

CANADIAN ANIMAL LAW CONFERENCE 2019

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2019

7:30PM - 9:00PM

Paul O'Regan Room of the Halifax Central Library, 5440 Spring Garden Road

Conference Opening

- Welcome & Introductions
- Keynote Address by Professor Peter Singer, author of *Animal Liberation*

This event is open to the public on a first come, first served basis, with doors open at 7:00 pm. Limited public seating is available.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

8:15AM- 9:00AM

Breakfast & Registration

Room 104

9:00AM - 10:30 AM

Prosecution: A Tool of Social Change, Or State Tool of Oppression?

Room 305

- Justin Marceau, Professor & Animal Legal Defense Fund Professor of Law, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, "Beyond Cages: The Use and Abuse of 'the Link' Research to Justify Incarceration"
- Shane Martínez, Barrister & Solicitor, Martínez Law, "Beyond Regulation: Private prosecutions as a means to hold animal industries accountable under sections 445.1 and 446(1) of the Criminal Code"
- Tayler Zavitz, PhD Candidate, University of Victoria, "Empathy as Terrorism: The Criminalization of Animal Activism in Canada"

Moderator: Kendra Coulter, Chair of Labour Studies,
Brock University

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Animals, Technology, & Government

Room 204

- Vaughan Black, Retired Professor, Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University and Andrew Fenton, Associate Professor, Department of Philosophy, Dalhousie University, "Humane Driving: Automatic Driving while Minding Other Animals"
- Iselin Gambert, Professor, George Washington University Law School, "They want to take away your hamburgers": The rhetoric of fear in the future of food
- Wesley Tourangeau, Post-Doctoral Fellow, School of Resource and Environmental Studies, Dalhousie University, "Placing animals in the science-policy-climate nexus"

Moderator: Lucie Guibault, Associate Professor, Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University

Critical Lenses: Rethinking Animal Law Problems

Room 207

- Maneesha Deckha, Professor, University of Victoria Faculty of Law, "Rule of Law, Animal Vulnerability and Industry Non-Regulation"
- Jessica Eisen, Assistant Professor, University of Alberta Faculty of Law, "Milk: A Critical Legal History"
- Darcy Lindberg, Assistant Professor, University of Alberta, "Re-animating Wahkotowin: Applying Plains Cree Legal Relationships to Paskwaw Mostosak (buffalo) and Mistatimak (horses) to Present-Day Challenges"

Moderator: Angela Lee, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law

This panel will ask how our thinking about animals and the law might be transformed or enriched by analyses that question not only the status and treatment of animals, but also the underlying legal forms and assumptions that animate animal law. Panelists will present approaches to the practice and criticism of animal law anchored in feminist jurisprudence, Plains Cree legal traditions, and vulnerability theory.

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10:30AM - 10:45AM

Break

Room 104 & 309

10:45AM - 12:15PM

Effective Legal Advocacy, Inside & Outside the Courtroom

Room 305

- James Silver, Barrister & Solicitor, SP Barristers
- Kevin Schneider, Executive Director, Nonhuman Rights Project
- Jessica Scott-Reid, Journalist & Animal Advocate

Moderator: Gary Grill, Barrister & Solicitor, Grill Barristers

Featuring a prominent journalist, a lawyer behind pioneering efforts to secure personhood rights for some animals, and counsel in the Canadian pig trial case, participants will consider what legal and advocacy strategies are effective—inside and outside of the courtroom. Should in-court advocacy differ from advocacy in the real world? Is it realistic to expect meaningful legal advancement for animals to come from judges, or is the courtroom best considered as a forum to amplify the message presented elsewhere? What are the implications and ethics of comparing the legal struggle for animals to challenges faced by other justice-seeking movements? Do some comparisons put lawyers at risk of alienating the public from animal justice initiatives?

Saving Fido: Litigating "Dangerous" Dog Cases

Room 204

- Rebeka Breder, Animal Law Litigator, Breder Law
- Dr. Rebecca Ledger, Animal Behaviour & Welfare Consultant, Vancouver
- Robert LeBlanc, Vancouver City Prosecutor, City of Vancouver

Moderator: Samantha Addario, Student-at-Law, Martin Sheppard Fraser LLP

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Litigating “dangerous” dog matters is highly charged for both dog guardians and the prosecution, acting in the best interests of the public. The speakers will present their respective perspectives as Crown counsel, defence counsel, and expert witness. They will review lessons learned and strategies employed in key cases, including what factors typically influence the court, and the recent case of *Santics v City of Vancouver*, which just changed the nature of litigating these cases in British Columbia.

Othering Animals

Room 207

- Pierre Cloutier de Repentigny, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, “A Fishy Relationship: The Othering of Fish by Law in Canada”
- Angela Fernandez, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, “Fishing and Nation: Canada and the Case of the Frederick Gerring Jr.”
- Kaitlyn Mitchell, Staff Lawyer, Animal Justice, “Rights of Nature: Nature's path to animal rights?”
- MH Tse, SJD Candidate, Harvard Law School, “Animals and the Rule of Force”

Moderator: Charlotte Blattner, Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Law School

12:15PM - 1:20PM

Lunch

Atrium

The Farm in My Backyard

Room 204

Conference attendees are invited to watch an optional short film over lunch—The Farm in My Backyard by We Animals Media. The Farm in My Backyard details the devastating impacts of Nova Scotia's fur farm industry on the environment, animals, and local residents pleading for change. The Farm in My Backyard is approximately 16 minutes in length.

