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It is a meaningful and lasting reflection of Brooks McCormick Jr.’s life that the world’s premier academic program in animal law and policy will forever be named in his memory. Recognizing that every animal has a unique and inherent value as an individual being, Brooks was troubled by the fact that animals are treated as property under the law. He hoped that with a deeper understanding, policymakers could gain an objective analysis and create momentum for change. Through his vision and philanthropy, Brooks hoped to leave a legacy of opportunity that would produce a profound change in animal rights law and policy.

- Timothy S. Midura, Trustee, Cofounder, President, Executive Director, and General Counsel, The Brooks Institute

Introduction and Executive Summary

In the fall of 2021, the Animal Law & Policy Program received an unprecedented gift from the Brooks McCormick Institute for Animal Rights Law & Policy to establish a \$10 million endowment that will support the long-term continuation of our work. We are honored that our Program now bears the name of the institute’s founding benefactor, Brooks McCormick Jr.

As we enter our eighth year, the Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law & Policy Program has a huge agenda to solve some of the most pressing problems of today, from the devastating impact of industrial animal agriculture on the lives of animals, humans, and our planet, to the suffering of animals used in research or entertainment, and those killed for sport.

As the past year has highlighted, progress is possible.

Ecuador became the first country in the world to recognize the legal rights of nonhuman animals. In its ruling, the Constitutional Court of Ecuador made detailed reference to a joint amicus brief submitted by ALPP’s founder and Faculty Director Professor Kristen Stilt, Rights Research Fellow Macarena Montes Franceschini, and collaborators from the Nonhuman Rights Project.

ALPP’s 60-page report outlining the cruel and far-reaching implications of overturning California’s Proposition 12 received widespread coverage. In addition to the report, which was authored by our Litigation Fellow Kelsey Eberly, the Animal Law & Policy Clinic submitted an amicus brief to the Supreme Court supporting Prop 12 on behalf of a coalition of animal protection organizations and law professors.

Under the leadership of our Clinic Director Katherine Meyer, student clinicians fought to protect the imperiled tule elk at Tomales Point, the psychological wellbeing of primates used in research, the billions

of birds slaughtered on high-speed poultry lines, and countless other animals.

Our Visiting Fellows also produced innovative work, such as Jan Dutkiewicz’s persuasive arguments in support of just food systems, Michelle Sinclair’s cross-cultural research into farmed animal welfare in 14 countries, and Garet Lahvis’s compelling writing about the human and scientific challenges of testing on animals.

In addition, our Executive Director Chris Green was honored with a prestigious animal law award from the America Bar Association. Celebrating his achievement, Professor Stilt said, “It is no exaggeration to say that Chris has a significant hand, in fact the most significant hand of anyone I know, in shaping the field of animal law today through human talent.”

None of this progress, or nurturing of talent, would be possible without the generosity of our friends and supporters. You have our heartfelt thanks for making important litigation strategies, scholarship, and policy work, come to life.

- **Bob Barker**
- **Virginia Coleman**
- **Simone Friedman**
- **Brad Goldberg**
- **Phillip and Lynne Himelstein**
- **Ariel Nessel / Mobius**
- **Charles Thomas**
- **Animal Welfare Trust**
- **Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy**
- **Stray Dog Institute**

People

Animal Law & Policy Program Faculty and Staff

The Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law & Policy Program is led by Harvard Law School Professor Kristen Stilt, who launched the Program in 2014. Executive Director Chris Green has worked with Professor Stilt since 2015, during which time he has significantly expanded the Program, while overseeing its strategic planning, coordinating, and development efforts. Supporting Kristen and Chris are Program Administrator Ceallaigh Reddy who manages all administrative and organizational needs and Sarah Pickering who promotes the work of both the Program and Clinic as Communications Director. Research Fellow Ann Linder continues to manage the Program’s live animal markets project, assisted by Research Editors and Writers Bonnie Nadzam and Valerie Wilson McCarthy. Nirva Kapasi Patel joined the team as Global Policy Fellow, Kelsey Eberly as Legislative Policy Fellow, and Macarena Montes Franceschini as Rights Research Fellow.

For the third consecutive year, Professor Katherine Meyer has been the Director of our Animal Law & Policy Clinic alongside Clinical Fellow Kate Barnekow. Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser continues to produce the weekly Brooks Animal Law Digest and Ashton Macfarlane, a JD/PhD student at Harvard Law School, served as Clinic Research Assistant. In the summer of 2022, the Clinic welcomed Rachel Mathews as Clinical Instructor and Rebecca Garverman as Clinical Fellow. Rebecca replaces Kate Barnekow whose fantastic work for the Clinic helped her to secure a Staff Attorney position with the Humane Society of the United States.

For the second year, we were delighted to host Lecturer on Law Eric Glitzenstein who taught Wildlife Law. In addition to serving as Faculty Director of the Program and Clinic, Professor Stilt also taught Animal Law.



