

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Stanford University

Ph.D. in Philosophy, 2005

Dissertation: *The Moral Significance of Animal Cognition*

Committee: Peter Godfrey-Smith (adviser), Debra Satz, Kenneth Taylor

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Animal Ethics

Animal Cognition

Critical Animal Studies

AREAS OF COMPETENCE

Critical Race Theory

Philosophy of Race

Philosophy of Biology

Environmental Ethics

I. SCHOLARSHIP

BOOKS

- *Chimpanzee Rights: The Philosophers' Brief*, (co-author), Routledge, 2018.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- “20 Anti-Vegan Arguments and Replies”, forthcoming in *Encyclopedia of Veganism and Animal Ethics*, Presses Universitaires de France, 2020.
- “Animal Cognition and Moral Status”, forthcoming in *The Routledge Companion to Environmental Ethics*, Andrew Light and Benjamin Hale, editors, Routledge, 2020.
- “Environmental, Food, and Animal Ethics Guide to Responsible Food and Agriculture Systems” forthcoming in *Rethinking Food and Agriculture: New Ways Forward*, Amir Kassam and Laila Kassam, eds., Academic Press (Elsevier), 2020.
- “Sentientist Politics”, Alasdair Cochrane, book review, forthcoming in *Environmental Values*, 2020.
- “Spineless and Sentient: A Challenge for Moral Comparison”, co-authored with Patrick Forber, *Animal Sentience: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Animal Feeling*, 29(30), 2020.
- “Speciesism and Animal Neuroscience”, in *Neuroethics and Nonhuman Animals*, Andrew Fenton, L. Syd M Johnson, and Adam Shriver, eds., Springer, 2020.
- “The Precautionary Principle: A Cautionary Note”, *Animal Sentience: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Animal Feeling*, 16(15), 2017.
- “Veganisms”, in *New Critical Perspectives on Veganism*, Jodey Castricano and Rasmus R. Simonsen, eds., Palgrave, 2016.
- “Fish Sentience and the Precautionary Principle”, *Animal Sentience: An Interdisciplinary Journal on Animal Feeling*, 1(3), 2016.
- “Animal Rights is a Social Justice Issue”, *Contemporary Justice Review*, 18(4), pp. 467–482, 2015.

- “Veganism as an Aspiration”, co-authored with Lori Gruen, *The Moral Complexities of Eating Meat*, Ben Bramble and Bob Fischer, eds., Oxford University Press, 2015.
- “The Lobster Considered”, in *Gesturing Toward Reality: Philosophy and David Foster Wallace*, Robert Bolger and Scott Korb, editors, Bloomsbury Academic Press, pp. 85–102, 2014.
- “A Review of the Institute of Medicine’s Analysis of using Chimpanzees in Biomedical Research”, co-authored with Ray Greek, *Science and Engineering Ethics*, pp. 1–24, 2015.
- “Science, Sentience, and Animal Welfare”, *Biology & Philosophy*, 28(1), pp. 1–30, 2013.
- “‘That Ain’t Legal Either’: Rules, Virtue, and Authenticity in The Big Lebowski”, co-authored with Troy Jollimore in *The Big Lebowski and Philosophy*, Wiley-Blackwell, pp. 106–122, 2012.
- Review of *Ethics and the Beast: A Speciesist Argument for Animal Liberation*, Tzachi Zamir, *Philosophy in Review*, 29(6), p. 448, 2009.

TALKS, PRESENTATIONS, & PUBLIC MEDIA

SELECTED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

1. “Should Chimpanzees Be Considered ‘Persons’”
World Explorations Series
Valene Smith Museum of Anthropology
California State University, Chico, April 28, 2019
2. “Animal Liberation was Never a Triangular Affair”, *Killing Cats to Save Finches: Perspectives on Invasive Species and Conservation Policy*
University of Pennsylvania, March 16, 2019
3. “Chimpanzee Rights: The Philosophers’ Amicus Brief”
Animal Bioethics Affinity Group
American Society for Bioethics and Humanities Annual Conference, Anaheim, CA, October 19, 2018