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1:20PM - 2:15 PM

Welcome from Schulich School of Law
Dean Camille Cameron

Room 105

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**The Challenge of Advancing Animal Law
Issues: A Perspective from the Bench**

- Chief Justice Catherine Fraser, Alberta Court of Appeal
- Justice Lois Hoegg, Newfoundland & Labrador Court of Appeal

Moderator: Peter Sankoff, Professor, University of Alberta Faculty of Law

2:15PM - 2:30PM

Break

Room 104 & 309

2:30PM - 4:00PM

**Ending Animal Experimentation:
New Advances**

Room 305

- Dr. Charu Chandrasekera, Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods, University of Windsor, "Beyond Animal Testing: Time to Change the Canadian Landscape, eh?"
- Zeynep Graves, Counsel, PETA Foundation, "Pulling Back the Curtain on Animal Experimentation"
- Lisa Kramer, Professor, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto, "Advancing Policy Regarding the Mandated Use of Animal Models in Biomedical Research in a World Where Animal Models Don't Predict Human Responses to Drugs and Disease"
- Elisabeth Ormandy, Executive Director, Animals in Science Policy Institute, "Protecting Canada's Lab Animals: Is It Time To Get Legal?"

Moderator: Vaughan Black, Retired Professor, Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University

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Animals, Justice, & the Moral Community

Room 204

- Ranjana Basu, Doctor of Social Science Candidate, Royal Roads University, “Linking Animals, Social Justice and Social Work”
- Charlotte Blattner, Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard Law School, “Drafting Principles of Transitional Justice for a Postconflict Interspecies Society”
- Kathryn Campbell, Professor, Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa, “Legal Personhood for Nonhuman Animals: A Canadian Approach”
- Amy Fitzgerald, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology, University of Windsor, “Social recognition of animals (ab)used in the context of intimate partner violence: A strategic avenue for broader socio-legal change?”

Moderator: Chris Green, Executive Director, Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School

Enforcement: Rethinking the SPCA Model

Room 207

- Kendra Coulter, Chair of Labour Studies, Brock University, “The Future of Animal Cruelty Investigations: Key Lessons and Best Practices”
- Sophie Gaillard, Director of Animal Advocacy, Montreal SPCA, “What’s at stake in shifting towards a public enforcement model?”
- Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere, Senior Lecturer, University of Otago Faculty of Law, “Animal Welfare Law in New Zealand: oversight, compliance, and enforcement”
- Brian Shiller, General Counsel, Ontario SPCA, “Ontario SPCA’s Views On The Appropriate Animal Enforcement Regime”

Moderator: Camille Labchuk, Executive Director, Animal Justice

4:00PM - 4:15PM

Break

Room 104 & 309

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4:15PM - 5:45PM

Keynote Plenary Panel: The Intersectional Future of Animal Law

Scotiabank Auditorium, Marion McCain Arts & Social Sciences Building,
Dalhousie University, 6135 University Avenue

- Maneesha Deckha, Professor, University of Victoria Faculty of Law
- Dr. Anthony Nocella Jr., Executive Director, Institute for Critical Animal Studies & Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Salt Lake City Community College
- Margaret Robinson, Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Social Anthropology, Dalhousie University

Moderator: Jessica Eisen, Assistant Professor, University of Alberta Faculty of Law

Social movements rarely operate in isolation, but have much to gain from their intersecting insights, challenges, and experiences. As the Canadian animal law movement contemplates its past and considers its future, attendees are invited to reflect on the intersections between animal law and other equality-seeking social movements—including those that advocate for gender equality, racial equality, Indigenous rights, and disability justice.

This plenary panel is open to the public.

5:45PM - 7:15PM

Reception

Atrium, Schulich School of Law (2nd Floor)



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SUNDAY OCTOBER 6, 2019

8:15AM- 9:00AM

Breakfast

Room 104

9:00AM - 10:30AM

Current Issues In Enforcement & Prosecution

Room 305

- Danielle Duffield, Associate, Joseph Hage Aaronson LLP, "How Can We Make Regulatory Regimes for Animal Welfare Offending More Effective? A Case Study from New Zealand"
- Janine Kidd, Crown Attorney, Nova Scotia Public Prosecution Service, "Prosecuting animal cruelty in Nova Scotia when there is no physical injury"
- Jo-Ann Landsburg, Chief Provincial Inspector, Nova Scotia SPCA, "Enforcing the Prohibition on Causing Anxiety"
- Mandy MacLeod, Crown Prosecutor, Alberta Crown Prosecution Service, "Pro-Puppy Police: An Argument for the Public Investigation of Animal Cruelty"

Moderator: Lesli Biscould, Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law

Beyond the Common Law: Animal Law in Other Legal Systems

Room 204

- Alanna Collicutt, Dog Care and Control Program Manager, Alberta Spay Neuter Task Force, "An Overlooked Opportunity? Animal Welfare in First Nations"
- Syed Adnan Hussain, Assistant Professor, Religious Studies, St. Mary's University, "The Case of the Animals vs Man Before the King of the Jinn: Animals in an Islamic Legal Fable"

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- Sheena Swemmer, Centre for Applied Legal Studies, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, “An Ubuntu approach to the realisation of rights under the South African Constitution”

