brink of extinction. With millions of people malnourished and the planet in peril, it's vital to move towards humane and sustainable food systems.

The conference will examine the destructive effects of livestock production on the environment, animals and people as well as hearing case studies of solutions being implemented around the world. This international conference will bring together diverse interests, including, animal protection, conservation, agriculture, the environment, climate change, ethics, economics, healthy and sustainable diets, food policy, food security and food business – and act as a catalyst for future collaboration and solution development.

Confirmed speakers from science, academia, government, industry and society include, World Food Prize winner, Hans Herren, Hilal Elver, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, award winning activist Raj Patel, Frank Hu, Katherine Richardson, Karl Falkenberg, Carl Safina, Dave Goulson, and Britain's best-loved environmentalist, Jonathan Porritt, to name but a few.

Compassion in World Farming's CEO, Philip Lymbery, said: "Intensive farming causes immense harm to wildlife, people and the environment and is one of the biggest drivers of species extinction and biodiversity loss on the planet. We must stop this ruthless destruction before it is too late. The Extinction and Livestock Conference will bring together people, organisations and businesses from all over the world to play their part in shaping the solutions that we so desperately need. I would urge anyone with a professional or personal interest in wildlife, farming, animal welfare, the environment or human health to join us in this vital process".

Glyn Davies, WWF' Executive Director of Global Programmes, said: "The decline of species is reaching a critical point, and we cannot ignore the role of unsustainable livestock production. If nature is to recover, we need to work together and encourage sustainable farming systems which will limit pollution, reduce habitat loss and restore species numbers. The Extinction and Livestock conference is a launch pad for action on this global issue".

Supporting partners for the conference are BirdLife International, University of Winchester, the European Environmental Bureau and the Alliance of Religions and Conservation. A limited number of free registrations available following a successful application (via a short email) explaining how you might contribute to the conference discussions and how the conference would help your area of work. See full details see the website.

Venue: Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London

Register now at <http://www.extinctionconference.com> Early bird rate available until 1 August.



21 to 23 November, 2017: Milton Keynes, England

ACI2017: Fourth International Conference on Animal-Computer Interaction

ACI is the main international conference on Animal Computer Interaction (ACI), a rapidly growing field that focuses on the interaction between animals and computing enabled technology. Animals have been exposed to, and have interacted with, technology for the best part of a century; for example, in conservation studies, behavioural experiments, comparative cognition studies, precision farming and various support roles. But how does technology affect animals in their individual and social lives? How does it enable or disable their natural or learned behaviours? How does it influence their experience? And how does its impact upon their welfare?

This year, the conference theme is *improving relations*. While we invite any ACI-related contributions from any relevant disciplines, we particularly welcome contributions that focus on the improvement of human-animal relations or relations between other animals. For further information, please visit: www.aci2017.org or see: [#aci2017conf](https://twitter.com/aci2017conf)

Partner Announcement

COURSES ON ANIMAL WELFARE SCIENCE, ETHICS AND LAW, 2017

CAWSEL will return to St. Catharine's College, Cambridge, between 10 and 22 September, 2017. Aimed at veterinarians, veterinary nurses (working in practice or for government or animal charities), animal welfare researchers, animal science researchers, FE, HE, Masters or PhD students and animal charity workers/campaigners, the four Courses are designed to give all a solid background in animal welfare science, ethics and law. Delegates can choose to attend as many Courses as they wish, all being taught and priced individually.

A total of 15 experts in the field of animal welfare, all eminent academics and professionals, are involved in delivering the material over the two weeks, through a combination of lectures, videos and discussions. Historically, the course has attracted students from over 25 countries.

We take online registrations only for all four Courses. Find out more including fees and available grants on the official website: www.cawsel.com

For more information on this course, contact Rose Padmore or Madalina Marincas at Opening Doors & Venues, the appointed organisers:

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Useful links:

<http://cawsel.com/>

<https://twitter.com/CAWSEL1>

<https://www.facebook.com/CAWSEL/>

MAC5 Call for Nominations

This is the second call for expressions of interest to host the 5th Minding Animals Conference in 2021. Expressions of Interest (EOIs) are invited from academic institutions and or larger animal protection organisations (including collaborations) that can organise and host a large conference of potentially over 500 participants. We are especially interested in receiving EOIs from the Europe, Africa and Oceania. If you are interested, please send EOI to: mindinganimals@gmail.com with MAC5 in the subject line.

Notice of Resignations from and Call for Nominations to the Minding Animals Board

The Board now calls for two nominations to the Board. Candidates are asked to provide a statement in support of their nomination. No seconders are required, although references/names of referees are encouraged. Nominations should be sent to: mindinganimals@gmail.com

NOMINATIONS EXTENDED TO 31 AUGUST, 2017

We especially welcome nominations for the position of Secretary. You must have expertise in this area and be able to assist the Chair and Executive Director in their tasks, or as may arise. Expertise in taking minutes and interpreting Board deliberations is a requirement. We would also like nominations from individuals who have an interest in constitutional development. The Articles of Association of the Board now need further development as the Board and the organisation develops.

Candidates should be committed to making a difference to and building animal studies as a transdiscipline, and to animal protection more generally. Candidates must also be committed to team work, show an aptitude for fundraising, have academic and or activist experience, and be willing to be a part of an active Board structure. Minding Animals celebrates diversity, including gender, age and ethnicity. Nominations reflecting diversity are especially welcome.

[Note that longevity of service is open-ended due to legal and constitutional limitations of the organisation. Legal liability is limited and MAI Inc. has management insurance. Further, Board members are responsible and accountable in all matters pertaining to and for the Board. Board members can resign at any time or be removed if found to be in contravention to the Articles of Association, or acting against the interests of the organisation or the Board.]

