

Health and Society Seminar Series



Inter-Species Ethics & Sociality: Children's Stories about Common & Familiar Animals

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12:00 - 1:00 P.M.

Room G384
Health Sciences Centre,
3330 Hospital Drive NW, Calgary

This seminar draws on research on the social relationships between children (ages 5 & 10 years) and three common and familiar animals--frogs, bats and raccoons. The stories and drawings made by the participants inspire ideas about kinship imaginaries--what they contain, how they are formed, or lost in socialization processes with children. Aspects of curiosity, fear, wonder, recognition of difference, an ecology of subjects, and interspecies ethics and empathy are explored in light of the research.

Leesa Fawcett is an Associate Professor in Environmental Studies and Coordinator of Graduate Diploma in Environmental and Sustainability Education at York University, Toronto, Ontario. She has worked in the area of human-animal studies, environmental education and philosophy for over 30 years and she is still learning and enjoying it.

This Seminar Series is hosted by the Population Health Intervention Research Centre (www.ucalgary.ca/PHIRC). We'd like it to reflect a range of perspectives and interests. We welcome participation. Please contact Lindsay Bradshaw, at ph (403) 210 9316; or by email bradshaw@ucalgary.ca if you have any ideas or suggestions.



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