Kristen Stilt
Faculty Director



Chris Green
Executive Director



Katherine Meyer
Clinic Director



Eric Glitzenstein
Lecturer on Law



Ceallaigh Reddy
Program Administrator



Sarah Pickering
Communications Director



Rachel Mathews
Clinical Instructor



Kate Barnekow
Clinical Fellow



Rebecca Garverman
Clinical Fellow



Ann Linder
Research Fellow



Nirva Kapasi Patel
Global Policy Fellow



Kelsey Eberly
Legislative Policy Fellow



Macarena Montes Franceschini
Rights Research Fellow



Valerie Wilson McCarthy
Research Editor



Bonnie Nadzam
Writer & Editor



Ashton Macfarlane
Clinic Teaching Assistant

Visiting Fellows and Researchers

In addition to our core team, each year the Animal Law & Policy Program hosts several Visiting Fellows, Scholars, and Researchers. These appointments provide opportunities for outstanding scholars from a range of disciplines and legal practitioners to spend a semester or academic year working on their own research, writing, and scholarly engagement on projects in the field of animal law and policy. After being chosen via a formal application and selection process, Fellows make use of the research facilities of the Law School and the University, participate in the intellectual life of the community, and present their scholarship in academic workshops. This past year we remotely hosted 14 Visiting Fellows.

The work of the Visiting Fellows, Scholars, and Researchers garnered significant media coverage over the past year, drawing public attention to animal law and policy issues—including in *The New Republic*, *The Guardian*, *The Economist*, and *Wired*.

Our 2021–2022 Visiting Fellows, Scholars, and Researchers are listed alphabetically below with their research project titles:



Odile Ammann
Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law, Criminal Science, and Public Administration at the University of Lausanne (Switzerland)
The Power of Agricultural Interest Groups in Legislative Processes



John Bliss
Assistant Professor at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law
The Animal Lawyer




Larry Carbone
Veterinarian and former Director of the Institutional Animal Care and Use Program at the University of California San Francisco
Of Mice and Monkeys: Making Welfare Laws Work for Animals in Laboratories



Danielle Diamond
Attorney, Community Organizer, and Environmental Policy Advocate
Transformative Rural Justice for All: Across Differences of Social Space, Time, and Species



Jan Dutkiewicz
Postdoctoral Fellow, Swiss National Science Foundation
Politics and the Law in the Age of Food Animal Obsolescence



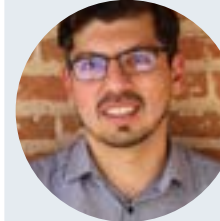
Laura Fox
Senior Staff Attorney for Farmed Animal Protection at the Humane Society of the United States
Ways Private Insurers Can Change Animal Use Practices and How to Encourage Insurers to Exercise Their Power to Improve Animal Welfare



Helen Harwatt
Senior Research Fellow, Energy, Environment, and Resources, Chatham House
Assessing the Impacts of Food Systems on Environmental Sustainability, Public Health, and Ethics



Carolina Maciel
Brazil Country Director, Humane Society International
The Standing of the Animal Welfare Recommendation Adopted by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) within Contemporary International Trade Law



Iván Sandoval-Cervantes
Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV)
“Dead Letter”: Animal Law, Activism, and Mexican Politics



Lesley Sharp
Senior Research Scientist in Sociomedical Sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University
Lab Animal Biocapital: Transforming Animal Worth in American Science, Sentiment, and the Law



Michelle Sinclair
International Animal Welfare Program Manager
Chinese Livestock Leaders’ Perception of the Feasibility and Usefulness of National Animal Welfare Legislation



Jeff Skopek
Associate Professor with tenure at the University of Cambridge Faculty of Law and the Deputy Director of its Centre for Law, Medicine, and Life Sciences
Three Challenges for Animal Rights: Cows, Zebras, and Painless Mice



Martha Smith-Blackmore
Adjunct Faculty at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine, Fellow at the Center for Animals and Public Policy at Tufts University, and Founder, Forensic Veterinary Investigations, LLC
Impediments to the Prosecution of Animal Cruelty



Saskia Stucki
Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law (Heidelberg)
One Rights: Human and Animal Rights in the Anthropocene

Program Work and Achievements

The Animal Law & Policy Program and Animal Law & Policy Clinic had an eventful year of scholarly activity, research, online events, and litigation. We outline many of these accomplishments below.

Proposition 12 Report

In mid-August the Animal Law & Policy Clinic filed an *amicus curiae* (“friend of the court”) brief with the **Supreme Court** in support of California’s Proposition 12, in the case *National Pork Producers Council v. Ross*. The brief was filed on behalf of a coalition of animal protection organizations and law professors, including the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SF SPCA), the San Diego Humane Society, Marin Humane, Mercy for Animals (“MFA”), Rise for Animals, the Justice for Animals Program at the University of San Francisco’s School of Law, Professor Taimie Bryant at UCLA, Professor Douglas A. Kysar at Yale Law School, and Professor Rajesh Reddy at Lewis & Clark Law School.

