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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The AASA Conference Committee acknowledges that the 2017 ‘Animal Intersections’ Conference is held on the traditional country of the Kaurna people of the Adelaide Plains, and pays respect to Elders past and present. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.
ABOUT THE AUSTRALASIAN ANIMAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION (AASA)

Our mission is to activate a community of animal studies scholars, scientists, creative artists and animal advocates. To encourage cross-national and disciplinary exchange and, more particularly, to promote work that has animals and human-animal relations in Australasia as a focus.

Our vision is for animals and their relationships with humans and environments to be at the forefront of humane and rigorous scholarly, scientific and artistic enquiry. And for this cross-disciplinary intellectual and creative work to inform and infiltrate the treatment and understanding of animals in national, state and local educational institutions, industries and decision making forums.

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Denise Russell Postgraduate Prize for Animal Ethics ($250)

This prize will be awarded to a postgraduate student presenter in recognition of the outstanding contribution of their research to Animal Ethics. The decision to award the prize is made by the Executive Committee of the Australasian Animal Studies Association (AASA). The prize is named after Denise Russell for her lifetime commitment to the field of Animal Ethics.

About Denise Russell:
Denise Russell is an Honorary Research Fellow in the Philosophy Program at the University of Wollongong. She is the author of Women, Madness and Medicine (Polity Press, 1995/1998), and Who Rules the Waves? Piracy, Overfishing and Mining the Oceans ( Pluto Press, London, 2010), along with numerous scholarly articles. With Dr. Melissa Boyde, Denise set up Replace Animals in Australian Testing. The site is an information resource on alternatives to using animals in scientific and medical research and an emerging network of people and organisations working towards replacement of animals in research.  http://hsa.uow.edu.au/hsa/contacts/UGW021431.html

AASA Travel Awards – Animal Intersections 2017

The Australasian Animal Studies Association is proud to support the following postgraduate students and scholar’s attendance at Animal Intersections, 2017:

Esther Alloun – Domestic Postgraduate Travel Award
Sarah Bezan – International Postgraduate Travel Award
Andrea Connor – Independent Researcher Travel Award
Gonzalo Villaneuva - Independent Researcher Travel Award

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CONFERENCE THEME

Summary
The theme for the 7th AASA Conference is ‘Animal Intersections’. Increasingly, Animal Studies turns towards the question of intersections—who, what and why animal and human lives intersect, relate, connect.

Intersectionality offers us a way to explore interconnectedness to improve our understanding of the detrimental and beneficial aspects of our relationships and interactions with other animals, and with each other.

Topic themes addressed during the conference include:

- Health, wellness, illness, pathologies;
- The social lives of animals and humans;
- The intersections of species, race, gender, physicality, mentality, lived experience and sexualities;
- Industrialism, capitalism, geographies and environments;
- Vegan Studies;
- Religion, tradition and secularity; and
- Culture, symbology and representation.

The AASA is committed to developing a strong events program that not only enhances the overall experience of the conference but also provides community outreach. Accordingly the conference will host a number of public events allowing the local community to interface relationships with animals in the contemporary world of 2017.

Exemplifying ‘Intersections’: Bringing the Historical Perception of Animal Intersections into the Contemporary Narrative
The following is an extract from 'Animal-Assisted Interventions in Historical Perspective', James A. Serpell, Centre for the Interaction of Animals and Society, University of Pennsylvania.

For most of human history, animals have occupied a central position in theories concerning the ontology and treatment of sickness and disease. Offended animal spirits were often believed to be the source of illness, injury, or misfortune, but, at the same time, the assistance of animal guardian spirits—either one’s own or those belonging to a “medicine man” or shaman—could also be called upon to mediate in the process of healing such afflictions. Although such ideas survived here and there into the modern era, the spread of anthropocentric and monotheistic belief systems during the last 1000 to 2000 years virtually annihilated animist belief in the supernatural power of animals and animal spirits throughout much of the world.