Moderator: Dr. Kathryn Campbell, Professor, Department of Criminology, University of Ottawa

Law Reform: Catching Up to Societal Values

Room 207

- Edie Bowles, Solicitor, Advocates for Animals, “Using the law to help animals: an English law firm perspective”
- Chris Green, Executive Director, Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School, “Regulation ‘Exotic’ or Dangerous Wild Animals”
- Michelle Strauss, Risk & Compliance Lawyer, Tees Law, “In the dog house: Exploring the legal implications of vets’ involvement in legal but unethical practices in regulated animal industries”

Moderator: Katie Sykes, Associate Professor, Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law

10:30AM - 10:45AM

Break

Room 104 & 309

10:45AM - 12:15PM

No More Whale Jails: Ending Cetacean Captivity in Canada

Room 305

- Camille Labchuk, Executive Director, Animal Justice
- Holly Lake, Journalist
- Dr. Lori Marino, Whale Sanctuary Project
- Marty McKendry, Director of Parliamentary Affairs, Government Representative Office in the Senate
- Wilfred Moore, retired Canadian Senator

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Moderator: Jodi Lazare, Assistant Professor, Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University

In June, Parliament passed landmark legislation banning the keeping of whales and dolphins in captivity in Canada, reflective of a monumental shift in societal attitudes regarding the use of animals for entertainment. This panel features many of the leading actors in the years-long effort to outlaw whale jails. Speakers will take you behind the scenes of this successful campaign, discussing the legal, political, and scientific aspects, and what lessons this hard-fought victory offers for future animal law reform initiatives.

Critical Solutions: Resolving Animal Law Problems

Room 204

- Ellen Campbell, JD Candidate, University of Victoria Faculty of Law, “Disrupting Colonialism in Mainstream Animal Law: Conceptualizing a Decolonial Animal Labour Ethic”
- Angela Lee, PhD Candidate, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, “Innov-ate What’s On The Plate”
- Heather McLeod-Kilmurray, Associate Professor, University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, “Animal Agriculture: Healthy, Just, Sustainable Food and Interspecies Justice – Can we get some win-win-wins?”

Moderator: Maneesha Deckha, Professor, University of Victoria Faculty of Law

This panel will ask how resolutions to pressing legal concerns relating to animals might be critically developed and evaluated. In particular, panelists will explore how possible law reform strategies may interact with justice challenges in environmental, human rights, and food law contexts.

Global Perspectives on Animal Law

Room 207

- Laure Boissat, External Affairs Project Manager, World Animal Protection, “The Animal Protection Index: a Global Ranking of Animal Protection Legislation”
- Dr. Gieri Bolliger, Executive Director, Stiftung für das Tier im Recht, “Animal Dignity Protection in Swiss Law”
- Martina Pluda, Interim Country Director and Head of Programmes Austria, FOUR PAWS, “Animal Law in Austria: Best Practice Examples and Legal Loopholes”

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- Katie Sykes, Associate Professor, Thompson Rivers University Faculty of Law, “An Interactional View of Emerging Global Animal Law: What’s the Role of Trade Law?”

Moderator: Angela Fernandez, Assistant Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law

12:15PM - 1:30PM

Plenary: Conference Closing Address

Room 105

- Lesli Biscould, Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law
- Camille Labchuk, Executive Director, Animal Justice
- Peter Sankoff, Professor, University of Alberta Faculty of Law

Speakers will reflect on key learnings from the conference, and the past, present, and future of animal law in Canada.



SPEAKER BIOS

Alanna Collicutt

Alanna has a diploma from Grant MacEwan University in Business Management. She has been working with free-roaming dog populations in First Nations communities for 8 years. Currently, Alanna is the Manager of the Alberta Spay Neuter Task Force's newest program; the ASNTF Dog Care and Control Program. Alanna has worn many hats on her journey to Humane Dog Population Management Programs, including volunteer, Operations Manager, member of the Board of Directors and now an employee. Alanna spends her days travelling to partner First Nation communities to help guide, train and empower the community in their comprehensive Humane Dog Population Management initiatives with a goal of reducing human/animal conflict and increasing the well-being of the animals.

Amy Fitzgerald

Amy Fitzgerald, PhD is an associate professor in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, and is cross-appointed to the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, at the University of Windsor. She is also a founding member of the University of Windsor's Animal and Interpersonal Abuse Research Group. Her research focuses on the intersection of harms (criminal and otherwise) perpetrated against people, non-human animals, and the environment. She has published extensively in the fields of critical animal studies, green criminology, environmental sociology, and gender studies. Her most recent books include *Animals as Food: (Re)connecting Production, Processing, Consumption, and Impacts* (2015; Michigan State University Press) and *Animal Advocacy and Environmentalism: Understanding and Bridging the Divide* (2018; Polity Press). She is currently working (with Linda Kalof) on a second, updated and revised edition of *The Animals Reader: The Essential Classic and Contemporary Writings*. Fitzgerald is the recipient of the Distinguished Scholarship Award from the Animals and Society section of the American Sociological Association and the Mid-Career Outstanding Faculty Research Award from the University of Windsor.

