

# Decolonizing Critical Animal Studies, Crippling Critical Animal Studies

## Conference Program

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## Tuesday, June 21

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. – Refreshments and Registration in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m. – WELCOME and DECOLONIZING CRITICAL ANIMAL STUDIES  
PLENARY PANEL WITH DINESH WADIWEL, KIM TALLBEAR, AND MANEESHA  
DECKHA, moderated by Billy-Ray Belcourt, in Humanities Centre L2**

**5:10 p.m. – meet behind the Humanities Centre for walking guides and rides to  
Narayanni's restaurant**

**5:30 p.m. – Dinner at Narayanni's Restaurant (vegan South Indian/South African  
cuisine), 10131 81 Avenue (dinner at participants' expense: \$15. for vegan buffet)**

## Wednesday, June 22

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – continental breakfast in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**9:00 – 10:00 a.m. – Concurrent Individual Papers**

A. Humanities Centre L2: *'Animal Crips' and Crippling Animal Liberation*

Chair: Frédéric Côté-Boudreau

Ryan Sweet, “Chickens with Cork Legs and Dogs with Dentures: Representations of Prostheticised Animals in Late Nineteenth-Century Periodicals”

Hannah Monroe, “Neurodiversity and Animal Liberation: Challenging Hegemonic Constructions of Normalcy”

B. Humanities Centre L3: *Indigenous Epistemologies*

Chair: Ben O'Heran

Danielle Taschereau Mamers, “Decolonizing the plains: bison life beyond colonial commodification”

Brandon Kerfoot, “Seals that club back: Animal Revenge in Alooook Ipellie's *Arctic Dreams and Nightmares*”

C. Humanities Centre L4: *Gender, Disability, and Animality*

Chair: Kelly Struthers Montford

Samuella Jo Johnson, “Institutionalized Space: Dehumanization and the Masking of Violence”

James Harley, “The Trouble with Animal Rights Activism: Emotion Work is Women's Work”

**10:00 – 10:15 a.m. – mini-refreshment break in the Humanities Centre Fish Bowl**

**10:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – CRIPPING CRITICAL ANIMAL STUDIES PLENARY PANEL  
WITH STEPHANIE JENKINS, SUNAURA TAYLOR, and A. MARIE HOUSER,  
moderated by Vittoria Lion, in Humanities Centre L3**

**12:00 – 1:00 – lunch in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**1:00 – 2:30 p.m. – Concurrent Individual Papers**

A. Humanities Centre L2: *Critical Engagements with the Work of Temple Grandin*

Chair: Lindsay Eales

Vasile Stănescu, “Lost in Translation: Temple Grandin, ‘Humane Meat’ and the Intersection of Oppression”

Vittoria Lion, “Disrupting Temple Grandin: Resisting a ‘Humane’ Face for Autistic and Animal Oppression”

B. Humanities Centre 2-19: *Settler Colonial Imaginings of Nature and Animals*

Chair: Billy-Ray Belcourt

Ben O’Heran, “Henry David Thoreau, the Unsettled Settler: Exploring Environmentalism as a Means of Usurping Indigenous Place-Thought”

Carina Magazzeni, “The Trouble with Taxidermy: Brad Isaacs and Animalium”

Rebekah Sinclair, “Guest, Pests, or Terrorists?: The Settler-Colonial Intelligibility of ‘Invasive Species’”

C. Humanities Centre L4: *Food and Justice*

Chair: Christiane Bailey

Fiona Probyn-Rapsey and Dinesh Wadiwel (Co-authors: Sue Donaldson, George Ioannides, Tess Lea, Kate Marsh, Astrida Neimanis, Annie Potts, Nik Taylor, Richard Twine, Stuart White), “Sydney’s sustainability and campus food justice workshop”

Samantha King, “Consuming Animals in Theory and Practice: Conversations with Indigenous and Postcolonial Studies Scholars on the Ethics and Politics of Food”

**2:30 – 3:00 p.m. – refreshment break in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**3:00 – 4:00 p.m. – PLENARY LECTURE BY ALISON KAHER, “SEEING ANIMALS: CRIP REFLECTIONS ON THE WORK OF SUNAURA TAYLOR,” moderated by Emilia Nielsen, in Humanities Centre L2**

**4:10 p.m. – Meet in front of the Humanities Centre for guides to Assiniboia Hall**

**4:15 – 6:00 p.m. – ART EXHIBITION OPENING: WORKS OF SUNAURA TAYLOR, and Wine and Cashew Cheese Reception in the FEM LAB (Feminist Exhibition Space), Assiniboia Hall (‘garden level’), CURATED BY MICHELLE MEAGHER**

**6:00 p.m. Dinner on your own**

Suggestions for vegetarian, vegan and vegan-friendly restaurants near campus:

Café Mosaics Vegetarian Restaurant (vegetarian/vegan, wheelchair accessible),  
10844 82 Avenue (Whyte Ave.)—a 15-minute walk from campus  
Visit: <http://www.cafemosaics.com/> Phone: (780) 433-9702