4. "Is Sentientism like Racism?"
 - *Animal Sentience: Pushing the Boundaries*, Australia National University, August 17, 2018
 - Philosophy of Biology at Dolphin Beach, August 11, 2018
5. "Racism & Speciesism: Linked Oppressions"
 - *#BlackLivesMatter Teach-In: Let's Keep the Conversation Going* California State University, Chico, October 11, 2016
6. "Animal Sentience, Speciesism, and Veganism"
 - Philosophy of Biology at Dolphin Beach, August 12, 2017
7. "*Jacobin* and Animal Liberation: Interrogating the Speciesist Left"
 - *Left Forum*, May 21, 2016
8. "White Privilege: A Public Discussion" (with Prof. Susanna Boxall)
 - *Courageous Conversations: Where Do We Go From Here?* California State University, Chico, April 6, 2018
9. "Is Anti-Speciesism a Form of Exterminism?"
 - APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2016
10. "Veganisms"
 - Northern California Animal Advocacy Coalition, August 14, 2016
11. "How Not To Be Vegan"
 - Animal Rights Academy, University of Toronto, April 19, 2016
 - *Conscious Eating Conference*, Berkeley, March 19, 2016
12. "Veganism as an Aspiration"
 - The Ethics Center California State University, Fresno, October 8, 2015
 - *All Things Great and Small: Interdisciplinary Interspecies Conference*, University of California, Davis, November 17, 2015
13. "Strategies Against Animal Research and Ranching"
 - *Figuring Praxis in Critical Animal Studies* Institute for Critical Animal Studies North America Conference April 18, 2015
14. "The Conversation"
 - *University Film Series*, California State University, Chico February 3, 2015

15. "Animal Rights is a Social Justice Issue" *The Peace Institute*
California State University, Chico, October 22, 2014
16. "I Like Killing Flies"
University Film Series, California State University, Chico
November 18, 2014
17. "When Humans Attack" (with Prof. Sarah Pike)
Humanities Center *Tertulia*, California State University, Chico
September 18, 2014
18. "Interspecies Relations"
Modern Animals #1 Art Collective
Los Angeles, CA, July 25, 2014
19. "An Omnivore's Dilemma: The Myth of the Sustainable Meat Movement"
This Way to Sustainability IX
California State University, Chico, March 7, 2014
20. "What Might a Species-Free Ethics Look Like?"
Personhood Beyond the Human Conference
Yale University, December 7, 2013
21. "A Moral Argument for Why People Who Live in SF Should Be Vegan*"
University of San Francisco, November 11, 2013
22. "The Moral Significance of Animal Cognition"
Ethics and the Environment
University of Pennsylvania, October 23, 2013
23. "Eating Animals: A 'Funny' Kind of 'Love'"
Center for Science, Technology, Medicine & Society
University of California, Berkeley, May 10, 2013
24. "Animal Liberation at 40"
The Humanities Center
California State University, Chico, April 18, 2013
25. "Traditional Chinese Medicine: Green or Mean?"
Nature & the Popular Imagination
The International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature & Culture
Pepperdine University, August 2012

26. "Animal Ethics in Practice: Conversations with a Vivisector"
Invited Symposium: *Philosophy and Animal Activism*
APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2012
27. "The Use of Animals in Biomedical Research"
Public debate with Prof. Dario Ringach (UCLA Dept. of Neuroscience)
Vistamar School, El Segundo, CA, December 1, 2011
28. "Ethics of Art Practice"
Enjoy Poverty
Kadist Art Foundation
San Francisco, CA, October 19, 2011
29. "The Ethics of Animal Experimentation"
•University of California, Davis, April 25, 2011
•University of California, Los Angeles, April 22, 2010
30. "The Science and Ethics of Animal Use in Biomedical Research"
University of California, Los Angeles Panel Discussion, February 2010
31. "The Ethics of Genetically Modified Animals"
Ethics in Everyday Life: The Ethics of Food
The Fourth Annual Fall Ethics Symposium
Sacramento State University, November 9, 2009
32. "Traditional Chinese Medicine: Green or Mean?"
This Way to Sustainability V
California State University, Chico, November 2009
33. "The Moral Insignificance of Species"
Museum of Anthropology *World Explorations* Speakers Series
California State University, Chico, October 2009
34. "Special Relations and the Privileged Moral Status of Humans Over Animals"
•University of Auckland, New Zealand, July 2009
•*Minding Animals* Conference, Newcastle, Australia, July 2009
•Yale University Interdisciplinary Center for Bioethics, March 2008
35. "The Moral Implications of Darwinism"
Darwin Days: A Celebration of Charles Darwin
Barnes and Noble Books, Chico, CA, February 2009
36. "Do Animals Have Moral Rights?"
Pierce College Department of Philosophy, November 2008

37. “Why Preserve Species?: Some Philosophical Problems (and Answers)”
California State University, Chico
Center for Applied and Professional Ethics, May 2008
This Way to Sustainability III, November 2007
38. “The Environmental Impact of Meat Production”
 - Wesleyan University First Annual Social Justice Day Conference, March 2008
 - The Community College of Philadelphia, March 2008
 - California State University, Chico, *This Way to Sustainability, IV*, 2008
39. “An Environmentalist Argument for Vegetarianism”
Wesleyan University College of Social Studies, February 2008
40. “Is Species Membership Morally Significant?”
Wesleyan University College of Social Studies, November 2007
41. “Rethinking the Ethical Implications of Animal Cognition”
Stanford University *Ethics at Noon* Lecture Series, December 2005
42. “Are Monkeys Moral?”
Occidental College, 2003
43. “Kant and the Problem of Nonhuman Animals”
Stanford University, 2001
44. “Against Davidson’s View of Mental Content”
CUNY Graduate Student Philosophy Conference, 1999