Andrew Fenton

Andrew Fenton, PhD is an associate professor of philosophy at Dalhousie University. His single or co-authored publications include “A moderate Buddhist animal research ethics” (Developing World Bioethics, 2019) and “Can a Chimp Say “No”? Reenvisioning Chimpanzee Dissent in Harmful Research” (Cambridge Quarterly of Healthcare Ethics, 2014). Fenton has also been a part of a small but mighty group of philosophers submitting amici curiae in support of two cases spearheaded by the Nonhuman Rights Project. These recent efforts resulted in a co-authored book, Chimpanzee Rights: The Philosophers’ Brief (Routledge, 2019), whose royalties go to the Nonhuman Rights Project.

Angela Fernandez

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law University of Toronto, cross-appointed with the Department of History, University of Toronto. Professor Fernandez was the organizer of a Working Group “Animals in the Law and Humanities” at the Jackman Humanities Institute at the University of Toronto from 2014-2017. She is a fellow with the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, and a member of the Board of Advisors for Animal Justice Canada Her publications relating to nonhuman animals include a book on the famous first-possession foxhunting case *Pierson v. Post*, *The Hunt for the Fox: Law and Professionalization in American Legal Culture* (New York; Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018) and articles such as “Legal History and Rights for Nonhuman Animals: An Interview with Steven M. Wise,” 41:1 *Dalhousie Law Journal* (Spring 2019): 197-218 and “Not Quite Property, Not Quite Persons: A ‘Quasi’ Approach for Nonhuman Animals,” 5 *Canadian Journal of Comparative and Contemporary Law* (Fall 2019): 155-232.

Angela Lee

Angela Lee is a PhD Candidate at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, and a Fellow at the Schulich School of Law for the 2019-2020 academic year. Her doctoral work critically considers the intersections between new and emerging technologies, the environment, various forms of justice, and the law, particularly in the context of the Canadian agri-food sector. Her recent research on food innovations—including in vitro meat, genetically engineered animals, and plant-based alternatives to animal products—has been published in the *Dalhousie Law Journal*, the *Canadian Journal of Women and the Law*, the *Windsor Review of Legal and Social Issues*, and *Canadian Food Studies*. She is a co-editor of *Food Law and Policy* in

Canada (Carswell, 2019). She previously taught Food Law at the University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, and will be teaching Animals and the Law at the Schulich School of Law in the winter 2020 term.

Anthony J. Nocella II

Anthony J. Nocella II, Ph.D., award-winning author and educator, is an Executive Director of the Institute for Critical Animal Studies, an Assistant Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice at the Institute for Public Safety at Salt Lake Community College, National Co-coordinator of Save the Kids, and co-founder and Editor of the Peace Studies Journal and Transformative Justice Journal. Nocella II is a scholar and administrator grounded in the field of criminology, education, justice studies, and peace and conflict studies. He is internationally known for his innovative, transformative, and intersectional collaborations among fields of study, social movements, scholars, organizations, and community leaders. Nocella II who co-founded the fields of academic repression, critical animal studies, total liberation, and disability pedagogy has published over forty books and 100 peer-reviewed articles and is regularly interviewed by media.

Brian Shiller

Brian has been a lawyer for more than 26 years and is a founding partner of the law firm Ruby Shiller Enenajor DiGiuseppe. His practice covers a broad range of areas with a particular emphasis on animal welfare law and working to ensure that all animals are treated with love, dignity and respect. Brian has worked with the Ontario SPCA for over a decade. He has been involved in providing advice and assistance in numerous areas of the Society's operations. In particular, Brian worked extensively on cruelty investigations and appeared as counsel to the Ontario SPCA before the Animal Care Review Board, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and the Court of Appeal in a large number of cases. He has recently provided strategic advice and direction to the board of the Ontario SPCA on its shift away from providing enforcement services to the Ontario Government and works with management on forging a path forward to improve the quality of services provided to ensure that animals in the Province of Ontario and the rest of Canada are afforded the legal protections they require and deserve.

Camille Labchuk

Camille Labchuk is an animal rights lawyer and executive director of Animal Justice—Canada's only animal law advocacy organization. Under her leadership, Animal Justice fights legal cases in courtrooms across the country, works to promote and pass tough new animal protection legislation, and ensures laws already on the books are being enforced.

Camille has intervened in precedent-setting cases to protect and enhance animals' legal interests at all levels of court, including the Supreme Court of Canada. She has testified before legislative committees to advance animal protections; filed false advertising complaints against companies making misleading humane claims; documented Canada's commercial seal slaughter; and exposed hidden suffering behind the closed doors farms and zoos through undercover investigations. Camille also has a strong interest in defending and protecting the civil rights of animal advocates.

Camille is a frequent lecturer on animal law, and a regular contributor to national publications like the Globe and Mail, iPolitics, and Lawyers' Daily, and her work has been featured in countless media stories.

Charlotte Blattner

Charlotte Blattner is a Postdoctoral Fellow at Harvard Law School, where she researches at the intersection of animal and environmental law. From 2017-2018, she completed the Postdoctoral Fellowship for Animal Studies at the Department of Philosophy at Queen's University, focusing on issues of animal labour. She earned her PhD in Law from the University of Basel, Switzerland, as part of the doctoral program "Law and Animals – Ethics at Crossroads", and was a Visiting International Scholar at the Center for Animal Law Studies at Lewis & Clark Law School in 2016. Her books *Protecting Animals Within and Across Borders: Extraterritorial Jurisdiction and the Challenges of Globalization* (2019) and *Animal Labour: A New Frontier of Interspecies Justice?* (2019, co-edited together with Kendra Coulter and Will Kymlicka) were or are about to be published by OUP.

