



**Oxford Centre
for Animal Ethics**

*First Annual Oxford Summer School
on Animal Ethics 2014*

Religion and Animal Protection
St Stephen's House, Oxford





A warm welcome to our first Annual Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School

This year, we are examining the role played by religion in animal protection.

This is the first international gathering of academics on religion and animal protection from multi-faith and multi-disciplinary perspectives.

We will examine the ethical adequacy of religious attitudes to animals. Inspired by Baptist Preacher Charles Spurgeon's claim that a person cannot be a true Christian if his dog or cat is not the better off for it, the Summer

School will consider whether religious people and religious institutions benefit animals. Are they more or less likely to be respectful to animals – either those kept as companions or those used for other human purposes?

We are delighted to have speakers from every major religious tradition as well as sociologists, legal scholars, historians, and psychologists. We hope the Summer School will inspire a dialogue on religion and animal protection.

I look forward to personally welcoming you to this ground-breaking event.

Clair Linzey
Director of the Annual Oxford Summer School

About the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics

The Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics (www.oxfordanimalethics.com) is the premier centre for animal ethics worldwide. Our Centre aims to break new ground for the animals by pioneering ethical perspectives on animals through academic research, teaching, and publication. We want to put ethical concern for animals on the intellectual agenda, and contribute to an enlightened public debate about animals. We believe that the rational case for animals is frequently understated within academia and misrepresented in the media.

The heart of the work of the Centre is our international Fellowship of over 80 academics drawn from the humanities and the sciences.

The Fellows are working in all fields of academic scholarship to advance perspectives on animal ethics.

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The Centre publishes the Journal of Animal Ethics in partnership with the University of Illinois Press, and has established a book series on animal ethics with Palgrave Macmillan and twelve of the commissioned books have already appeared.



About St Stephen's House, Oxford

St Stephen's House is an Anglican theological college and a Permanent Private Hall of the University of Oxford. It offers formation, education and training for a variety of qualifications and ministries (<https://www.ssho.ox.ac.uk/>).

St Stephen's House was founded in 1876 by members of the Tractarian movement and has stood, ever since, in the catholic tradition of the Church of England.

The House's principal founder was Edward King, then Regius Professor of Pastoral Theology in the University of Oxford, and later Bishop of Lincoln. Associated with King were William Bright, Regius Professor of Ecclesiastical History, Edward Talbot, Warden of Keble College and subsequently Bishop of Winchester, Edwin Palmer, Professor of Latin and Archdeacon of Oxford, Edward

Woolcoombe, a Fellow of Balliol, and John Wordsworth, Chaplain of Brasenose College. Among the founding group was Henry Scott Holland, then senior fellow at Christ Church, and one of the leading figures in the development of the Christian social teaching.

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For the House's first years, it was situated near the centre of Oxford, where the New Bodleian Library now stands. From 1919, the House had a site in Norham Gardens, near to the University Parks. In 1980 it moved to the current site, formerly the mother-house of the Society of St John the Evangelist (also known as the Cowley Fathers), founded by Richard Meux Benson.



The institute consists of an international fellowship of academics drawn from both the humanities and the sciences dedicated to pioneering ethical perspectives

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The Programme

Annual Oxford Animal Ethics Summer School
Religion and Animal Protection 21-23 July 2014

Monday 21st July

7.30-8.30am: (Breakfast in the Dining Hall for those staying on Sunday 20th)
8.30-9.25am: Registration in the Summer School Office

Couratin Room	Hope Room
<i>Chair: The Revd Jennifer Brown</i>	<i>Chair: Dr Deborah Jones</i>
<i>9.25 Welcome by Professor Andrew Linzey</i>	<i>9.25 Welcome by Clair Linzey</i>
<i>9.30 -10.15 The Most Revd Metropolitan Kallistos Ware of Diokleia and formerly Reader in Eastern Orthodox Studies, University of Oxford</i> <i>Compassion for animals in the Orthodox Church</i>	<i>9.30 -10.15 Dr Khayke Beruriah Wiegand Woolf Corob Lector in Yiddish Oxford Centre for Hebrew and Jewish Studies</i> <i>“Myriads of cows and fowls ... ready to take revenge” – Isaac Bashevis Singer’s vegetarianism and his treatment of animals and animal slaughter in his works</i>
<i>10.15 - 11.00 Professor Deborah Cao Professor, School of Languages and Linguistics/ Law School Socio-Legal Research Centre</i> <i>Griffith University, Australia</i> <i>Animals in Confucian and Daoist thought</i>	<i>10.15 - 11.00 Dr Simon Pulleyn Lecturer, University of Law, London</i> <i>Animals in Christian Canon Law</i>
11.00-11.30am: Tea and Coffee in the Common Room	
<i>Chair: Dr Ryan McLaughlin</i>	<i>Chair: Justin Begley</i>
<i>11.30-12.15 Professor Michael Barnes SJ Professor of Interreligious Relations Heythrop College, University of London</i> <i>Invoking another world: An interreligious reflection on Hindu mythology</i>	<i>11.30-12.15 Dr Philip Sampson Independent Scholar, formerly Research Fellow University of Southampton</i> <i>Lord of creation or animal among animals? Dominion, Darwin and duty</i>
<i>12.15-1.00 The Rt Revd John Pritchard Bishop of Oxford leads a discussion on</i> <i>Anglicanism and animals</i>	<i>12.15-1.00 Ryan Brand Doctoral Candidate, Vanderbilt University</i> <i>Encountering animals: Buber’s prelude to the animal question</i>

