



ASRI MAY UPDATE

Voices in Vegan Studies (ViVS)

Lecture Series hosted by Arihanta Institute

<https://voices.arihantainstitute.org/>

- Jonathan Dickstein, Assistant Professor, Arihanta Institute
- Inaugural Lecture - May 20th 9:00 - 10:30 am PDT
- “A Unifying Vegan Horizon”

Series includes nine talks starting in May and ending in December 2024.



EVENTS – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

Center for Animal Law



MCGOWAN SOUTH ROOM 105
1110 West Belden Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614

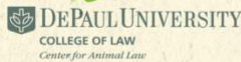
Join us for a thought-provoking screening “The Smell of Money”, a documentary shedding light on the corporate influence on agriculture and the environment.

Panel Discussion and Plant-Based Reception with:
Jamie Berger, Writer & Producer, “The Smell of Money”
Krissy Kasserman, Factory Farm Organizing Director, Food & Water Watch

RSVP with the QR code or at
<https://SmellofMoneyDePaul.eventbrite.com>



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EVENTS – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

SUMMER LECTURES

'The Fly in the Ointment: The Problem and Promise of Insect Law and Ethics'

- Rajesh Reddy (Lewis & Clark Law School)
- May 9th (9 am – 10:30 am PST; 5 pm - 6.30pm GMT)



CAMBRIDGE CENTRE FOR
ANIMAL RIGHTS LAW

'The Rise and Fall of Animal Experimentation'

- Richard Miller (Northwestern University)
- May 29th (9 am – 10:30 am PST; 5 pm - 6.30pm GMT)

'Canis unfamiliaris: Species Stories and Species Categories'

- Mariam Motamedi-Fraser (Goldsmiths University)
- June 6th (9 am – 10:30 am PST; 5 pm - 6.30pm GMT)

Events are free and open to all. For more information about the talks and to register to receive the Zoom links please visit the [Cambridge Centre for Animal Rights Law website](#).

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4th Annual UK Animal Law Conference 2024: **Innovating Toward a Better Legal Future for Animals**

- **May 29-30, 2024**
- Co-hosted with the Animals, Nature & Society Research Stream (Birmingham City University)
- In person and online sessions
- more about current issues in animal law, find out the latest postgraduate research topics and meet like-minded people.
- [Event page](#)

NEWS – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

The New York Declaration on Animal Consciousness

nydeclaration.com

- Which animals have the capacity for conscious experience? While much uncertainty remains, some points of wide agreement have emerged.
- First, there is strong scientific support for attributions of conscious experience to other mammals and to birds.
- Second, the empirical evidence indicates at least a realistic possibility of conscious experience in all vertebrates (including reptiles, amphibians, and fishes) and many invertebrates (including, at minimum, cephalopod mollusks, decapod crustaceans, and insects).
- Third, when there is a realistic possibility of conscious experience in an animal, it is irresponsible to ignore that possibility in decisions affecting that animal. We should consider welfare risks and use the evidence to inform our responses to these risks.

This short statement, signed by leading scientists who research a wide range of taxa, holds that all vertebrates (including reptiles, amphibians, and fishes) and many invertebrates (including cephalopod mollusks, decapod crustaceans, and insects) have a realistic chance of being conscious, and that their welfare merits consideration.

The declaration received wide media coverage, including [Nature](#), [NBC](#), [Quanta](#), [The Hill](#), and [The Times](#).

- Signatures are welcome from anyone with relevant expertise (instructions [here](#)), and
- We hope this declaration can be useful for advocates, policymakers, or anyone else working to extend consideration to previously neglected animals, particularly (but not exclusively) invertebrates.