Dr. Charu Chandrasekera

Dr. Charu Chandrasekera is the founder and executive director of Canada's first and only centre dedicated exclusively to alternatives to animal testing, the Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods (CCAAM) and the Canadian Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (CaCVAM) located at the University of Windsor. She is an experienced

scientist, a former animal researcher, a science policy expert, and an animal lover. Through her visionary Centre, Dr. Chandrasekera promotes the replacement of animals in Canadian biomedical research, education, and chemical safety testing through 21st century science, innovation, and ethics. www.uwindsor.ca/ccaam

Chief Justice Catherine Fraser

Chief Justice Catherine Fraser graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws degrees. She received the George Bligh O'Connor silver medal in law. Prior to her appointment to the bench she was Queen's Counsel and law professor at the University of Alberta. Her course on women and the law is thought to be the first of its kind taught in Canada. She was appointed to the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta in 1989. In 1991 she was the first woman to be appointed Chief Justice of Alberta as well as the youngest person to be appointed to the position in Alberta. In 1999 she was further appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of Nunavut. Fraser has also served on the Canadian Institute on the Administration of Justice, as chair of the Education Committee of the Canadian Judicial Council and as a member of the Council's Special Committee on Equality in the Courts. During her legal career she has continued to strive towards bringing forward equality and has consistently emphasized the importance of the rule of law. There is no better illustration of this than Chief Justice Fraser's dissent in the case involving Lucy the Elephant and the Edmonton Valley Zoo, Regina and Reece, "Some may consider this appeal and the claims on behalf of Lucy inconsequential, perhaps even frivolous. They would be wrong. Lucy's case raises serious issues not only about how society treats sentient animals – those capable of feeling pain and thereby suffering at human hands – but also about the right of the people in a democracy to ensure that the government itself is not above the law."

Chris Green

Chris Green is the Executive Director of Harvard Law School's Animal Law & Policy Program. He is the former Chair of the American Bar Association's Animal Law Committee and previously was the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Animal Legal Defense Fund. Chris still regularly testifies at legislative hearings on animal protection matters and he has consulted on animal legal issues for dozens of major media outlets. Green's own scholarship has focused on the societal and legal value of companion animals and has been published in the Animal Law Review. He currently is

serving on a National Academies of Sciences committee assessing the Dept. of Veterans Affairs' use of dogs in biomedical research. Chris also spent several decades working in the fine arts, film, and music industries, and he still manages an Illinois farm that has remained in his family for 181 consecutive years.

Danielle Duffield

Danielle Duffield is a litigation lawyer and adjunct animal law lecturer. She has been involved in animal advocacy work in Europe, the United States, and New Zealand, including through policy projects, litigation, academic work and movement building. She co-founded and served as president of New Zealand's animal law advocacy organisation, the New Zealand Animal Law Association, and is a member of the UK Centre for Animal Law. She has published articles on animal law in various law journals including the New Zealand Universities Law Review, the New Zealand Law Journal, and the UK Journal of Animal Law. She has a Bachelor of Laws with First Class Honours and a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from the University of Otago in New Zealand, and a Master of Laws from Harvard Law School, where she was a Frank Knox Memorial Fellow.

Darcy Lindberg

Darcy Lindberg is mixed-rooted nêhiyaw (Plains Cree), whose relations come from the Maskwacis and Battleford areas. Darcy's research is focused on Indigenous constitutionalism and Plains Cree legal relationships with the ecological world. He is an Assistant Professor with the University of Alberta's Faculty of Law.

Edie Bowles

Edie is a lawyer and the co-founder of Advocates for Animals, the UK's first animal protection law firm. She has advised many animal protection organisations and individuals on a range of issues, including the new animal establishment licensing regulations, an investigation into pig farming and greyhound racing. She is also a trustee of the UK Centre for Animal Law where she manages the student group and a trustee for The Humane League UK. She often speaks on animal protection issues. Prior to advising on animal protection law, Edie was an intellectual property lawyer in private practice.

Ellen Campbell

Ellen Campbell is a JD candidate at the University of Victoria, concentration in Environmental Law and Sustainability. Ellen holds a Master of Arts in Interdisciplinary Studies from the University of British Columbia, Okanagan. Her thesis studied colonialism and racism in non-profits' enforcement of conservation and animal law, for which she completed five months of field work on two Sea Shepherd campaigns and a BCSPCA practicum. She is a member of the Coalition for Indigenous Perspectives on Animals, Plants, and the Land; the North American Association for Critical Animal Studies; and the Animals & Society Research Initiative. Ellen has worked and volunteered with Radical Action with Migrants in Agriculture as a legal advocate, researcher, and videographer; at the BC SPCA as a volunteer coordinator and animal care attendant; with Sea Shepherd as a field producer for an award-winning documentary on sea turtles; and with a number of Indigenous groups on various legal research and videography projects. She volunteers with Rescue and Sanctuary for Threatened Animals as a grant writer and legal researcher, Warren Peace Bunny Sanctuary as a legal researcher, and Pacific Centre for Environmental Law and Litigation as a legal intern.