1.00-2.00pm: Buffet Lunch in the Dining Hall	
Couratin Room	Hope Room
Chair: Professor Deborah Cao	Chair: Joseph Wolyniak
<p>2.00-2.45 Dr Kenneth Valpey Fellow, Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies University of Oxford</p> <p>Animating Samadhi: Rethinking animal-human relationships through yoga</p>	<p>2.00-2.45 Dr Abbey Smith University of Winchester</p> <p>Paul Tillich's method of correlation and the possibility of a Tillichian animal ethic</p>
<p>2.45-3.30 Dr Jagbir Jhutti-Johal Lecturer in Sikh Studies Department of Theology and Religion University of Birmingham</p> <p>If the Sikh Dharam is about tolerance and respect what value is placed on animals?</p>	<p>2.45-3.30 Dr Corinne Painter Faculty Member Department of Humanities Washtenaw Community College</p> <p>Christianity and non-human animal justice: Why don't most Christians practice what they preach?</p>
3.30-4.00pm: Tea and Coffee in the Common Room	
Chair: Professor Daniel Dombrowski	Chair: Kelsi Nagy
<p>4.00-4.45 Dr Kay Peggs Reader in Sociology University of Portsmouth</p> <p>Religion, ethics and vegetarianism</p>	<p>4.00-4.45 Justin Begley Doctoral Candidate, University of Oxford</p> <p>Margaret Cavendish's animalistic observations: Petty gods and the hunt for natural knowledge</p>
<p>4.45-5.30 Professor Kai Horsthemke Associate Professor, Department of Education University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa</p> <p>African religions and animal protection</p>	<p>4.45-5.30 Dr Deborah Jones Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics</p> <p>Has the Roman Catholic Church been a blessing or a curse for animals?</p>
<p>5.30-6.15 Professor Neal Robinson Professor of Arab and Islamic Studies Australian National University</p> <p>Ants, birds and other affable creatures in the Qur'an and Sufi tradition</p>	<p>5.30-6.15 Christine Nellist Doctoral Candidate, University of Winchester</p> <p>Ancient voices in modern theology: Orthodox teaching and practice in animal welfare. Transformative Research: Cyprus a Case Study.</p>
6.30pm: Sherry in the Common Room	
7pm: Dinner in the Dining Hall	

Tuesday 22nd July

7.30-8.30am: (Breakfast in the Dining Hall for residential delegates)

Couratin Room	Hope Room
Chair: Dr Kay Peggs	Chair: Dr Corinne Painter
<p>9.00-9.45 The Venerable Alex Bruce Associate Professor College of Law Australian National University</p> <p>Paradox and practice: The significance of morally relevant distinctions in Buddhist characterisations of animals</p>	<p>9.00-9.45 Dr Margarita Carretero-González Senior Lecturer Faculty of Arts University of Granada, Spain</p> <p>From excommunication to silence: Catholic attitudes to bullfighting</p>
<p>9.45-10.30 Professor Chien-hui Li Assistant Professor Department of History National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan</p> <p>The Christian tradition and the animal defence movement in nineteenth-century Britain</p>	<p>9.45-10.30 Dr Ryan McLaughlin Adjunct Faculty Theology Department Duquesne University</p> <p>Cosmic fallenness, evolution, and nonhuman death</p>
10.30-11.00am: Tea and Coffee in the Common Room	
Chair: Professor Kurt Remele	Chair: The Revd Jennifer Brown
<p>11.00-11.45 Professor Michael Gilmour Associate Professor New Testament and English Literature Providence University College, Canada</p> <p>Rattlesnakes and religion in revolutionary-era America: William Bartram's Quaker-inspired animal advocacy</p>	<p>11.00-11.45 Professor Maria Jaoudi Professor, Department of Humanities & Religious Studies California State University Sacramento</p> <p>Hildegard of Bingen: The many realities of consciousness: Intellectual, spiritual, aesthetic</p>