In the case, which the United States Supreme Court will hear on October 11, the pork producers are challenging California’s Proposition 12, the 2018 law that requires that certain meat products and eggs sold in the state meet minimum humane, health, and safety standards. At stake is the right of California and other jurisdictions to rid their local markets of products produced through cruel practices, such as keeping pregnant sows in crates so small that they cannot turn around. The brief demonstrates the cruelty of these practices, and it also argues that allowing states to regulate practices stemming from cruelty to animals is consistent with long-recognized police powers and the Constitution’s Commerce Clause.

The intensive confinement addressed by Proposition 12 condemns a pregnant pig to spend most of her reproductive life in a tiny crate in which she can't even turn around or engage in any normal behaviors. Our brief illustrates the cruelty and inhumanity of this kind of confinement with photographic and videographic evidence of pigs suffering in these horrific gestation crates. We urge the Supreme Court to uphold the right of states to regulate products sold within their borders by keeping the products of such cruelty off grocery shelves.

- Rebecca Garverman, Clinical Fellow

In addition to the case presenting a serious threat to animal protection laws nationwide, the Supreme Court's consideration of Proposition 12 carries implications far beyond the immediate controversy. In response, ALPP also released an in-depth report authored by Legislative Policy Fellow Kelsey Eberly, which gained significant media attention.

The legal arguments the pork producers advance strike at the heart of the ability of states, counties, and cities to enact public health, consumer protection, and environmental measures. If the Supreme Court endorses the pork producers' arguments, the report explains, challenges to a broad range of other state and local public policies could soon follow—including setting climate and clean energy standards, regulating cannabis, flavored tobacco, or car sales, prohibiting price gouging, and restricting the sale of carcinogenic or chemical-containing products. Many such laws indeed could be in jeopardy.

The 60-page report catalogues the myriad diverse state laws and local ordinances that could be imperiled if the Supreme Court rules in favor of the pork producers. It also puts the producers' challenge into legal and historical context, explaining the Commerce Clause arguments, providing a history of Proposition 12's passage, and examining the failed legal challenges to similar laws that preceded the present case.



California has the right to relieve animals from their suffering inside tiny, body-gripping cages, and to divest from the products of that cruel confinement. Yet the pork producers are asking the Supreme Court to strip states of their ability to not only ban cruel and unsafe products, but also combat climate change, protect consumers from financial scams, and much more, whenever regulation economically inconveniences out-of-state industries. These arguments lack any foundation in the Constitution.

- Kelsey Eberly, Legislative Policy Fellow

Live Animal Markets Project

The Animal Law & Policy Program continues to lead a multiyear research analysis of global policy responses to live animal markets and the role they play in zoonotic disease transmission. The project now includes more than 15 institutional partners in over a dozen countries.

The project aims to provide a comprehensive assessment that will aid policymakers considering regulatory action, contribute to public education about zoonotic risks, and serve the human health and animal protection NGO communities. It will include individual country case studies conducted by international partner institutions as well as a United States case study written and researched by the ALPP team. Former ALPP Research Fellow Ann Linder is managing the project with the assistance of Research Editors Valerie Wilson McCarthy and Bonnie Nadzam, along with student research assistants.

Collaborating partners on the project include New York University's Center for Environmental and Animal Protection, the University of Denver's Sturm College of Law, Lewis & Clark Law School's Center for Animal Law Studies, NALSAR School of Law in Hyderabad, the Universidad del Pacifico's Environmental Management Clinic, the University of Ghana, the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, the University of Victoria Faculty of Law, Yale Law School's Law, Ethics & Animals Program, and Zhongnan University of Economics and Law in Wuhan, China. In May, the Program presented preliminary findings from the India portion of the forthcoming report to Harvard's Mittal South Asia Institute with a panel moderated by Faculty Director Kristen Stilt that featured Ann Linder, former ALPP Visiting Fellow Jayasimha Nuggehalli, and Professor Vivek Mukherjee, who directs the Animal Law Centre at NALSAR University in Hyderabad. The project is being supported by generous funding from the Brooks Animal Studies Academic Network (BASAN).

Brooks Animal Law Digest

Research on recent developments in the field of animal law and policy as well as relevant items in environmental law, food law, and administrative law, are compiled by Clinical Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser. She then compiles that information into weekly summaries of the latest developments in federal and state case law, new and pending federal and state legislative initiatives and enactments, federal regulatory actions, published scholarship, and international news related to animal law. The resulting Brooks Animal Law Digest is disseminated exclusively by the Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy without charge for the benefit of the animal welfare community at large, including practitioners, academic clinics and programs, and scholars.

These weekly updates draw from a wide swath of subject areas that impact nonhuman animals' lives, including the regulation of animal testing and research, the advertising and sale of animal products, breed-specific restrictions, setting up trusts for the care of companion animals, the treatment of companion animals in domestic violence cases, the conditions of animal breeding and slaughter operations, cultivated meat products, hunting, pollution, and wildlife in captivity.

The digest also follows litigation, legislation, and regulation under key animal law statutes and other statutes often utilized in the field, such as the Animal Welfare Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Federal Meat Inspection Act, the Humane Methods of Slaughter Act, the Poultry Products Inspection Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act. These updates also cover a wide variety of types of animals, including aquatic animals, companion animals, animals used for food and fiber, and captive wild animals. The Brooks Animal Law Digest serves as a valuable resource for anyone seeking to keep up to date on the latest developments in the field of animal law and policy. Anyone interested can subscribe to the Brooks Animal Law Digest.

