



Animals and Society

Fall 2018 Newsletter

Letter from the Chair

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Mission

The purpose of the 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.



It was wonderful to see many of you in Philadelphia. We are lucky to have such thoughtful scholars who are doing exciting and important research as member of Animals and Society.

I encourage our community to continue to pursue scholarship and teaching in animal studies, and also to engage in activism to improve the condition of all animals, including humans. Also, please promote our Section to other ASA members and teach people about the importance of understanding the many

connections between humans and other animals.

I am honored to serve as the Chair of our small but vibrant Section. I'll be working over the coming year to increase the visibility and membership of our Section and to plan for our next meeting. I'm already looking forward to our 2019 meeting in NYC.

I thank Liz Grauerholz for her outstanding service to the Section as Chair over the past year and her help and support now as the Past-Chair. We are lucky to have Corey Wrenn as our Chair-elect, as well as our other dedicated Officers and Council members, who will be working to advance the interests of our Section. Erin Kidder deserves special thanks for continuing to serve as the Editor of our newsletter.

I hope you enjoy this edition.

*Richard York
Chair, Section on Animals and Society of the ASA*

FEATURED RESEARCH



After lecturing on the topic of low food/animal oppression literacy among U.S. college students and asking those students to estimate the number of animals killed for food in the U.S., Corey Wrenn was shocked to learn the estimations. In Dr. Wrenn's words, "students were guessing outrageously low numbers like 10,000...or 2,000!" The following link to her blog essay summarizes her findings:

www.coreyleewrenn.com/effective_vegan_lecture/

Dr. Wrenn also had an article, "Free-Riders in the Non-Profit Industrial Complex: The Problem of Flexitarianism" published in *Society & Animals*. The article was also picked up by The Atlantic, which also includes an interview with our Section's past chair, Liz Cherry. Be sure to visit the following links to read more:

http://www.coreyleewrenn.com/Pubs/WRENN_2018_Flexitarian_Free-riders.pdf

The Atlantic article:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/health/archive/2018/08/freeloaders-social-movements-veganism/569020/>



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Jennifer Blevins Sinski, for successfully defending her dissertation titled "Gender and Leadership in Animal Sheltering Organizations" in April 2018. She has received her PhD in Applied Sociology from the University of Louisville. Way to go, Dr. Sinski! To learn more about Dr. Sinski's research, please visit:

<https://ir.library.louisville.edu/etd/2969/>



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Section Activities at the 2018 Annual Meetings

By Liz Grauerholz, Past-Chair

A great time was had by all who attended our Section activities in Philadelphia last August. Here's a quick recap.



A joint reception with the Section on Environmental Sociology where we got to reconnect with Section members and meet new folks.



ASA ANIMALS & SOCIETY SECTION NEWS

Our main research session focused on How Humans and Non-human Animals Co-exist and Interact in Society. Three presentations revealed fascinating ways non-human animals shape our lives.

Cameron Thomas Whitley's research "Assessing the Influence of Altruism and Interspecies Relationships on Perceptions of Hydraulic Fracturing" reminded us of how absent non-human animals are in the debates and discussions surrounding fracking, despite their vulnerability to its dangers; Liz Cherry's "For the Birds: Protecting Wildlife through the Naturalist Gaze" took the audience on a visual bird-watching "tour" and explored how bird-watchers develop a naturalist gaze (we also got a sneak-preview of her upcoming book); and Erin Evans' "Spokes in the Wheel: The Effects of Policy Reform on Mobilization" provided an insider's perspective on social movement organizations that advocate for animals, showing how policy reform relates to mobilization.



*Cameron Whitley (presenting),
Liz Cherry (middle), Erin Evans (right)*

Section Roundtables featured members' research on a wide range of topics such as wolf murderers (Alexander Simon), pit bull owners as subculture (Genevieve Minter), and animal rescue NPOs (Seven Mattes).



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ASA ANIMALS & SOCIETY SECTION NEWS

At the Section Business meeting we presented awards to our outstanding award winners.



Laurent Cilia (right), University of Colorado Boulder, winner of the Jane Goodall Award for Graduate Student Scholarship.



Elizabeth Cherry (left), Manhattanville College, received the Distinguished Scholarship Award for her book *Culture and Activism: Animal Rights in France and the United States*, Routledge.