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<p><i>11.45-12.30</i> Professor Clifton P. Flynn Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor of Sociology, University of South Carolina Upstate, and Rachel Austin, Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte</p> <p><i>Traversing the gap between religion and animal rights: Framing and networks as a conceptual bridge</i></p>	<p><i>11.45-12.30</i> Akisha Townsend Associate Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics</p> <p><i>Putting the “creature” into creation: The call for the inclusion of animals in the Christian creation care movement</i></p>
<p><i>12.30-1.15</i> The Revd Canon Beaumont Stevenson Visiting Tutor St Stephen’s House, Oxford</p> <p><i>Animal companions and bereavement</i></p>	<p><i>12.30-1.15</i> Dr John Chesworth Research Officer on Christian-Muslim Relations University of Birmingham</p> <p><i>Muslim and Christian perspectives on animal slaughter</i></p>
1.15-2.15pm: Buffet Lunch in the Dining Hall	
<i>Chair: Dr Lidia de Tienda Palop</i>	<i>Chair: Rachel Wechsler</i>
<p><i>2.15-3.00</i> Rabbi Professor Tony Bayfield CBE Professor of Jewish Theology and Thought Leo Baeck College, London</p> <p><i>Judaism: the human animal and all other animals – dominion or responsibility?</i></p>	<p><i>2.15-3.00</i> The Revd Feargus O’Connor Minister of Golders Green Unitarian Church</p> <p><i>Universal kinship: A Unitarian perspective on animals</i></p>
<p><i>3.00-3.45</i> Professor Daniel Dombrowski Professor of Philosophy Seattle University</p> <p><i>Process theology: From nonhuman animals to the environment</i></p>	<p><i>3.00-3.45</i> Professor Edward Sellner Professor of Theology St. Catherine University, St. Paul, Minnesota</p> <p><i>The Celtic Saints and their kinship with animals and birds</i></p>
3.45-4.15pm: Tea and Coffee in the Common Room	
<i>Chair: Dr Simon Pulleyn</i>	<i>Chair: Maximilian Elder</i>
<p><i>4.15-5.00</i> Professor Lisa Isherwood Professor of Feminist Liberation Theologies University of Winchester</p> <p><i>Radical incarnation and animal protection</i></p>	<p><i>4.15-5.00</i> Dr Sudhir Chopra Fellow, Cambridge Central Asia Forum</p> <p><i>Animals in Buddha’s life and teachings</i></p>

<p><i>5.00-5.45</i> Professor Neil Messer Head of the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Winchester</p> <p><i>Evolution, animal suffering and ethics: A response to Christopher Southgate</i></p>	<p><i>5.00-5.45</i> Carl Tobias Frayne Masters Candidate, University of Chicago</p> <p><i>Reverence as a way of life: Re-evaluating our relation to the more-than-human world</i></p>
6.45pm: Summer School Official Photograph in Moberly Garden	
7.00pm: Champagne Reception in the Cloisters	
<p>7.30pm: Gala Dinner in St John the Evangelist Church</p> <p><i>Introduction of Special Guests of Honour</i></p> <p><i>Special Gala Dinner speakers:</i> Professor Joy Carter DL, Vice Chancellor of the University of Winchester Sir David Madden, former British diplomat, and Senior Member of St Antony’s College, Oxford The Revd Professor Andrew Linzey, Director of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics</p>	

Wednesday 23rd July

7.30-8.30am: (Breakfast for residential delegates)

Couratin Room	Hope Room
<i>Chair: Rachel Austin</i>	<i>Chair: Joseph Tuminello</i>
<p><i>9.00-9.45</i> Dr Margaret Adam Honorary Academic Associate St Stephen’s House, Oxford</p> <p><i>The difference bodily resurrection makes: Caring for animals whilst hoping for heaven</i></p>	<p><i>9.00-9.45</i> Joseph Wolyniak Visiting Scholar, Religious Studies Department University of Denver</p> <p><i>For dissections and trials: The religious roots of animal experimentation in Bacon’s ‘New Science’</i></p>
<p><i>9.45-10.30</i> The Revd Jennifer Brown Tutor, Cuddesdon School of Theology and Ministry Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford</p> <p><i>Can Christian worship influence attitudes and behaviour towards animals?</i></p>	<p><i>9.45-10.30</i> Sidney Blankenship Member of the Cherokee Tribe and Independent Scholar</p> <p><i>Restoring species to the circle of life in Native America</i></p>