COMMENTER

1. Lisa Rivera’s “Coercion and Captivity”
APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 2015
2. Donald W. Bruckner’s “Strict Vegetarianism Is Immoral”
APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 18, 2014
3. “Pedagogy and the ‘Animal Turn’”, Invited Contributor
University of California, Berkeley, November 2, 2012
4. Mark Shelton’s “Korsgaard, Kant, and Animals: A Response”
APA Pacific Division Meeting, April 23, 2011
5. Benjamin Sachs’s “The Hopelessness of Carving out a Threatening Speech Ex-
ception to Freedom of Speech”, Rocky Mountain Ethics Conference,
University of Colorado, Boulder, August 6, 2011

6. David Sussman's "Pain for Constructivists"
Rocky Mountain Ethics Congress, UC Boulder, August 8, 2010
7. Alastair Norcross's Keynote Address
"It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog, or a Chicken: Why You Shouldn't Eat Meat"
Ethics in Everyday Life: The Ethics of Food
The Fourth Annual Fall Ethics Symposium
University of California, Sacramento, November 9, 2009

CONFERENCE/SYMPOSIA ORGANIZER

1. *Killing Cats to Save Finches: Perspectives on Invasive Species and Conservation Policy*, co-organizer with Emily Parke and Michael Weisberg, University of Pennsylvania, March 2019
2. "Philosophy and Animal Activism"
co-organizer with Janet Stemwedel, APA Pacific Division Meeting, Spring 2012
3. "How Like Us Are They?: Human and Nonhuman Primate Cognition", (Dan Dennett, Dale Jamieson, Marc Bekoff, Sally Boysen, Daniel Povinelli, Derek Penn, Clive Wynne), co-organizer with Dario Ringach, University of California, Los Angeles, February 4, 2011

SELECTED PUBLIC MEDIA APPEARANCES & INTERVIEWS

1. *The Hunting Collective Podcast*, "Ep. 122: The Bargains of Suffering with Vegan Philosopher Dr. Robert C. Jones", April 21, 2020.
2. *The Hunting Collective Podcast*, "Episode 71: Exploring Consumption & Ethical Veganism with Professor Robert C. Jones", July 23, 2019.
3. "Nonhumans Had A Small but Unprecedented Win In Court This Week", *Forbes*, May 11, 2018
4. "We Need To Talk About Sentient Robots", *Forbes*, May 13, 2018
5. Interview, Charter for Animal Compassion, 2018.
6. Radio Interview, "Animal Rights is a Social Justice Issue", *The Peace and Social Justice Program*, KZFR 90.1 FM, Chico, CA, April 17, 2015
7. Radio Debate, "Should Animals Be Used for Scientific Testing?", KALW 91.7 FM, San Francisco, CA, June, 2014

8. Online Debate, "The Great Ape Project: Where Are We?", *Sentience Mosaic: The Science of Animal Sentience*, December 3, 2013
9. Radio Interview, "Veganism and the Academy," *Sentients*, KZFR 90.1 FM, Chico, CA, June 18, 2013
10. Online interview, *Sentience Mosaic: The Science of Animal Sentience*, March 2013
11. Book Reading/Signing, *The Big Lebowski and Philosophy*, Lyon Books, November 5, 2012
12. Radio Interview, "The Big Lebowski and Philosophy", *Nancy's Bookshelf*, Northstate Public Radio, KCHO 91.7 FM, Chico, CA, December 14, 2012
13. Interview, "One Animal Researcher Refuses to Hide", *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, February 20, 2011
14. Radio Interview, "The Ethics of Animal Experimentation," *The Access Hour*, WORT 89.9 FM, Madison, WI, May 10, 2010

PAPERS REFEREED FOR PROFESSIONAL PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

- *Biology & Philosophy*, 2020, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2014, 2012
- *Ethnicities*, 2018
- *Journal of Moral Philosophy*, 2017
- *Science and Engineering Ethics*, 2017
- *Sloth*, 2017
- *Hypatia*, 2016
- *Princeton University Press*, 2015
- *Ergo*, 2015
- *Environmental Philosophy*, 2014
- *Mosaic*, 2013
- *Pacific Philosophical Quarterly*, 2012
- *Social Theory and Practice*, 2012
- *Society & Animals*, 2012
- *Between the Species*, 2012