Noorish Conscious Eatery (entirely vegan, raw, wheelchair accessible if you use a back entrance; not good for nut allergies), 8440 109 Street—a 10-minute walk from campus  
Visit: <http://noorish.ca/> Phone: (780) 756-6880

Langano Skies Ethiopian Restaurant (veg\*-friendly, wheelchair accessible),  
9920 82 Avenue (Whyte Ave.)—a 30-minute walk from campus  
Visit: <http://langanoskies.com/> Phone: (780) 432-3334

Origin India (veg\*-friendly, not wheelchair accessible),  
10511 82 Avenue (Whyte Ave.)—a 20-minute walk from campus  
Phone: (780) 436-0556

The Buckingham (bar with extensive vegan pub food options, not wheelchair accessible),  
10429 82 Avenue (Whyte Ave.)—a 20-minute walk from campus  
Visit: <http://www.oldstrathcona.ca/Directory/641/the-buckingham> Phone: (780) 916-1557

Suggestion for a vegan restaurant on the North side of the river:

Padmanadi’s Restaurant (entirely vegan, Indonesian, Thai, Chinese and Indian cuisines, wheelchair accessible), 10740-101 Street  
Visit: <http://www.padmanadi.com/> Phone: (780) 428-8899

## Thursday, June 23

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. – continental breakfast in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m. – Concurrent Individual Papers**

A. Humanities Centre L2: *Global Perspectives on Interlocking Oppressions*

Chair: Jean-Philippe Crete

Fiona Probyn-Rapsey, ‘Dog whistling: Australian settler colonialism and the dingo’

Alexandra Isfahani-Hammond, "But American Indians Blessed the Animals Before Killing Them: Native Fetishes and Edible Others in Brazil"

Maria Elena Garcia, “Culinary Spectacles: Bodies and Violence in Peru’s Gastronomic Boom”

B. Humanities Centre L3: *Critical Animal/ Disability Studies*

Chair: Kelly Struthers Montford

Nancy Halifax and Chelsea Jones, “‘What kind of animal are you?’”

Chelsea Jones and Liz Shek-Noble, “What to Make of Lashawn Chan: An Overview of Critical Disability, Animal, and Post-colonial Studies’ Intersections in Southeast Asia and North America”

C. Humanities Centre L4: *Philosophical Perspectives on Interlocking Oppressions*

Chair: Alexis Shotwell

Angela Martin, “Affirmative Action for Animals?”

Syl Kocieda, “The spectre of not-quite-humans in the narrative of 'animality': Should we be talking about actual animals in animal advocacy?”

Frédéric Côté-Boudreau, "Enabling Autonomy for Animals and People with Cognitive Disabilities"

**10:30 – 10:45 a.m. – mini-refreshment break in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. – PLENARY PANEL ON INDIGENOUS FOOD POLITICS, with BILLY-RAY BELCOURT, “RESERVE DYING AND THE TASTE OF NON-SOVEREIGNTY,” and MARGARET ROBINSON, “ALL MY (BLOOD) RELATIONS: INDIGENOUS RELATIONALITY IN VEGAN FUTURE,” moderated by Susanne Luhmann, in Humanities Centre L3**

**12:00 – 1:00 p.m. – lunch in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**1:00 – 2:15 p.m. - BOOK PANELS**

A. Humanities Centre L2: Book panel on **Dinesh Joseph Wadiwel’s *The War Against Animals*** (Brill Press, 2015)

Chair: Chloë Taylor

Panelists: Vasile Stănescu and Kelin Emmett

Respondent: Dinesh Joseph Wadiwel

B. Humanities Centre 2-19: Book panel on **Claire Jean Kim’s *Dangerous Crossings: Race, Species and Nature in a Multicultural Age*** (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

Chair: Angela Martin

Panelists: Kelly Struthers Montford and Christiane Bailey

Respondent: Claire Jean Kim

C. Humanities Centre L4: Book panel on **Sunaura Taylor’s *Beasts of Burden: Animal and Disability Liberation*** (New Press, forthcoming in 2016)

Chair: Danielle Peers

Panelists: Alexis Shotwell and Joshua St. Pierre

Respondent: Sunaura Taylor

**2:15 – 2:45 p.m. – refreshment break in the Humanities Centre Fish Bowl**

**2:45 – 3:45 p.m. – PLENARY LECTURE BY CLAIRE JEAN KIM, “TAXONOMIES OF POWER,” moderated by Fiona Probyn Rapsey, in Humanities Centre L2**

**3:45 – 4:00 p.m. – mini-refreshment break in the Humanities Centre Fishbowl**

**4:10 p.m. – meet behind the Humanities Centre for rides to F.A.R.M.M.**

**5:00 – 8:00 p.m. visit to F.A.R.R.M. (farm sanctuary) and vegan bbq**

Please note: throughout the conference, Humanities Centre 2-34 is available as a quiet space for conference participants who would like to rest.