



To further the creation of a sustainable and just world, and for the advancement of science, the question posed by Alfred McClung Lee, "Sociology for whom?" should be answered: sociology for all humans and other animals

David Nibert (2003, p.22)

Forty years ago, Clifton Bryant challenged sociologists to address their neglect of the 'zoological connection' in order to better understand the social world we share with other animals. In the decades that followed, socio-ecological studies of animals – that have developed the sociological imagination in different ways – have grown significantly. As a result, we have a burgeoning body of research to inform our understandings of multispecies entanglements as they relate to various social contexts. This ranges from insights on lived inter-species relationships and the structural conditions that underpin them, to the complex interplay of resistance and conformity that accompany any struggle towards a sustainable and just world. This collective knowledge has never been more needed than it is right now. 2020 has been a year of cataclysms and crises, with pandemics, bushfires, floods and other manifestations of our changing climate wreaking havoc on the integrity and stability of social and ecological systems. These disturbances are unmistakably intertwined with more-than-human relations and how living entities engage with and impact on the materiality of the world. We can no longer choose to ignore the zoological connection, nor the devastating impacts humans have had on our shared planet. The pursuit of a sustainable and just world cannot be postponed any longer.

This is a discussion that sociologists working in multispecies fields are well placed to inform. To this end, the Australian Sociological Association's 'Sociology & Animals Thematic Group', the American Sociological Association's 'Society & Animals Section' and the Canadian Sociological Association's 'Animals in Society' research cluster have united to present an online showcase of cutting-edge research in the animal studies domain. This event will bring together research and researchers that critically explore aspects of human-nonhuman animal entanglements, and it will broadcast this research to a wide audience so that this research might inform pursuits of a more just and sustainable future: whatever that might transpire to be.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8 ~ AUSTRALIA SESSION (ADELAIDE TIME)

KEYNOTE TALK (AUS-KEY)

AUS-KEY: 11:00AM-12:00PM

Nik Taylor, *University of Canterbury*
An Animal Sociology of Interconnecting Oppressions

REGULAR TALKS (AUS 1–3)

AUS 1: 12:15PM-1:15PM

Alexandra Ridgway, *The University of Hong Kong*
Human and Non-Human Relations in Migrant Women's Post-Divorce Family Lives

Briohny Walker and Ruby Grant, *University of Tasmania*
"I Know the Animals... and It Feels like Home": A Qualitative Analysis of Older Lesbians' Inter-species Community in Rural Tasmania

Melissa Laing, *RMIT University*
Towards a Framework for a Critically Posthumanist Social Work

AUS 2: 1:30PM-2:30PM

Zoei Sutton, *The University of Adelaide*
Vegans in the Dog House: On Challenging Speciesism in Research for Companion Animals

Nick Pendergrast, *University of Melbourne*
Who is to Blame for Harm to Animals?

Josephine Browne, *Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research*
The Sociology of Disenfranchised Grief Among Vegans: Altering Discourses to Reconsider Vegan Worldviews

AUS 3: 2:45PM - 3:45PM

Katherine Calvert, *Deakin University*
Sociology and Ethology in Human-Horse Studies and the Politics of Veganism

Amit Kaushik* *Ambedkar University Delhi*
'Jungle ki gai': Nilgai Representation in India

Gavin Smith, *Australian National University*
Making Sense of Snake Encounters

*This talk will not be recorded.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8 ~ UK/EUROPE SESSION (LONDON TIME)

KEYNOTE TALK (LON-KEY)

LON-KEY: 12:00PM-1:00PM

Matthew Cole, Iris Craane, and Kate Stewart, *Open University and Nottingham-Trent University*
The Donald Watson Archive Research Project

REGULAR TALKS (LON 1-3)

LON 1: 1:15PM-2:15PM

Lynda M. Korimboccus, *Independent Scholar*
Peppa Pig and Fingerless Fish: Not Seeing the Wood for the Trees

Lina Benjelloun and Jake Sallaway-Costello, *University of Nottingham*
Posthuman Pedagogies: teaching the social construction of the diet beyond anthropocentrism

Jake Sallaway-Costello, *University of Nottingham*
Voice, Visibility and Veganism: Reimagining Salutogenesis through Posthuman Activism

LON 2: 2:30PM-3:30PM

Roger Yates, *University College Dublin*
The Battle of Ideas. The Generational Fight for the Heart of Veganism

Heather Alberro, *Nottingham Trent University*
The 'Self' is Always Already a 'We': Critical Posthuman Reflections on Multispecies Assemblages Amid the Anthropocene

Catherine Oliver, *University of Cambridge*
Embodied Knowledges, Ethico-political Care and Veganism's Transformative World-making Potentials

LON 3: 3:45PM - 4:45PM

Jonathan Turnbull and Adam Searle, *University of Cambridge*
Nature Buffering: Liveness, Liveliness, and the Digital Animal Encounter

Brett Mills and Claire Parkinson, *University of East Anglia and Edge Hill University*
Multispecies Storytelling

Federica Timeto, *Ca' Foscari University*
A Naturalcultural Bestiary of Agencies

Maria Martelli, *Institute for Social Solidarity/Independent Scholar*
"Love is in the Details": Animal Agency through Photography within Animal Sanctuaries

SATURDAY AUGUST 8 ~ NORTH AMERICA SESSIONS (TORONTO/NEW YORK TIME)**KEYNOTE TALK (NA-KEY)**

NA-KEY: 12:00 - 1:00PM

Elizabeth Cherry, *Manhattanville College*

Emancipatory Vegan Sociology: Where are We Going? Where have We Been?