In Europe during the Middle Ages, the Christian church actively persecuted animist believers, branding them as witches and heretics and identifying their “familiar spirits” with the devil and his minions in animal form. During the period of the “enlightenment,” the idea that pet animals could serve a socializing function for children and the mentally ill became popular, and by the 19th century the introduction of animals to institutional care facilities was widespread. However, these early and preliminary experiments in animal-assisted therapy were soon displaced by the rise of scientific medicine during the early part of the 20th century. Animals continued to play a somewhat negative symbolic role in the development of psychoanalytic theories concerning the origins of mental illness, but no further medical discussion of their value as therapeutic adjuncts occurred until the late 1960s and 1970s when such ideas resurfaced in the writings of the influential child psychotherapist Boris Levinson. Recent interest in the potential medical value of animal companionship was largely initiated by a single study that appeared to demonstrate life-prolonging effects of pet ownership among heart attack sufferers. This study has since prompted many others, most of which have demonstrated either short-term relaxing effect of animal contact or long-term health improvements consistent with a view of companion animals as sources of social support.

Despite these findings, the positive therapeutic value of animal companionship continues to receive little recognition in mainstream medical literature and, as a field of research, it is grossly undersupported by government funding agencies. Considered in retrospect, it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the current inability or unwillingness of the medical establishment to address this topic seriously is a legacy of the same anthropocentrism that has dominated European and Western thinking since the Middle Ages (Serpell, 2005). With the gradual demise of this old-fashioned and prejudiced mindset, it is hoped that we can return to a more holistic and open-minded view of the potential contribution of animals to human well-being.
CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY - 2nd July 2017

**PRE-CONFERENCE EVENT**
Guided Tour of Animal Themed Art

**Venue:** Art Gallery of South Australia, North Terrace, Adjacent to University of Adelaide. Before registration take a tour of South Australia’s premier visual art museum. A special tour has been developed for conference attendees that will focus on animal themed works in the permanent collections with attention given to Indigenous Australian Art.

Please click either link to purchase the tickets: [https://www.trybooking.com/QDTE](https://www.trybooking.com/QDTE) or [https://www.trybooking.com/283742](https://www.trybooking.com/283742)

**Registration Opens**  
**Venue:** University of Adelaide, Hub Central, Level 4  
**Welcome reception—drinks and nibbles**  
**Venue:** University of Adelaide, Hub Central, Registration Area  
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**Professor Fiona Probyn-Rapsey: The Val Plumwood Memorial Lecture**  
**Venue:** Flentje Lecture Theatre, Barr Smith South L3  
**Title: The cultural politics of eradication**  
Abstract: In a time of mass species extinctions, where species are ‘going extinct’ at an unprecedented rate, the word extinction and the phrase ‘going extinct’ seem ill-equipped to account for both the level of catastrophe but also the cultural politics that surround extinction events. This talk will examine the intersection between extinction and eradication. Rather than showing how species ‘go extinct’ (as if they take themselves there), I will discuss how mobilising the rhetoric of extinction in conservation discourses can diminish agency (human and non-human), and how it obscures the cultural politics of eradication that forms the terrain on which extinctions are pronounced. Instead, a cultural politics of eradication draws attention to the beliefs and practices that have to be in place in order for a species to rendered eradicable. In this talk, I will outline what a cultural politics of eradication looks like in contemporary, feral Australia.

Val Plumwood (1939 – 2008) was an Australian ecofeminist philosopher and activist well known for her work on anthropocentrism. Her intellectual contributions have had a far-reaching impact across the humanities, humanistic social sciences and beyond. Her books, such as Feminism and the Mastery of Nature and Environmental Culture: The Ecological Crisis of Reason are classics for those engaged in the fields of environmental and animal studies.

**Evening**  
Delegates head off for dinner at the many great eating venues Adelaide has to offer!  
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**Abstract:** Human attitudes towards the species, *Canis familiaris*, are exceedingly diverse, ranging from largely positive in most western countries to predominantly negative in many developing nations. Since attitudes are important predictors of behavior toward dogs, knowledge of the forces and factors that affect people’s attitudes can make an important contribution to improving dog-human relations and canine welfare. This presentation will explore some of the key factors influencing dog-related attitudes, with particular reference to the role of canine behavior and the complex ways in which it is perceived and interpreted in different societies around the world. Based on this analysis, it is clear that dogs are often the victims of highly stereotyped, anthropomorphic thinking that tends to interfere with our ability to respond to dog-related problems objectively.
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**Lunch**