NEWS IN LAW (BROOKS ANIMAL LAW DIGEST – CANADA EDITION)

Highlights from the Brooks Animal Law Digest – Canada Edition

Read the full current issue online: [Issue 67](#)

Canada

- April 18, 2024 – [British Columbia Court Grants Joint Custody of Dog Under New Family Law](#)
- April 18, 2024 – [Federal Bill to Ban Live Horse Export for Slaughter Passes House of Commons Committee](#)
- April 23, 2024 – [Undercover Investigation Exposes Conditions in Canadian Egg Farms](#)
- April 17, 2024 – [Federal Bill Defining Coercive Control Now Includes Animals](#)
- April 25, 2024 – [RCMP Investigating Illegal Slaughter and Dealing of Sheep and Goats in Southern Alberta](#)

International Spotlights

- April 21, 2024 – [Belfast Endorses Plant Based Treaty](#)
- April 22, 2024 – [Global Declaration Suggests Most Animals Are Sentient](#)

Academic Spotlights

- April 15, 2024 – [Academic Article Examines Evolving Legal Status of Nonhuman Animals](#)
- Visa AJ Kurki, [A Bird's-Eye View of Animals in the Law](#) (2024) *Modern Law Review*.

Subscribe to the Brooks Animal Law Digest (including **Canada Edition**): <https://thebrooksinstitute.org/digest-signup>

NEWS ON ANIMALS

“In Difficult Times for Humanity, Animals Can Unite Us”

Marsha Lederman, *The Globe and Mail*, May 1, 2024

A recent opinion article in *The Globe and Mail* explores the widespread response to the orca calf *kwiisahi?is* orphaned in a Vancouver Island lagoon.

Maneesha Deckha, Academic Director of the Animals & Society Research Initiative, and Victoria Shroff, adjunct professor of animal law at the University of British Columbia, are quoted in the article.

“We can understand that animals have families, and mothers often care deeply for their children in non-human worlds too.”

Read more at <https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-in-difficult-times-for-humanity-animals-can-unite-us/>

ANIMAL LAW COURSES

Registration is now open for the summer session at Vermont Law and Graduate School.

Residential and online courses include the Science of Animal Law and Policy, Undercover Investigations of Animal Operations, Animals in the Law, Biodiversity Conservation, and the Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic, and more!

Opportunities to audit or for credit for law, LLM, graduate, and undergraduate students, attorneys, and life-long learners.

Visit bit.ly/AnimalLawSummer to learn more.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

Call for papers: “The Ethics of Using Assisted Reproduction Technologies (ART) on Wild Animals”

Journal of Applied Animal Ethics Research

Editors: Barbara de Mori, Maneesha Deckha

Deadline: September 1st, 2024

Species conservation is one of the most pressing issues of our times.

Assisted reproductive technologies (ART) are a very efficient tool to address some of the challenges we are facing in the effort to reverse species decline.

However, ARTs pose also new ethical challenges that deserve to be addressed....

This Special issue of JAAE welcomes commentaries, original research or review articles and perspectives contributions regarding the ethics of using assisted reproductive technologies on wild animals for the purpose of species conservation.



Instructions for authors

All papers should be in English (either UK or USA, but not a mixture of the two), be original and deal with relevant ethical issues. Papers may be full ones, Perspectives or short communications. Submission of an article for publication in any of Brill's journals implies that you have read and agreed to Brill's Ethical and Legal Conditions. For downloading full Author Instructions see:

<https://brill.com/view/journals/jaae>

FEATURE: ASRI GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWS



ASRI Graduate Student Fellow – Ruthana Slob

Ruthana completed her Bachelor of Theatre at the Amsterdam University of the Arts and a Master of Education in Arts at the University of the Arts Utrecht. Ruthana had the opportunity to work with professional (international) performing arts companies, art schools and art funds, as well as in policy making with (local) governments and as a researcher with multiple research institutes. Ruthana also holds multiple degrees in life coaching and runs a practice for children, adults and professionals; in her practice she works with a wide variety of methods, including art-, nature- and animal assisted interventions.

Ruthana's drive to support the space where performing arts, animal studies and social change come together has led her to a doctorate program in Applied Theatre at the University of Victoria. With her (practice-based) research Ruthana explores how applied theatre can play a role in (ecological) identity building of young people between 12 and 18 years old in multiple cultures. Through her research Ruthana aims to bring more awareness to the interconnectedness of humans, animals and nature.

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Refer to external contacts and information directly.

We acknowledge with respect the Lekwungen peoples on whose traditional territory the university stands and the Songhees, Esquimalt and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical relationships with the land continue to this day.