REGULAR TALKS (NA 1-2)

NA 1: 1:15PM - 2:15PM

Corey Wrenn, *University of Kent*

A Survey of American Sociologists

Stephanie Belland and Eric Legge, *MacEwan University*

The Psychological Cost of Animal Rescue

Yasmin Koop-Monteiro, *University of British Columbia*

Earthling Ties and Moral Cries: Theorizing Recruitment into Animal Rights Activism

NA 2: 2:30PM - 3:30 PM

Nicole Power, Jessica Melvin, and Charlie Mather, *Memorial University*

Fishy Entanglements and the Violence of Capitalism: The Case of Atlantic Salmon, Sea Lice and Lumpfish

Erek Smith, *Jacksonville State University*

Humanization and Dehumanization: A Social Construction Of Humans

BUSINESS MEETING

The International Association of Vegan Sociologists will be holding a business meeting at 6:30pm (Adelaide)/10am (London)/5am New York time. This meeting is open to all.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKERS

- The conference will be hosted on Zoom. The zoom link and password will be emailed to presenters and attendees in the week before the conference.
- Login 10 minutes before the actual start of the webinar for a technology check
- The webinar will go 'live' 5 minutes in advance to allow attendees to login and test their sound
- The session host (Rochelle, Sarah, Zoei, Gavin or Corey) will be opening the session and posting a welcome slide for the session.
- Rochelle, Sarah, Zoei, Gavin or Corey will be moderating the webinar and introducing you as a presenter
 - After you present, the moderator will read questions from the audience in the chat for you to respond
- The presenter will be responsible for operating their slide presentation (if applicable)
 - Have your presentation open on your computer
 - Select 'Share Screen' in green in your toolbar of the screen (you will see once logged in)
 - Click on the presentation and 'Slide Show' in the document
 - Remember to 'Stop Screen Share' when you finish presenting
 - You may choose to have a final slide on your presentation 'Questions' for attendees to view while you respond to questions
- The attendees will only be able to view the 'active speaker' and whatever is shared
 - If you do not wish to be viewed 'live' while speaking, please upload a picture in your zoom profile
 - Turn off your video and mute yourself when not speaking

EVENT ORGANIZERS

MS SARAH LINDSAY, ABD



Ms. Sarah May Lindsay (she/her) is a doctoral candidate (ABD) in Sociology at McMaster University. Ms. Lindsay's research areas include human-nonhuman animal relations; human and nonhuman animal shelters and housing; nonhuman companion animals; nonhuman animal use and abuse (abolitionism); environmentalism and social movements; disability, "disease", and deviance; and speciesism. She works from the intersectional perspective of Critical Animal Studies, considering the social psychological intricacies of individuals and society, and leveraging progressive pedagogy for social change. Ms. Lindsay's dissertation research surveys companion animal co-sheltering policies and practices at women's emergency shelters in Ontario, Canada. Recent publications include a co-authored introductory chapter on the connectivity of critical animal and critical disability studies; a comparative book review on

arthropods; and a co-authored policy report on body-worn cameras. Ms. Lindsay is also co-chair of CSA's Animals in Society research cluster and elected council to the ASA's Animals and Society section.

DR GAVIN JD SMITH



Gavin JD Smith ([@gavin_jd_smith](#)) is an Associate Professor in Sociology at the Australian National University. His current research explores the social impacts of - and implications attendant on - the rise and use of facial and other biometric recognition systems. Another interest is in the socio-ecological field, where he looks at the ambiguous figure of the snake in Australian society, and the routine forms of violence this creature endures as a result of its cultural framing. He is currently undertaking a multi-species, sensory ethnography which focuses on human-snake encounters and the practice of snake catching, to transform understandings of this boundary entity. He is also involved in various biopolitical and ecopolitical projects which analyse discourses of biodiversity and conservational practices in various field sites. Smith has published extensively on the biopolitics of surveillance, and his work appears in

leading journals such as *Body & Society*, *Big Data & Society*, *Critical Public Health*, *Theoretical Criminology*, *Surveillance & Society*, *The British Journal of Criminology*, *Journal of Medical Internet Research* and *Urban Studies*. His first book, *Opening the Black Box: The Work of Watching* (2015, Routledge) comprises an ethnographic analysis of the sensory and affective culture of CCTV camera operation. From 2011-2016, he was co-editor of the international journal, *Surveillance & Society*.