Elisabeth Ormandy

Elisabeth's background in neuroscience, and animal behaviour, welfare and ethics has driven her passion to critically evaluate the role that animals play in science and to promote the replacement of animals in research, testing and teaching as best scientific practice. In 2015 she co-founded, and is now Executive Director of, the Animals in Science Policy Institute (AiSPI) - the first and only registered charity in Canada that works solely on promoting better science without animals. In addition, Elisabeth is an instructor at the University of British Columbia, and she sits on the Categories of Welfare Impact sub-committee of the Canadian Council on Animal Care. Elisabeth is Board President of the nonprofit Now You Know Podcast, an advisor to the Humane Education Coalition, and a member of the editorial board for the Alternatives to Laboratory Animals (ATLA) journal.

Gary Grill

Gary Grill is a criminal lawyer based in Toronto specializing in criminal law. He frequently represents AR activists charged with criminal and regulatory offences across Canada and represents and advises international AR organizations in Canadian courts and on Canadian law.

He is an adjunct professor at Osgoode Hall Law School where he teaches criminal procedure. Gary is the recipient of PETA's Justice for Animals Award for his work representing Anita Krajnc in the Pig Trial.

Dr. Gieri Bolliger

Dr. Gieri Bolliger, executive director of the Stiftung für das Tier im Recht (TIR; Foundation for the Animal in the Law), is an attorney-at-law and has been working for TIR since 2000. After he published his dissertation on European Animal Law in 2000, as an editor, author and co-author he has published twelve books, various expert opinions and over 150 articles on national and international animal welfare law. In 2013, Gieri Bolliger was the first non-American lawyer to complete the postgraduate "Master of Animal Law" (LL.M.) at the Center for Animal Law Studies (CALS) at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland (Oregon/USA). Moreover, he has held a teaching position for animal welfare law at the University of Zurich since 2005 and has given speeches on the legal aspects of the human-animal relationship at countless conferences and training events in Switzerland and abroad.

Heather McLeod-Kilmurray

Heather McLeod-Kilmurray is an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa and Co-Director of its Centre for Environmental Law and Global Sustainability (CELGS). Her research and teaching focus on Food Law, Toxic Torts and Environmental Justice. She is co-author of The Canadian Law of Toxic Torts with Lynda Collins, co-editor of the forthcoming Canadian Food Law and Policy with Nathalie Chalifour and Angela Lee and a former part-time member of the Ontario Environmental Review Tribunal.

Holly Lake

Holly Lake is a journalist from Newfoundland and Labrador landlocked in Ottawa. A coastal soul and scuba diver who is happiest by, on, in, or under water, her work focuses on fisheries, oceans, the environment and animals. While she can't take credit for dubbing S-203 the 'Free Willy' bill (that was her editor's doing), she covered its long swim through Parliament from the early days for iPolitics, through to its leap into law. Holly has an undergraduate degree in law and political science from Carleton University, a master's degree in journalism from Western University, and is currently studying law at the University of Ottawa.

Iselin Gambert

Iselin Gambert is a professor of legal writing at The George Washington University Law School (Washington, DC), where she teaches courses in legal communication and rhetoric and feminist legal theory. In 2018 she co-taught an interdisciplinary course in critical animal studies at Lund University (Sweden). Iselin's scholarship spans multiple fields including language and rhetoric, critical animal studies, critical race theory, food law and policy, and feminist legal theory. She has written extensively on the subject of milk; her 2019 Brooklyn Law Review article *Got Mylk? The Disruptive Possibilities of Plant Milk* was identified as a "Notable & Quotable" by the Wall Street Journal. She was part of the U.S. Feminist Judgments Project, which published *Feminist Judgments: Rewritten Opinions of the United States Supreme Court* (Cambridge University Press 2016). She is a recipient of a 2019 Aspen Words Emerging Writer Fellowship in the category of Personal Essay.

James Silver

James Silver is the founding partner of Silver Pennypacker, Barristers. Certified by the Law Society of Ontario as a specialist in criminal law, his law practice has included work at all levels of court in Ontario, where he has argued trials and appeals. For decades he has been a go-to resource where animal rights activism converges with the criminal justice system. His devotion to justice for all creatures no matter the species has been repeatedly recognized by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, Mercy for Animals, the courts, the media, and even the Ontario Provincial Police. He has lectured at law schools and at lawyer education seminars on various topics involving criminal law, trial advocacy, and animal rights law.

Janine Kidd

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Jo-Anne Landsburg is the Chief Provincial Inspector for the Nova Scotia SPCA. Jo-Anne began working for the NS SPCA in 2013 as a Special Constable investigating complaints of animal cruelty and neglect across mainland NS. In 2015, she was promoted to Chief Inspector where she grew the SPCA enforcement team of only 4 officers to 17. She created the major case management team at the Provincial office in Dartmouth, providing oversight and mentorship to other officers across Nova Scotia.

Currently, Jo-Anne oversees the Enforcement program at the Nova Scotia SPCA including enforcing the Animal Protection Act in Nova Scotia along with 16 municipal Animal control by law contracts. Included in these contracts are 6 First Nations Reserves where the enforcement program has been ensuring healthy pet communities. Jo-Anne's most recent case secured a conviction taking into consideration the psychological distress of a dog.