Animal Law & Policy Clinic

The third year of the Animal Law & Policy Clinic continued to enable Harvard Law School students to work directly on real-time animal law cases and policy projects, providing them with hands-on experience in policymaking, research, litigation, legislation, administrative practice, and organizational governance—both in the U.S. and internationally.

The Clinic is directed by Katherine Meyer, one of the most experienced animal protection litigators in the country. Professor Meyer was supported by Clinical Fellow Kate Barnekow who continued to lead the Clinic's tule elk litigation.

I think Kathy's level of individualized feedback is the most important learning experience I've had in law school.

- Max Hantel '23

You can view media coverage of the Clinic's projects later in this report. Following is a chronological list of the Clinic's most important work of the past year.

The Fall Semester 2021 was as robust as ever for the Animal Law & Policy Clinic, beginning with the good news that a judge denied the motion to dismiss our case against the United States Department of Agriculture for failing to improve the Animal Welfare Act standard for the psychological wellbeing of primates used in research. The government had moved to dismiss the case on the grounds that the plaintiffs—Rise for Animals and the Animal Legal Defense Fund—lacked standing.

I have learned more than I could possibly express in words. Kathy is one of the first instructors I have had who is out in the field litigating, and I absolutely love hearing the battle stories, learning her tips, and most importantly, picking up on her strategy insights. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to take this clinic because I am finally learning what it is actually like to practice law.

- Dana Horowitz '22

In a [comprehensive ruling](#), Judge George Hazel of the federal district court for Maryland rejected the government's arguments, explaining that “[a]n organizational] plaintiff has suffered an organizational injury if the challenged policy or practice frustrates both [the organization's] purpose and caused a drain on its resources.” He further ruled that the Plaintiff organizations met this test because of the “added burden of obtaining information about the treatment of nonhuman primates in research facilities due to the lack of informative reports under the current [challenged] rules,” and because “the current rules fail to properly educate stakeholders, including inspectors, about the psychological needs of nonhuman primates used in research and how to identify primates in distress, which has forced [plaintiffs] to fill the void created by the lack of clear standards.” This means the case will now proceed to the merits.

During the Spring Semester we continued to litigate several of our ongoing cases, filed a new federal lawsuit, held two moot courts, and worked on several important policy initiatives.

We continued our effort to obtain relief for the [highly imperiled tule elk](#) at Point Reyes National Seashore in northern California, who are starving to death or dying of thirst because they cannot obtain access to adequate food and water south of a fence maintained by the National Park Service on behalf of ranchers who do not want the elk competing for resources with their cattle. As a direct result of our case, the National Park Service announced to the public that for the first time in over 40 years it was finally prepared to revise the General Management Plan (GMP) for this national park. However, because the agency would not agree to do so pursuant to a court order, we filed our summary judgment briefs demonstrating that the National Park Service has unreasonably delayed revising the management plan in violation of the National Park Service Act and Administrative Procedure Act, and Clinic Fellow Kate Barnekow argued the case before the federal district court for

California on February 24, 2022. The students held a moot court for Kate to prepare her for the argument. A decision still has not been issued, and on May 9, 2022 [the Clinic submitted comments](#) on the NPS' proposal to revise the GMP.

Our case against the United States Department of Agriculture on behalf of Rise for Animals and the Animal Legal Defense Fund to obtain better standards for the psychological wellbeing of primates used in research moved into the merits phase—having defeated the government's motion to dismiss on Article III standing grounds. The students helped wage a battle with the USDA over the all-important issue of what must be included in the official Administrative Record that will govern judicial review of the merits. We were successful in convincing the government to include all of the records it initially refused to include. These records are extremely relevant to the Plaintiffs' claims—including the fact that, in sharp contrast to what the USDA stated in its decision denying the Plaintiffs' Rulemaking Petition, the agency had adopted a secret policy under which it no longer conducts full annual inspections of all research labs as required by the Animal Welfare Act. Clinician Max Lupin took the lead on reviewing the voluminous Administrative Record and revising the draft summary judgment brief, while Clinician Dana Horowitz took the lead on interviewing the clients and preparing Declarations demonstrating that they have the requisite Article III standing needed to support summary judgment.

We also filed a [new case](#) on behalf of Rise and the Animal Legal Defense Fund challenging the USDA's secret policy (which we uncovered last year by filing a Freedom of Information Act case) on the grounds that it violates the plain language of the Animal Welfare Act and is arbitrary and capricious and an abuse of agency discretion. The Complaint for that case was prepared by Clinician Max Hantel and Clinical Fellow Kate Barnekow and was filed as related to the ongoing primate litigation before Judge Hazel

of the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The case was [covered in The Scientist](#), with quotes from Max. Clinician Dana Horowitz prepared a memorandum of law on the statutory construction argument for use on the merits.