10.30-11.00am: Tea and Coffee in the Common Room	
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Chair: Professor Michael Gilmour	Chair: Robert Lazo
<p><i>11.00-11.45</i> Professor Kurt Remele Associate Professor of Ethics and Catholic Social Thought University of Graz, Austria</p> <p><i>A strange kind of kindness: On Catholicism's moral ambiguity towards animals</i></p>	<p><i>11.00-11.45</i> Kelsi Nagy Doctoral Candidate, University of Oxford</p> <p><i>The invisible cow: The welfare of sacred and mundane cattle in contemporary India</i></p>
<p><i>11.45-12.30</i> Dr Tim Winter Lecturer in Islamic Studies University of Cambridge</p> <p><i>'Nations like yourselves': the theological reception of koranic teaching on animals</i></p>	<p><i>11.45-12.30</i> Maximilian Elder Associate Fellow, Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics</p> <p><i>Theism and the problem of animal suffering</i></p>
<p><i>12.30-1.15</i> Professor Richard Gombrich Boden Professor of Sanskrit Emeritus University of Oxford</p> <p><i>Animals in Buddhist ethics</i></p>	<p><i>12.30-1.15</i> The Revd Lucy Gardner Tutor in Christian Doctrine St Stephen's House, Oxford</p> <p><i>Animals and Christian doctrine - exploring some of the questions animals might pose</i></p>
1.15-2.15pm: Buffet Lunch in the Dining Hall	
Chair: Professor Kai Horsthemke	Chair: Ryan Brand
<p><i>2.15-3.00</i> Dr Sebastian Brock Formerly Reader in Syriac Studies Faculty of Oriental Studies, University of Oxford</p> <p><i>Animals and humans: Some perspectives from an Eastern Christian tradition</i></p>	<p><i>2.15-3.00</i> Dr Deborah Rooke Research Fellow, Oxford Centre for Christianity and Culture, Regent's Park College, Oxford</p> <p><i>“You shall not eat any abominable thing”: An examination of the Old Testament food laws with animal ethics in mind</i></p>
<p><i>3.00-3.45</i> Natalie Edgoose Head of Humanities and teacher of Religious Education, Plume School, Essex</p> <p><i>Teaching animals at GCSE and A Level</i></p>	<p><i>3.00-3.45</i> Dr Samantha Calvert Researcher in residence The Vegan Society</p> <p><i>Eden's diet: Christianity and vegetarianism</i></p>
3.45-4.15pm: Tea and Coffee in the Common Room	

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Chair: Professor Clifton Flynn	Chair: Akisha Townsend
<p><i>4.15-5.00</i> Dr Samantha Hurn Lecturer in Anthropology University of Exeter</p> <p><i>Exposing the harm in euthanasia: Ahimsa and an alternative view on animal welfare as expressed in the beliefs and practices of the Skanda Vale ashram, west Wales</i></p>	<p><i>4.15-5.00</i> Robert Lazo Visiting Student Mansfield College, Oxford</p> <p><i>Lucretius on religion and animal protection</i></p>
<p><i>5.00-5.45</i> Dr Alan Bates Honorary Senior Lecturer Anatomical Pathology University College, London</p> <p><i>A spark divine? Animal souls and animal welfare in nineteenth-century Britain</i></p>	<p><i>5.00-5.45</i> Joseph Tuminello Doctoral Candidate University of North Texas</p> <p><i>Reconciling orthodox and diaspora Jainism via agricultural ethics</i></p>
<p><i>5.45-6.30</i> Professor William Greenway Associate Professor of Philosophical Theology Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary</p> <p><i>Peter Singer, Emmanuel Levinas, Christian agape, and the spiritual heart of animal liberation</i></p>	<p><i>5.45-6.30</i> Rachel Wechsler U.S. Lawyer and Doctoral Candidate University of Oxford</p> <p><i>When religious freedom and animal ethics intersect</i></p>
6.30 Closing Remarks by Professor Andrew Linzey	6.30 Closing Remarks by Clair Linzey
6.35pm: Summer School Ends	

Our concern is to establish
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of academics able to make an
effective ethical case for animals

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Special Guests at the Gala Dinner

Honoured Guests

- Sidney Blankenship
- Vanessa Clarke
- Jo Kennedy and Dr Mark Hill
- Christine Nellist
- Anne Rees
- Frances Robinson

Distinguished Guests

- Professor Joy Carter DL,
Vice Chancellor of the University of Winchester
- Sir David Madden and Lady Anthea Madden
- Deputy Lord Mayor Craig Simmons and
Councillor Elise Benjamin
- The Most Revd Metropolitan Kallistos Ware
of Diokleia
- Councillor David Williams and Allison Williams



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