DR ROCHELLE STEVENSON

Dr. Stevenson (PhD, University of Windsor) is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Thompson Rivers University, co-chair of CSA's Animals in Society research cluster, and faculty member with the Animal and Interpersonal Abuse Research Group (AIPARG). Coming from an academic background in criminology, her core research interest is the area of domestic violence, concentrating on the intersection of interpersonal violence and violence against animals. Her research has looked at safe pet programs in Western Canada, examining the avenues available to women who want to leave an abusive relationship but do not want to leave their companion animal in a situation of potential harm, as well as conducting national surveys of both residents of domestic violence shelters and shelter staff on the issue of animal abuse and mistreatment. Her research projects have also approached the issue of interpersonal violence from a different perspective: that of men who had committed abuse against their partner. Interviewing incarcerated men about their relationships with their partners and their companion animals was illuminating, albeit sometimes difficult, research. Rochelle's work maintains an intersectional and anti-oppression foundation, that violence in any form needs to be named, understood, and stopped.



DR ZOEI SUTTON

Dr Zoei Sutton is a sociologist interested in critical, nonhuman animal-centric research. She is the co-founder of the International Association for Vegan Sociologists and co-created the Australian Sociological Association's Sociology & Animal thematic group which she currently convenes with Dr Gavin Smith. She is also a member of the ICAS Oceania collective. Her dissertation examined the lived experience of human-companion animal entanglements, utilising species inclusive methods to centre nonhuman animals' experiences and encourage critical reflection on them. Other recent projects have examined the construction of killable "pest" species in print media and the depoliticised treatment of nonhuman animals in sociological literature. Underlying this research is a deep commitment to research that is *for* nonhuman animals, rather than merely about them. You can keep up to date with Zoei's research by following her on [twitter](#) or [researchgate](#).



DR COREY WRENN

Dr. Wrenn is Lecturer of Sociology with the School of Social Policy, Sociology and Social Research (SSPSSR) and Co-Director of the Centre for the Study of Social and Political Movements at the University of Kent. She served as council member with the American Sociological Association's Animals & Society section (2013-2016), was elected Chair in 2018, and co-founded the International Association of Vegan Sociologists in 2020. She serves as Book Review Editor to *Society & Animals*, is a member of The Vegan Society's Research Advisory Committee, and hosts *Sociology & Animals Podcast*. In July 2013, she founded the Vegan Feminist Network, an academic-activist project engaging intersectional social justice praxis. She is the author of *A Rational Approach to Animal Rights: Extensions in Abolitionist Theory* (Palgrave MacMillan 2016), *Piecemeal Protest: Animal Rights in the Age of Nonprofits* (University of Michigan Press 2019), and *Animals in Irish Society* (SUNY Press 2021).

INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF VEGAN SOCIOLOGISTS



The International Association of Vegan Sociologists is a scholar-activist collective putting sociological theory and practice in the service of animal liberation and veganism. It was founded in May 2020 by Corey Wrenn, Chair of the Animals & Society Section of the American Sociological Association and Zoei Sutton, Co-Convener of the Australian Sociological Association's Sociology and Animals Thematic Group.

This association was formed to provide a platform for sociologists of a Critical Animal Studies background who recognize veganism and anti-speciesism as an ethical imperative in the discipline.

Our aim is to increase the visibility and legitimacy of vegan sociology, provide opportunities for career development, and facilitate transnational networking. We are completely volunteer-based.

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TASA SOCIOLOGY & ANIMALS THEMATIC GROUP



The Australian Sociological Association's Sociology and Animals Thematic Group aims to contribute to the idea of nonhuman animals as critical members, and stakeholders in societies, who co-produce 'the social' along with humans and other nonhumans. With the rise of human-animal scholarship, sociologists are increasingly recognising the importance of including non-human animals in our academic endeavours, and the urgency of studying animals as actors, as well as subjects of marginalisation in societies. The aim of the Sociology and Animals Thematic Group is to create a supportive network of scholars working in human-animal studies, critical animal studies and/or other animal-related areas to facilitate the exchange of ideas, critical discussion and coordination of relevant academic events. Our primary objectives are to:

- Critically consider the role of animals in society and highlight the necessity of their inclusion in Sociology;
- Encourage scholarship which decentre the inherent anthropocentrism in sociology, and expand its ambit of recognition to nonhumans; and
- Provide an avenue for animal scholars to network and present research to their peers within the discipline of Sociology.

We welcome all scholars conducting sociological research about, for, and/or with nonhuman animals.

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CSA ANIMALS IN SOCIETY RESEARCH CLUSTER



We are the **Animals in Society** research cluster (RC) of the Canadian Sociological Association (CSA)! As sociologists, we see value in scholarship that goes beyond an anthropocentric understanding of Canadian society, one that includes the non- or other-than-human and pays particular attention to “the question of the animal”. The work of this RC is inclusive, anti-oppressive, and critical in nature. Working from an interdisciplinary perspective, we seek to expand current interpretations of societal structures and institutions, social norms, practices, policies, and relations that involve humans and other beings. The Animals in Society RC recognizes and respects that **we are all animals in a shared society**.

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ASA SECTION ON ANIMALS AND SOCIETY



The purpose of the American Sociological Association’s Section on Animals and Society is to encourage and support the development of theory, research and teaching about the complex relationships that exist between humans and other animals. In the process, it is anticipated that the light we shed on these issues will increase the well-being of both humans, and other animals.

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