**Art Panel:** With introduction by Victor Krawczyk (Chair) and Caroline Adams (Co-chair)

Speakers: Dr Raj Sekhar Aich, Dr Lynn Mowson and Dr Stuart Cooke

Venue: Horace Lamb Lecture Theatre

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### PUBLIC FILM SCREENING

**Feature Documentary ‘Baxter and Me’**

**Venue:** Palace Nova Cinemas, 3 Cinema Pl (off 250 Rundle St), Adelaide: [www.palacenova.com](http://www.palacenova.com)
Winner of best documentary script at the prestigious 49th Australia Writer's Guild Awards in 2016, Baxter and Me recounts Gillian Leahy’s (Director of the film and Associate Professor at University of Technology Sydney) relationship with her four-legged friends, whilst she lives through some of the most dramatic post-war changes to the social-political context of Australia. This politically inflected work draws viewers in to consider how love for our pets acts as a foundation to empathise with other nonhuman animals. The film will be followed by Q&A with the director. Before the feature film, a 3-minute film by LA based Gabriel Bienczycki, Earth Poem, will be shown. The work features Excalibur, a Spanish Mustang, and The Equus Projects dancer, Tal Adler. Inspired by the paintings of Polish artist Ewa Bienczyka, the film explores the kinetic dialogue between human and an equine partner, merging horsemanship and modern dance.

Pre-pay via this link https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=282321& (only 100 tickets available)
There has been a recent “political turn” in animal studies scholarship, with a range of new approaches seeking to understand the relationship between human political institutions and relations of power involving animals. Some of these analyses have advanced explicitly political visions for reorganizing societies, with the aim of reducing violence towards animals and recognizing individual and social rights. There has however less discussion of capitalism as a political relation that fundamentally shapes our social relationships with animals. Some might argue that a focus on capitalism is unnecessary. It is true that animals have been dominated by humans well before capitalism; it might be argued that today overcoming entrenched anthropocentricism should be the priority for animal advocates. However this sidesteps the specific interaction between anthropocentricism and capitalism that has shaped human animal relations over the last two centuries. For example, from the twentieth century onwards there has been a massive explosion in the use of animals for food, experimentation, recreation and other uses. This growth is not explainable by human population growth alone, nor simply as a result of changing consumer preferences. This growth in the use of animals has been at least partly fueled by the value structure of our economies, including the emergence of animal industries and animals themselves as targets for capital investment.

In this paper, I seek to open a conversation on the “werewolf in the room”; that is, on capitalism. What happened when anthropocentricism shook hands with capitalism? How did this shift the fundamental orientation of human relationships with animals? And importantly, how might an analysis of capitalism offer us different avenues for pro animal change, including in the form of new alliances? Is there a potential for developing a more nuanced radical pro animal politics, one which might intersect with anti capitalist movements?
Animal welfare is increasingly a focus for members of the public particularly given the rise of ethical consumerism. However, deep and perhaps irreconcilable differences underlie many existing conceptions of what counts as good welfare and humane treatment of animals, especially in the context of animals produced for meat or used to make other edible products. This paper constructively explores these tensions by looking at more ‘scientific’ definitions in comparison to those definitions which underlie public attitudes including amongst meat consumers and those who avoid animal products. I suggest that utilisation of the concept of a ‘food citizen’ is critical: everyone has (or should have) an interest in creating conditions that permit the development and maintenance of democratic and socially and economically just food systems. The difficulties associated with acting as a responsible food citizen lie in the details about what counts as just, what actors’ interests should be considered, what other factors should be included in our ideal system (such as environmental or economic sustainability), and how we measure such outcomes. A key aim of those who wish to foster more public involvement in food policy including animal welfare standards should be to encourage the exchange of arguments and reasons associated with the values that people hold in real-life contexts rather than merely focusing on opinions or purchasing preferences.
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GALLERY OPENING NIGHT
Animal Intersections Exhibition PART 1

Free public event. View thought-provoking art whilst sipping cocktails and enjoying vegan nibbles. Conference attendees and members of the public are invited to the first AASA art exhibition to be held at Adelaide's newest contemporary art gallery, The Peanut Gallery, which is in the historic Adelaide Arcade.

