



ASRI SEPTEMBER 2024 UPDATE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tue, Oct 29, 2024

FREE

ONLINE EVENT



ASRI Distinguished Lecture Series - Dr. Stacy Banwell

11:30am - 1:00pm PDT

Animals & Society Research Initiative

Protecting Nonhuman Animals from Ecological Destruction:
Should We Introduce the Crime of Animal Ecocide?

It is estimated that, globally, greenhouse gas emissions from factory farming comprise 14.5% of all greenhouse gas emissions (ASPCA, 2022). In addition, the invasion and destruction of land for animal agriculture has implications for climate change: the 2019/20 Australian bushfires killed billions of nonhuman animals. The crime of ecocide recognizes severe and either widespread or long-term damage to the environment. Absent is explicit reference to the impact on the natural environment of nonhuman animals. Offering an original analysis of the crime of animal ecocide, this lecture considers our ethical obligations to protect nonhuman animals from anthropogenic climate change.

Biography

[Stacy Banwell](#) is Professor of Criminology at the University of Greenwich. Her research interests include conflict-related sexual and reproductive violence; gender, climate change and atrocity crimes; and multi-species justice. Prof Banwell is writing her third monograph: *An Intersectional Analysis of Climate Change and Atrocity Crimes: Life on Earth is in Crisis*. She is Co-PI on the EU Horizon/UKRI project - [Transformative Change for Biodiversity and Equity](#), looking at rights of nature, ecocide and legal personhood.

[Pre-Register](#) for your Zoom link and the advance paper

EVENTS – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

BOOK RELEASE: 10 years of Critical Animal Studies at Lund University (online and in-person)

- **Thursday 12 September 7:00 EDT / 13:00 CEST / 21:00 AEST**
- Online via <https://lu-se.zoom.us/j/61864111507>
- More on <https://www.facebook.com/LundUniversityCASNetwork>
- The book is available for free via <https://portal.research.lu.se/en/publications/reimagining-species-relations-a-decade-of-studying-and-teaching-c>

In celebration of the newly published collection of essays, “Reimagining Species Relations: A Decade of Studying and Teaching Critical Animal Studies at Lund University” to mark the 10th anniversary of Critical Animal Studies at Lund University, the Lund University Critical Animal Studies Network (LUCASN) welcome everyone to its online release with some of the authors.

University of Toronto: Animals in the Law and Humanities Working Group presents:

Animals in the Law and
Humanities Working Group**“Save from
Suffering”: Eugenics
and Animal
Euthanasia in the
Early Twentieth-
Century Humane
Movement**Tuesday
17 SEPTEMBERTime
4:00 - 5:00 PM EST

VIRTUAL

**SPEAKER**
DR. KAT POJE

- Tuesday September 17, 2024, 4pm - 5pm EST
- Virtual: <https://utoronto.zoom.us/j/86121245448> (Meeting ID: 861 2124 5448)

Abstract:

Taking the American humane movement and its conception of animal euthanasia as a case study, this article pushes for a more expansive understanding of the multi-species nature of eugenics as it was developed in the early twentieth-century United States. Not only did animals serve as experimental models for eugenic theories, their place in human society was indelibly shaped by eugenic thinking and its influence on the Progressive-era American humane movement. Reading together the child welfare and animal sheltering efforts of humane organizations, this article highlights how the family policing practices deployed by humane groups, from child removal to animal euthanasia, were rooted in a eugenicist commitment to supporting so-called fit families (usually white, middle-class, and American) and containing or even eliminating so-called unfit families (usually nonwhite, working-class, and immigrant). Attending to this history illuminates a much closer link between the science of eugenics and the practice of euthanasia in the United States than typically assumed in the historiography.

For further workshop information contact events.law@utoronto.ca**EVENTS – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS****Canadian Animal Law Conference**

- September 27-29, 2024
- Toronto Metropolitan University
- Presented by Animal Justice
- Includes Student Conference Sept. 27th

The Canadian Animal Law Conference is a jam-packed, one-of-a-kind event bringing together animal lawyers, scholars, advocates, and students to learn, reflect, and collaborate on building a better legal system for animals.

<https://www.canadiananimallawconference.ca>

EVENTS – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS

32nd Annual Animal Law Conference

- October 18-20, 2024
- Portland, Oregon and Online
- Keynote Speaker: [Ethan Brown](#) - Founder, President and CEO, Beyond Meat

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Same link, new look: <https://uvic.ca/asri>



Brooks Animal Law Digest Canada Edition

Highlights from the Brooks Animal Law Digest – Canada Edition

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Canada

- August 16, 2024 – [Marineland Fined \\$85,000 for Animal Welfare Violations Related to Treatment of Bears](#)
- August 16, 2024 – [Federal Government Invests \\$350,000 in Technology to Reduce Toxicity Testing on Animals](#)
- August 12, 2024 – [World Animal Protection Canada Petitions for Plant-Based Food Initiatives](#)
- August 9, 2024 – [Petition Calls on Ottawa to Introduce Ban on No-Pet Clauses in Rental Agreements](#)
- August 6, 2024 – [Poll Finds Majority of British Columbians Support Ban on Fur Farming](#)

International Spotlights

- August 15, 2024 – [Greenland Court Orders Anti-Whaling Activist Paul Watson to Remain in Custody Pending Extradition Decision](#)
- August 12, 2024 – [Massachusetts Signs Bill to Prohibit Circuses from Using Certain Animals in Performances](#)

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RECENT PRESENTATIONS – WATCH THE VIDEO

Voices in Vegan Studies – Speaker Series

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

- Maneesha Deckha, University of Victoria
- Lecture – August 19th, 2024
- “Culture, Race, Veganism: Navigating the Tensions to Keep Animals in View”



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