The Animal Law and Policy Clinic has been a joy to work in. The projects I have been assigned have been extremely meaningful. Working with my team has been very enjoyable and informative... My supervisors give me enough independence to give me a sense of ownership and control over my work product, but they touch base often enough to make sure that my efforts are recognized and that I am being supported.

- Barbara Tsao '22

As a direct result of the [Freedom of Information lawsuit](#) filed in the Fall Semester, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) released voluminous data contained in its Law Enforcement Management Information System (LEMIS) concerning the import and export of wildlife. The data reveals that U.S. hunters imported over 700,000 hunting trophies, including mounts, skulls, skins, teeth, and other parts from an array of animals around the globe from 2016 to 2020, and that there was a steady and sizable annual uptick in U.S. trade in hunting trophies throughout the Trump administration that declined only after the Covid-19 pandemic struck. Clinicians Ben Rankin and Babs Tsao handled the case for the Clinic on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity. After the first batch of data was released and widely disseminated to the world, the Fish and Wildlife Service notified us that it had “inadvertently” released information that was exempt from disclosure under Exemption 4 of FOIA, which covers confidential commercial information. It then sent the Clinic a formal letter requesting the return of the information—called a “claw back” letter—which the students had to deal with. Based on the agency's negligence in releasing the information and its delay in requesting its return before the information was widely disseminated to the public, [the Clinic declined to return the data](#) and also invoked its client's First Amendment right of association in further declining to provide FWS with a list of the groups and organizations to whom the information had been disseminated.

Much more data—including information about commercial imports and exports (vs. those of individual hunters) has now also been released by the government. However, because FWS is asserting Exemption 4 for some of that information, the litigation continues. Ben was quoted in [the Center's press release](#) regarding the initial release of information and the issue received much [media attention](#), with the help of our Communications Director Sarah Pickering. The students were also successful in avoiding a motion to intervene in the LEMIS case by Safari Club International.



We also continued to litigate our case against the USDA concerning its failure to promulgate regulations prohibiting the inhumane handling of poultry at the slaughterhouse, and, on behalf of our clients Animal Welfare Institute and Farm Sanctuary, we filed our opening summary judgment brief in that case—**having defeated the government’s motion to dismiss** on standing and other jurisdictional grounds last Fall. The **final summary judgment brief** was prepared by Clinic Fellows Kelsey Eberly and Kate Barnekow. That case should be fully briefed by next Fall when it will be argued before Judge Siragusa of the United States District Court for the Western District of New York.

Four of the Clinicians—Ben Rankin, Max Hantel, Babs Tsao, and Max Lupin (under the self-selected moniker “The Manateam”)—also worked on a major project concerning the Florida manatee, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act, whose already dwindling population is declining further due to environmental degradation, pollution, development, boat strikes, and climate change.

The Clinic also held a moot court for Eric Glitzenstein, Director of Litigation for the Center for Biological Diversity, to help prepare him for an argument in the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals concerning whether the Fish and Wildlife Service must respond to a petition to improve the Recovery Plan for the grizzly bear—a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The Clinic had submitted an amicus brief in that case last Spring on behalf of a coalition of law professors who specialize in Environmental and Administrative Law. Clinicians Max Hantel and Dana Horowitz also reviewed documents and researched applicable Delaware open records law to assist a small grass roots group in its advocacy against concentrated animal feed operations in Delaware—a project that will likely continue next semester.



Academic Courses

Wildlife Law Course

During Fall Semester 2021 Eric Glitzenstein taught our **Wildlife Law** course. Mr. Glitzenstein is the Director of Litigation at the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) and was co-founder and Managing Partner of the Washington, D.C.-based firm Meyer & Glitzenstein, one of the nation’s leading public-interest law firms. On behalf of both national and grassroots nonprofit organizations, the firm specialized in the protection of wildlife and captive animals, environmental and natural resource conservation, and open government cases, among other issues. In addition to managing the firm and mentoring the firm’s new attorneys, Glitzenstein has been the lead counsel in many wildlife cases in federal courts throughout the country, including in various U.S. Courts of Appeals and in the U.S. Supreme Court. Mr. Glitzenstein’s position at CBD entails overseeing and coordinating the organization’s national litigation on behalf of wildlife, public health, and environmental justice.

The class provided a general introduction to wildlife law with an emphasis on the federal laws that are intended to protect wildlife. Topics addressed included the history of federal and state wildlife regulation with a particular focus on the principal federal statutes that regulate human interactions with wildlife, including such statutes as the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act. The course also addressed the constitutional underpinnings of federal wildlife regulation and current controversies regarding the scope of federal wildlife protection laws. To enrich that enquiry, Mr. Glitzenstein enlisted the knowledge of guest experts who shared their real-world experiences and take questions from students. As one student said: “I loved the guest speakers that we had.”



Collette Adkins

Carnivore Conservation Director for the Center for Biological Diversity, who spoke about efforts to remove the endangered status of wolves in the U.S. and the massacre of wolves that took place in various states after wolves were removed from Endangered Species Act protection.

Elizabeth Lewis

Adjunct Professor of Law at American University College of Law, and attorney with public-interest firm Eubanks & Associates, who spoke about the Marine Mammal Protection Act and the conflict between the conservation of gray whales and the Makah Tribe’s efforts to resume whaling off the coast of Washington State.

