

An Uncomfortable Conversation: Human Use of Animals

Friday-Saturday, March 30-31, 2012

A Vulnerability and Human Condition Initiative & Feminism and Legal Theory Project Workshop

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

**4:00-6:30 P.M., LINE DRAWING:
CONCEPTIONS OF ANIMALS AND THEIR LEGAL STATUS**

"Are We Not Men?" Drawing the Line Between Humans and Animals Under Jewish Law

Mark Goldfeder, Emory University School of Law

Suffering Humanism

Sean Meighoo, Emory University Institute of Liberal Arts

Animal Rebukes of Human Abuses: A Study of a Medieval Case Against Humankind

Jonathan Crane, Emory University Center for Ethics

Cows and Slaves, Forests and Trees: The Ir/relevance of Categories

Laura Spitz and Andréa Girardin, Miller Thomson LLP and McGill University

6:30-8:30 P.M. DINNER

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

9:00-9:30 A.M. BREAKFAST

9:30-11:30 A.M., HUMAN-ANIMAL CONFLICT AND VULNERABILITY

Empathy with Animals: A Litmus Test for Human Legal Personhood?

Carter Dillard, The Animal Legal Defense Fund

The Immorality of Biomedical Animal Experimentation

Mylan Engel Jr., Department of Philosophy, Northern Illinois University

Farmed Animal Welfare: The Move from State to Federal Regulation—A Good or Bad Development?

David Wolfson, Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy

11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M. LUNCH



**12:45-3:15 P.M. INCONSISTENT APPROACHES TO
DOMESTIC ANIMALS BASED ON HUMAN ATTACHMENT**

Wilbur the Pig Syndrome: Ethical Problems with the Exceptional Animal

Alyce Miller, Department of English, Indiana University

Pets or Meat as Applied to Actual Pets and Other Non-Human Animals

Mary Anne Case, University of Chicago Law School

From Pets to Pests: America's Confusion Related to Our Relationship with Horses and How It Complicates Reform

Holly Hazard, The Humane Society of the United States

Dangerous or Vulnerable? How Not to Regulate Dangerous Dogs

Marie Fox, University of Birmingham

**3:15-5:15 P.M. LESSONS FROM OTHER DISCIPLINES
ABOUT VULNERABILITY**

The Least of These: Children, Animals, and Competition for Compassion

Kirsten Widner, Emory University School of Law

Regarding Legal Personhood, Are Chimpanzees (and Other Intelligent Animals) Children?

Richard Cupp, Pepperdine University School of Law

Rejecting Power and Love as Foundations of Our Obligations to Domestic Animals: A Preliminary to Progress

Katherine Wayne, Department of Philosophy, Queen's University

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