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Josh Littlechild is from the Ermineskin Cree Nation In treaty #6 territory. Josh has an undergraduate degree in Native Studies and a certificate in indigenous governance and partnership from the faculty of Native Studies at the University of Alberta. Josh is the Ermineskin Cree Nation Tribal Law officer and assisted in the development of the Ermineskin Cree Nation Dog care and control program to buttress the Ermineskin Cree Nation Dog and prohibited Animal Control Law since 2016. Josh has two Maremmas and one Pyrenees.

Justice Lois R Hoegg

Justice Lois Hoegg attended Dalhousie Law School and was called to the bar of Newfoundland in 1983. Justice Hoegg began her career as a Crown attorney in St. John's before moving on to become managing partner for Ches Crosbie Barristers. In 2000, she was appointed Queen's Counsel for the Province of Newfoundland. She was appointed to the bench in 2007 to the Supreme Court of Newfoundland and then again in 2010 the Court of Appeal. During her legal career she has served with many professional associations. She has been a lecturer for the Newfoundland Law Society and has worn many hats for the Canadian Bar Association: including president of the Newfoundland Branch, chair of the National Committee and Ethics and Professional Issues Committee, and co-chair of the CBA's Canadian legal conference in St. John's. Recently, in a highly praised dissent in the case of *Baker v Hamina*, Justice Hoegg respectfully disagreed with her colleagues saying, "I am disturbed by the notion that courts should not spend their precious time and resources determining the ownership of dogs.... I emphasize the emotional bonds between people and their dogs, and say that fair decisions respecting the ownership and possession of dogs can be much more important to litigants and to society than decisions respecting the ownership of a piece of furniture or a few dollars."

Kaitlyn Mitchell

Kaitlyn has over a decade of experience using the law to protect animals and the environment. She graduated from Dalhousie Law School in 2007 with a certificate of specialization in environmental law. From 2007 to 2019, Kaitlyn practiced public interest environmental law, first at the Canadian Environmental Law Association and then at Ecojustice - Canada's only national environmental law charity. At Ecojustice, her work focused on promoting respect for and recognition of the human right to a healthy environment, and often involved working with low income and other socially marginalized communities impacted by environmental hazards. Kaitlyn recently joined Animal Justice and is thrilled to have the opportunity to dedicate her legal practice to using the law to promote the well-being of animals.

Kathryn M. Campbell

Kathryn M. Campbell has a background in both criminology and law and is a professor in the Department of Criminology at the University of Ottawa. She has long been interested in studying social justice, including issues of equality and rights under the law, for various individuals and groups. The majority of her research has focused on miscarriages of justice, young persons and criminal law, Indigenous justice issues and most recently animal law. Professor Campbell is currently exploring how far the question of animal rights may be extended under current Canadian law and what needs to be done to advance greater rights recognition.

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Kevin Schneider

Kevin Schneider is the Executive Director of the Nonhuman Rights Project (NhRP), a position he's held since October 2015, and an attorney admitted to the New York Bar. He graduated with a B.A. in political science from the University of Massachusetts, Boston in 2009 and earned his law degree from Florida State University with a certificate in environmental and land use law in 2013. Kevin started as a volunteer with the NhRP in 2010 and was inspired to go to law school by it. The NhRP was founded in 1996 by attorney Steven M. Wise and works to secure legally recognized fundamental rights for nonhuman animals through litigation, advocacy, and education. Its mission is to change the legal status of at least some nonhuman animals from mere "things," which lack the capacity to possess any legal right, to "persons," who possess such fundamental rights as bodily integrity and bodily liberty and those other legal rights to which evolving standards of morality, scientific discovery, and human experience entitle them. The NhRP works with teams of attorneys on four continents to develop campaigns to achieve legal rights for nonhuman animals that are suited to the legal systems of these countries. The NhRP filed its first cases in December of 2013, and its work is the subject of the 2016 Pennebaker Hegedus/HBO documentary film *Unlocking the Cage*, which has been seen by millions around the world.

Laure Boissat

Laure Boissat works as leads the research and manages the development of the Animal Protection Index (API), developed by the international animal welfare charity World Animal Protection. Laure focuses her

research on comparing animal protection legislations across 50 countries, which are ranked in the API. Prior to joining World Animal Protection, Laure worked for the International Fund for Animal Welfare, where she contributed to various campaigns on the illegal ivory and rhino horn trade.

Laure graduated with honours from her Master's in Biodiversity Conservation and Management at the University of Oxford. While there, she focused her attention on reconciling animal welfare and conservation and wrote her thesis on the impacts of the documentary Blackfish. She led various animal welfare and vegan student societies throughout her time at university. Laure also gained hands-on conservation experience in the rescue, rehabilitation and release of wildlife in South Africa and Australia, where she specifically cared for koalas.

Lesli Bisgould

Lesli was called to the Ontario bar in 1992. Several years later, she left a litigation firm to open her own practice in animal rights law, the first of its kind in Canada. For ten years, she acted for individuals and organizations seeking to advance the interests of animals. In 2007, she created a course about animals and the law which she has since taught at University of Toronto's law school (co-teaching this year with Angela Fernandez). Lesli has deputed before every level of government and argued at every level of court. She has lectured across Canada, the US and Australia. She wrote the first Canadian legal textbook on the subject (Animals and the Law; Irwin Law, 2011). Her current full time position is Barrister at Legal Aid Ontario's Clinic Resource Office, where she assists legal clinics with their appeals.