Conference dinners – Information to be provided at conference (NB these dinners are not included in the conference fee – delegates will need to self-fund.)
**Registration**
Venue: University of Adelaide, Hub Central, Level 4
8:00am

**Keynote: Associate Professor Annie Potts**
Venue: Horace Lamb Lecture Theatre
9:00am

**Title: Human-Animal Relations in Times of Disaster: Combatting Speciesism/Expanding Empathy**

There is a substantial and growing global body of research into the effects of disasters on nonhuman animals and our relationships with them. Most media reports and official studies focus on the impact of natural or human-induced emergencies on companion animals and their human guardians, but there is far less publicity regarding the trauma suffered by animals incarcerated in factory farms, laboratories, zoos and pet shops when catastrophes strike. This presentation draws upon in-depth research conducted on the impact on animals’ lives and human-animal relationships in the wake of the Christchurch’s major earthquakes of 2010 and 2011, as well as subsequent major flooding and wildfires in the years since. Using interview material collected from animal emergency response teams, companion animal guardians, local shelters and advocacy groups, as well as reports from medical laboratories and footage from factory farms, I will discuss the ways in which emergency management discourse and civil defence practices have been saturated with anthropocentric assumptions and prejudices which have led to negative consequences for all species. For example, anthropocentrism has influenced the planning for, and protection and rescue of, nonhuman animals in times of disaster (or the lack of it), and it has also shaped the way society in general responds to human bereavement for lost or displaced animals. A number of myths associated with humans, animals and disasters will also be challenged.

This presentation involves an updated account of issues raised in the book, Animals in Emergencies, Learning from the Christchurch Earthquakes, co-written by Annie Potts and Donelle Gadenne (Canterbury University Press, 2014):

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Howls, Grunts, and Voices: Connecting Audiences and Onscreen Animals.
Creature Comforts: Revenant Pets and the Paranormal Everyday

Morning Tea – Shared Session with Everyone
11:00 am

CONCURRENT SESSIONS H (Themes - Cultural Studies; Films; Media; Literature; Philosophy; Theory)
11:30

1022 Horace Lamb Lecture Theatre
Susan PYKE
Writing human and nonhuman characters towards new political potentials through posthuman metamorphosis

Barr Smith South 2051 (56)
Siobhan HODGE
Evolving Emotions in Equestrian Poetry and Art 1600-1800

Barr Smith South 2052 (42)
Dana REHN
Canine Motif as Representations of the Other in Sixteenth-Century Germany

Barr Smith South 2060 (77)
Angela T. RAGUSA
Kill it! Rural media representation and human/non-domestic animal 'sustainability'

Sarah BEZAN
Vegetal Flesh: Embodying Edibility in Jim Crace’s The Devil's Larder (2001)

Wendy WOODWARD
‘New articulations’: birds and humans in three recent non-fictional texts

Simone LYONS
Living and narrating with dogs: intersections in rural Australian autobiography

Andrea CONNOR
Ibis in the City: The Affective Geographies of Re-Wilding

Lunch
12:30 pm

IMPORTANT: Nexus Arts Theatre Space (Lion Arts Centre), Corner of Morphett St and North Terrace, Adelaide: http://nexusarts.org.au/

DIRECTIONS: Please depart from Adelaide University. Walk or catch the free tram along North Terrace and head west to the Nexus Arts. Please wait in the Nexus Arts’ Courtyard to be ushered into the theatre.

SPECIAL DANCE PERFORMANCE: Animal Intersections Exhibition PART 2
Artists: Lisa KUSANAGI, Demelza KOOIJ and Lars KOENS – Introduction with Dr Mira KALLIO-TAVIN

Shifting the gaze: Humanist and posthumanist intersections in contemporary art. In Kallio-Tavin’s talk, she will reflect on the field of animal-centric art with attention human – nonhuman animal boundaries and the exchanges across those intersections. She will also draw on examples from the art presented at the exhibitions and will introduce our dance performance led by Japanese dancer, choreographer and performance artist, Lisa Kusanagi.