Tanya Sanerib and Sarah Uhlemann

(Legal Director and Director of the International Wildlife Program at the Center for Biological Diversity, respectively), who spoke about the strengths and weaknesses of various international treaties and agreements for protecting wildlife and biodiversity.

The 17 students who took the Wildlife Law course gave great reviews of both Mr. Glitzenstein and the course:

Glitzenstein is very knowledgeable, and it was fun to learn from someone with so many great experiences in the field.

I really enjoyed the topic of Wildlife [law] and I think more students need to take this seminar. It has important implications for environmental conservation advocacy and animal rights advocacy. It also provides exposure to administrative law.

Interesting exposure to Wildlife Law and inclusive of all levels of knowledge on the topic. A lot of constitutional analysis offered.

Animal Law & Policy Clinic Seminar

The **Animal Law & Policy Clinic Seminar** is the required classroom component for students enrolled in the Animal Law & Policy Clinic. In the course, Clinic Director Katherine Meyer introduced students to the overarching issues that nonhuman animal law advocates face in their work, including Article III standing, Administrative Procedure Act review, rulemaking petitions, open-government laws, and basic litigation, legislative, administrative, and organizing strategies. The seminar also taught students how to pursue advocacy under several substantive areas of the law, including (but not limited to) the Endangered Species Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Animal Welfare Act, the Humane Slaughter Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Wild Horse and Burros Act, and state animal cruelty codes.

The Clinic Seminar also brought in several practitioners from the field each semester who shared their extensive experience with the students. The guests this past year and the topics they discussed included:

Laura Hagan

Massachusetts State Director, Humane Society of the United States
California’s Proposition 12 and other initiatives

Anna Frostic

Senior Vice President of Programs and Policy, Humane Society International

Eric Glitzenstein

Director of Litigation, Center for Biological Diversity
The Endangered Species Act



Reading Group

Law and the Anthropocene

In the fall and spring of 2022, Professor Kristen Stilt led an upper-level J.D. and LL.M. writing group, which explored the ways in which law is part of the problem or part of the solution in our planetary crisis. Readings focused on animal law, environmental law, human rights law (including migration due to climate change), food law, and other related topics.



Animal Law & Policy Program in the Media

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Harvard Analyzes ‘Threats’ of Striking Down Prop 12

Capital Press

On August 16, Capital Press covered the Animal Law & Policy Program’s report on Proposition 12, authored by Legislative Policy Fellow Kelsey Eberly. In a separate article they also covered the [Animal Law & Policy Clinic’s support for Proposition 12](#).

California’s Pork Production Law Is About Much More Than Pigs, Supporters Tell Supreme Court

San Francisco Chronicle

On August 15, the San Francisco Chronicle covered the Animal Law & Policy Clinic’s Supreme Court brief on Proposition 12.

Supreme Court Hog Case Could Ensnare Other State Laws

E&E News

On August 15, E&E News’ Greenwire covered ALPP’s analyses of Proposition 12 and the Animal Law & Policy Clinic’s Proposition 12 brief, calling it a one-two punch.

Tackling the Comments on Cell-Based Meat Labeling

FoodDive

On May 31, FoodDive published comments from various entities, including our Animal Law & Policy Clinic, on how cell-based meat products should be described.

Lawsuit Alleges USDA Secretly Relaxed Animal Welfare Inspections

The Scientist

On April 7, The Scientist published an exclusive about the Clinic’s lawsuit against the USDA, quoting student Max Hantel who worked on the case.

2022 Harvard Law School Animal Law Week

Harvard Law Today

On March 22, Harvard Law Today published a piece promoting the eighth annual animal law week at Harvard Law School.

New Data Reveals Annual Increase in US Trade Trophy Trends Between 2016 and 2020

Nation of Change

On March 15, Nation of Change covered the Clinic’s lawsuit against the Fish and Wildlife Service quoting Clinician Ben Rankin as saying: “Over two million records of wildlife entering and leaving the United States have now been brought into the public eye.”

Fed Data Shows Big Jump in Trump-Era Hunting Trophy Imports

E&E News

On March 14, E&E News were the first to cover that after years of refusing to do so, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was releasing data that the Animal Law & Policy Clinic requested under the Freedom of Information Act.

Elk Activists Have Day in Court

Point Reyes Light

On March 2, Point Reyes Light covered a federal judge hearing arguments from the elk activists and park service lawyers in the Animal Law & Policy Clinic’s pending lawsuit the against the Point Reyes National Seashore.

National Park Service Accused of Willfully Killing Tule Elk

Earth.com

On February 24, Earth.com wrote about the Animal Law & Policy Clinic’s lawsuit against the National Park Service, alleging that the government agency has been allowing tule elk to die from starvation and dehydration.

Column: Pork Producers Are in Full Squeal Over California’s Farm Animal Rules. You Should Tune Them Out.

Los Angeles Times

On February 23, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael Hiltzik covered Proposition 12 in his daily blog for latimes.com.