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Bloomberg Business, Business Week, and Time. She is also a regular contributor to the op-ed pages of national and international media outlets, writing on topics such as clean meat, sustainable finance, and ethical investing.

Lori Marino

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Lori is a neuroscientist and expert in animal behavior and intelligence, formerly on the faculty of Emory University and is internationally known for her work on the evolution of the brain and intelligence in dolphins and whales (as well as primates and farmed animals). She has published over 130 peer-reviewed scientific papers, book chapters, and magazine articles on marine mammal biology and cognition, comparative brain anatomy, self-awareness in nonhuman animals, human-nonhuman animal relationships, and the evolution of intelligence. She is also active in the area of marine mammal captivity issues such as dolphin assisted therapy and the educational claims of the zoo and aquarium industry.

Lori appears regularly in films and television programs, including the 2013 documentary *Blackfish* about killer whale captivity, *Unlocking the Cage*, the 2016 documentary on the Nonhuman Rights Project, and *Long Gone Wild*, the 2019 documentary that picks up where *Blackfish* left off and the work of the Whale Sanctuary Project begins.

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Mandy MacLeod

Mandy MacLeod is a family protection prosecutor in Edmonton, with a specialization in the prosecution of regulatory and criminal offences against animals. She a favourite hobby-horse of hers is following Canadian

developments in regulatory laws governing the elective modification of animal bodies. She also provides training to law enforcement concerning crimes implicating the link between harm to pets and harm to people in the context of family violence. Check out her TEDxTalk entitled, "Protect Pets, Protect People: Time for Legal Change" for more info and for several glamorous photographs of her beloved cat Smudge.

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Maneesha Deckha is Professor and Lansdowne Chair in Law at the University of Victoria. Her research interests include critical animal law, feminist animal care theory, postcolonial theory, vulnerability and precarity studies, health law, and reproductive law and policy. Her interdisciplinary scholarship is dedicated to an intersectional and critical animals studies analysis of law and legality and has been supported by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada. She also held the Fulbright Visiting Chair in Law and Society at New York University and currently serves as Director of the Animals & Society Research Initiative at the University of Victoria as well as on the Editorial Boards of *Politics and Animals* and *Hypatia*. She is a fellow of the Brooks Animal Studies Academic Network and is currently completing a book project on feminism, postcolonialism and critical animal law.

Margaret Robinson

Margaret Robinson is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Anthropology at Dalhousie University. She is a bisexual and two-spirit scholar from Eski'kewaq, Nova Scotia, and a member of the Lennox Island First Nation. Her work examines the impact of intersecting oppressions and draws on critical, postcolonial, and queer theories, intersectionality, and third wave feminism.

Martina Pluda

Martina is a professional animal advocate with a media and legal background. As Head of Programmes at FOUR PAWS in Vienna, Martina runs political, corporate, and awareness campaigns to improve the legal protection of companion, farm, and wild animals, influence company policies and practices, and change the public perception around pressing animal welfare issues. By exposing hidden animal suffering and offering concrete solutions, she strives to achieve meaningful, long-term policy

and behavioral change. Her work includes campaigns against puppy trade, cruel farming practices (cage keeping, pig castration without anesthesia, farrowing crates, slatted flooring, force-feeding and live-plucking, male chick shredding, etc.), long distance live animal transports, fur fashion, private keeping of wild animals, and more. Martina holds both an LLB and a JD from the University of Salzburg, as well as an LLM in Animal Law from the Autonomous University of Barcelona. Martina has been working for over fifteen years as a free-lance journalist and is the author of *Animal Law in the Third Reich* (Servei de Publicacions de la Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona 2019). She is also a frequent lecturer and regular media commentator on animal welfare issues and her work has been featured in numerous news outlets.

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Michelle Strauss

I am New Zealand qualified lawyer, currently living and working in the UK. I lived in Ireland for two years from 2015 and during this time became involved in animal rights work. My background is predominately in the area of professional negligence and I have found this experience a useful base from which to consider the involvement of professionals in animal related industries. My focus is currently on matters pertaining to puppy farms/mills but I have a keen interest in all animal rights related issues.

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Peter has a long history of animal advocacy. He co-founded the Animal Rights Legal Advocacy Network (ARLAN) in New Zealand, and was the Director for that organization from 2001-2005. He currently sits on the Board of Directors for Animal Justice. In 2015, he represented the organization as lead counsel before the Supreme Court of Canada in the case of *R v DLW*, the first time an animal advocacy group had ever appeared before Canada's highest Court. He regularly acts on behalf of individuals seeking to make the world a better place for animals.

Peter is also the co-host of Paw and Order, Canada's animal law podcast. To learn more about his work, go to www.petersankoff.com.

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The "ism" to which I now devote all my skills and energy is speciesism – the normative systematic oppression of non-human animals. I have been an advocate for the liberation of non-human animals for many years and finally came to the realization that this issue is deeply connected to my profession. My research is intended to bring awareness of the issue of speciesism and its relation to social work with the hopes of influencing social work research, education and practice.

Rebeka Breder

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Zeynep began her legal career in Animal Law while articling at Animal Justice Canada in 2012. Zeynep holds a law degree from Dalhousie University, in Halifax, Nova Scotia and is a member of the California Bar.

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