Thankyous and Denise Russell Postgraduate Award Presentation
2pm

Denise Russell Postgraduate Prize for Animal Ethics. ($250)
This prize will be awarded to a postgraduate student presenter in recognition of their outstanding contribution to Animal Ethics. The decision to award the prize is made by the Executive Committee of the AASA. The prize is named after Denise Russell, for a lifetime commitment to the field of Animal Ethics.

About Denise Russell:

**Conference Close with MOVING-IMAGE EXHIBITION: Animal Intersections Exhibition PART 2**

*Artists:* Ellie COLEMAN, Ann SHENFIELD, Demelza KOOIJ, Angela BARTRAM and Minna SUONIEMI

Our closing will include a moving-image exhibition, which is a compilation of short films about animals that have been submitted for the exhibition. Feel free to watch the film and enjoy the vegan friendly drinks at the bar and socialise.

**CONFERENCE CLOSE**

2:15pm

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3:00pm

THURSDAY - 6th July 2017
**POST-CONFERENCE EVENT:**
Vegan Wine Tour (Includes three-course vegan lunch and bushwalk)

**Pickup and drop off point:** University of Adelaide

Ticketed event for conference attendees (and their close friends and family). South Australian produces the best wines in the country. Currently though, no commercial winery tours in the state provide an exclusive tour of vegan wineries and we have gone to the effort of creating one for our guests. Conference attendees have the opportunity of taking a charted private tour to Australia’s undisputed premier wine region, The Barossa Valley. They will be able to enjoy the delightful vegan wines at several cellar doors, visit the Kaiserstuhl Conservation Park where kangaroos might be about, enjoy a three-course vegan lunch at The Winemakers Office, wander the main streets of several pretty towns, and take in the view at Mengler’s Hill Lookout before returning to Adelaide.

Please click either link to purchase the tickets: https://www.trybooking.com/QDTH or https://www.trybooking.com/283745 (only 26 tickets available)
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

**Professor James Serpell:** Humane Ethics & Animal Welfare, University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. James A. Serpell is professor of Animal Ethics and Welfare at the University of Pennsylvania. He lectures in the School of Veterinary Medicine on veterinary ethics, applied animal behavior and welfare, and human-animal interactions. Serpell also directs the Center for the Interaction of Animals and Society (CIAS) and was a founder of The International Society for Anthropology (ISAZ) and remains on the board.

**Associate Professor Annie Potts:** Cultural Studies and English and co-director of New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies (NZCHAS), University of Canterbury. Associate Professor Annie Potts’ research interests include human-animal interactions in everyday life and popular culture, animals and natural disasters, constructions of chickens and other birds in fiction, film and art, the link between social violence and animal abuse, vegan sexuality; gender, and vegetarianism.

**Professor Fiona Probyn-Rapsey:** Humanities and Social Inquiry, University of Wollongong. Professor Fiona Probyn-Rapsey is Professor in the School of Humanities and Social Inquiry at the University of Wollongong and Chair of the Australasian Animal Studies Association. She is on the editorial boards of Environmental Humanities, Australian Humanities Review and Animal Studies Journal. Fiona is author of Made to Matter (SUP 2013) and co-editor (with Jay Johnston) of Animal Death (2013).

**Professor Rachel Ankeny:** History and Philosophy of Science, University of Adelaide. Professor Rachel Ankeny is an interdisciplinary teacher and scholar whose areas of expertise cross three fields: history/philosophy of science, bioethics and science policy, and food studies. Her research is considered highly interdisciplinary, scholarly, and generally accessible, evidenced by the fact that her talks are typically attended not only by academics but also members of the general public.

**Dr Dinesh Wadiwel:** Sociology and Social Policy, University of Sydney. Dr Dinesh Wadiwel is a lecturer in human rights and socio-legal studies and Director of the Master of Human Rights, with a background in social and political theory. He has had over 15 years’ experience working within civil society organisations, including in anti-poverty and disability rights roles. Dinesh’s research interests include sovereignty and the nature of rights, violence, race and critical animal studies.

MAP: Adelaide Airport to University of Adelaide (North Terrace)
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1. Hub Central & Gar Smith South
2. Horace Lamb Lecture Theatre
3. Ingkarni Wardli Building