What Is California’s ‘War on Breakfast’ Really About?

High County News

On February 16, ALPP Executive Director Chris Green was quoted in High County News about pork producers not complying with Prop 12 as it went into effect.

Park Sued Over GMPA

Point Reyes Light

On January 12, Point Reyes Light covered the Clinic’s case against the Park Service including Clinical Fellow Kate Barnekow’s warning that its protracted planning process would lead to more elk deaths.

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Harvard Law School Announces \$10 Million Endowment for Animal Law & Policy Program

The Harvard Crimson

On November 18, The Harvard Crimson covered the announcement of a \$10 million endowment for ALPP from the Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy.

Government Holds Back Wildlife Trade Data, Green Group Charges

Bloomberg Law

On November 18, Bloomberg Law covered the Animal Law & Policy Clinic suing the Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity for failing to release critical information about plants and animals traded across U.S. borders.

Law Students Head to Courtroom in Search of Wildlife Data

E&E News

On November 17, E&E News also covered the Animal Law & Policy Clinic filing a FOIA lawsuit in a bid to compel the disclosure of data on wildlife traded across U.S. borders.

A Megadrought Is Killing Protected Elk in California

Newsy

On November 2, Newsy covered the plight of the tule, quoting Clinical Fellow Kate Barnekow as saying “The Park Service has known that the tule elk, who live at Tomales Point, have been dying horrific and preventable deaths for years.”

Harvard Law Gets \$10 Million for Animal Law Program

Reuters

On November 11, Reuters covered the Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy endowing Harvard Law School’s ALPP.

\$10 Million Endowment Established for Harvard Law School’s Animal Law & Policy Program

Harvard Law Today

On November 10, Harvard Law Today announced the establishment of a \$10 million endowment for the Animal Law & Policy Program, thanks to a gift from the Brooks Institute for Animal Rights Law and Policy.

Tribe Pays for Mineral Licks, Elk Troughs

Point Reyes Light

On September 30, Point Reyes Light gave voice to Jack Gerscheidt, lead plaintiff in the Animal Law & Policy Clinic’s case against the National Park Service for failing in its duty to the tule elk.

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Octopuses Don’t Have Backbones – or Rights

The New York Times

On August 27, The New York Times quoted Clinic Director Katherine Meyer on her efforts to pressure the National Institutes of Health, the main federal funder of biomedical research in the United States, into making a change.

California’s Coming Bacon Crunch

The Economist

On August 19, Executive Director Chris Green was quoted in an article in The Economist about whether animal welfare regulations will push up the price of pork. “[They] had three years to change their housing systems. They instead chose to not comply,” he said.

California’s Proposition 12: Animal Protection Groups Fear Supreme Court Reversal

Sentient Media

On August 18, Clinical Fellow Rebecca Garverman told Sentient Media that the amicus brief she worked illustrates the cruelty and inhumanity of pigs suffering in gestation crates.

A Closer Look: Studying Outbreaks and Animals

NBC Bay Area

On August 15, Research Fellow Ann Linder appeared live on NBC to talk about whether the United States is doing enough to prevent disease outbreaks from starting or spreading.

Exotic Pets First Brought Monkeypox to the U.S., and 19 Years Later, We Still Barely Regulate Them

San Francisco Chronicle

On August 15, the San Francisco Chronicle ran an op-ed by Research Fellow Ann Linder about live animal markets and zoonotic disease.

‘The Court Simply Refused to Extend to Happy the Elephant the Opportunity to Prove, through Her Lawyers, That She Deserves Her Freedom’

Harvard Law Today

On July 11, Harvard Law Today covered Professor Kristen Stilt’s reaction to Happy the elephant not being released from the Bronx Zoo.

Moving Portraits and Animal Law

ABC

On July 8, ABC covered Chris Green’s work with artist Robert Wilson whose Moving Portraits collection was showing at the Art Gallery of South Australia.

The Richmond Department of Veterans’ Affairs Is Scaling Down Its Research on Laboratory Dogs

Virginia Mercury

On June 27, the Virginia Mercury wrote about a reduction in active protocols utilizing dogs at the Richmond VA and quoted Executive Director

Chris Green, who said the move is “a great reflection that the VA is taking seriously its commitment to its five-year plan.”

Alarm Bells Ring After 15,000 Sheep Drown as Transport Ship Capsizes in Port of Sudan

Daily Maverick

On June 21, Professor Kristen Stilt was quoted in the Daily Maverick: “The transport of chilled and frozen meat is the way that nearly all meat travels in commerce today. The idea that sending live animals is a holdover from a bygone era.”

Cultured Language

Alt-Meat

On June 17, Executive Director Chris Green’s thoughts on cultured meat were shared on p. 8 of the June edition of Alt-Meat.

Harvard Grad and Princeton Native Wins Prestigious Animal Law Award

Bureau County Republican

On May 28, one of Executive Director Chris Green’s hometown media outlets, Bureau County Republican, covered him receiving the American Bar Association’s Excellence in Animal Law Award.