Carol Thompson (left), winner of the Clinton Bryant Animals and Society Course Award.

For a complete list of section activities and information on research presented, go to <https://convention2.allacademic.com/one/asa/asa18/>

Animals Section Scholarship Awards – Call for Nominations

Jane Goodall Award for Graduate Student Scholarship

The Animals & Society section announces its call for nominations for the 2019 Jane Goodall Award for Graduate Student Scholarship. Papers may be empirical or theoretical, and they may address any aspect of animals and society. To be eligible, a paper must be authored by a current graduate student (or students). Unpublished and published papers, as well as those which have been presented at a professional meeting, are eligible. There is no page limit. When submitting your paper, please include a brief letter from your adviser certifying your graduate student status. Self-nominations are permitted; please include full contact information for yourself and the nominee.

Send nominations to committee chair, Carol Thompson: c.thompson@tcu.edu

The deadline for submitting nominations is March 1st, 2019

Award for Distinguished Scholarship

The Animals & Society section announces its call for nominations for the 2019 Distinguished Scholarship Award. The award will be given for distinguished scholarship in the form of an article to an author(s) whose work makes a significant empirical or theoretical contribution to the sociological understanding of animals and society. The article must have been published within the calendar years of 2017 or 2018. To nominate an article, please provide a PDF of the article, full citation information, and a letter outlining why you believe this work makes a substantial contribution to the field. Self-nominations are permitted; please include full contact information for yourself and the nominee.

Send nominations to committee chair, Carol Thompson: c.thompson@tcu.edu

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The Clifton Bryant Animals & Society Course Award

The ASA Section on Animals & Society seeks nominations for the 2019 Award for Outstanding Course on Animals & Society. To nominate someone, please send a letter to the Awards Committee indicating their name, their current curriculum vitae, a copy of the course syllabus, and a discussion of the nominee's distinguished contributions to undergraduate and/or graduate understandings of animals and society. Self-nominations are permitted; please include full contact information for yourself and the nominee.

Send nominations to committee chair, Carol Thompson: c.thompson@tcu.edu

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It's Election time...for ASA!

The Nominations Committee of the Section on Animals and Society invites nominations and self-nominations for the following positions:

Chair Elect

Student Representative

Council—2 positions (we are especially interested in student nominations)

Each is a 3 year term starting after the ASA annual meeting in August 2019. Nominees must be members of the ASA and the Section on Animals and Society. Those elected must be members throughout their 3 year term and are expected to attend the ASA annual meeting each year to participate in section business.

A description of the responsibilities associated with each position can be found in the section bylaws: http://www.asanet.org/sites/default/files/sec_42_animals_and_society_bylaws.pdf

Nominees should send a brief paragraph describing their interest in serving on the respective position or names of individuals you'd like to nominate to Liz Grauerholz, Nominations Committee Chair, at Elizabeth.grauerholz@ucf.edu

Please send nominations by October 31, 2018.

Thanks!

Liz Grauerholz
Chair, Nominations Committee
Section on Animals and Society



SECTION OFFICERS & COUNCIL

Officers

Chair: Richard York, University of Oregon 2019
Chair-Elect: Corey Wrenn, Monmouth University 2019
Past Chair: Elizabeth Grauerholz, University of Central Florida 2019
Section Secretary/Treasurer: Stephen Patrick Vrla, Michigan State University 2021
Student Representative: Elizabeth Kathryn Barna, Vanderbilt University 2019

Section Council

Erin Nicole Kidder, University of Central Florida 2019
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BECOME A MEMBER TODAY

You must be a member of the ASA to join the section. You can join the ASA or renew your membership online. Whether you renew electronically or through the mail, please remember to renew your membership in the section on Animals & Society at the same time. Remember that sections members are eligible for a 25% discount on subscriptions to the journal "Society & Animals."

Dues are only \$10.00 for regular and low income and \$5.00 for student members. Please encourage a friend, student, or associate to join us, too! Our younger and future members of the discipline seem especially aware of the many issues and concerns that arise within this subject area, and so we hope that their mentors will make them aware that this forum exists - and perhaps even sponsor a student's membership.

For more information, go to www.asanet.org/membership