Trailblazing Captive Animals Are Changing Human Laws

UnchainedTV

On May 13, Professor Kristen Stilt and Visiting Fellow Macarena Montes Franceschini joined Kevin Schneider of NhRP on UnchainedTV to discuss the case for granting legal personhood to nonhuman animals.

Harvard Law School’s Chris Green to Receive ABA Animal Law Award

American Bar Association (ABA)

On April 19, the ABA released news of ALPP's Executive Director Chris Green being awarded its Animal Law Committee's Excellence in the Advancement of Animal Law Award.

Ecuador's High Court Rules Wild Animals Have Legal Rights

Smithsonian Magazine

On April 8, Smithsonian Magazine covered Ecuador's High Court ruling that wild animals could have legal rights, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt.

Ecuador Grants Legal Rights to Wild Animals!

One Green Planet

On April 7, One Green Planet covered the Estrellita case, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt and embedding a video of her panel discussion with Steven Wise, Hugo Echeverria, and Macarena Montes Franceschini.

Ecuador Becomes First Country to Give Legal Rights to Wild Animals: What Does This Mean for Conservation?

First Post

On April 5, First Post covered the Estrellita case, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt.

The First Country in the World Has Given Legal Rights to Individual Wild Animals

Science Alert

On April 2, Science Alert covered Ecuador becoming the first country to give legal rights to wild animals, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt.

Animal Rights Group Wants to Build Advocacy Pipeline with Law School Program

Reuters

On March 31, ALPP Executive Director Chris Green was quoted in a Reuters piece about a new partnership between George Washington University Law School and the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

Ecuador Gives Legal Rights to Wild Animals to Prevent Animal Abuse

News 18

On March 31, News 18 also covered the Ecuadorian ruling on the rights of animals, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt.

Ecuador Becomes First in the World to Give Wild Animals Legal Rights

Lad Bible

On March 30, Lad Bible quoted Professor Kristen Stilt in its coverage of Ecuador becoming the first country in the world to grant legal rights to wild animals.

South American Nation Becomes First in the World to Give Legal Rights to Wild Animals

Times Now

On March 30, Times Now covered Ecuador's becoming the first nation in the world to grant legal rights to wild animals, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt.

Ecuador Gives Legal Rights to Wild Animals

Eco Watch

On March 29, Eco Watch ran a story on Ecuador's decision to give legal rights to wild animals, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt.

Ecuador's High Court Rules That Wild Animals Have Legal Rights

Inside Climate News

On March 29, Inside Climate News was the first to cover the news that Ecuador's High Court had ruled that wild animals could have legal rights, quoting Professor Kristen Stilt as saying: "What makes this decision so important is that now the rights of nature can be used to benefit small groups or individual animals."



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Animal Law & Policy Program Files Amicus Brief Concerning Nonhuman Animals' Legal Status

Harvard Law Today

On December 14, Harvard Law Today published a piece about an amicus brief filed by ALPP's Professor Kristen Stilt and Rights Research Fellow Macarena Montes Franceschini, and the Nonhuman Rights Project, with the Constitutional Court of Ecuador which was set to rule for the first time on the question of nonhuman animals' legal status in the country.

The Shape of Animal Law and Policy to Come: An Interview with Chris Green

3 Quarks Daily

On November 15, Omar Baig interviewed ALPP Executive Director Chris Green for his blog, which covers science, arts, philosophy, and literature.

Amid Scandals, Columbus Zoo 'Shocked' by Losing Accreditation

Spectrum News 1

On October 6, Spectrum News 1 quoted Clinic Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser as saying that the Columbus Zoo is taking necessary first steps to ensure that they and their colleagues in the zoological community are no longer participants in exploitation in the name of conservation.

Columbus Zoo Loses Accreditation Over Animal Program, Leadership Issues, But Plans Appeal

The Columbus Dispatch

On October 6, Clinic Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser was quoted by The Columbus

Dispatch as saying that AZA accreditation remains “the gold standard for zoological institutions in the United States.”

As Some Species Dwindle, Tough Choices Multiply

The Boston Globe

On October 5, The Boston Globe shared Clinic Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser’s thoughts on the prior administration’s “all-out-war on wildlife” and the meaningful steps needed to protect species being removed from the endangered species list.

Carney Anne Nasser

Mastering the Room

On September 14, Clinic Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser’s work as an animal protection attorney was featured on the podcast Mastering the Room.

Big Cat Advocate

Triton

On September 10, Triton explored how Clinic Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser uses the law to curb exotic animal trafficking.

Fellows

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Meat Has a Big Carbon Footprint. The Inflation Reduction Act Ignores It.

Vox

On August 16, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz was quoted by Vox as saying “climate-smart” farming practices are unlikely to make much of a dent in emissions.

Climate-Smart Farming Is a Lot Harder Than the Inflation Reduction Act Makes It Sound

The New Republic

On August 2, The New Republic published an article by Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz and former Fellow Matt Hayek on it being time to green the nation’s agriculture, but not via biofuels and seaweed additives.

The Legal Fight Over California’s Ban on Cruel Animal Cages Will Have National Repercussions

The New Republic

On June 29, The New Republic published a piece by Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz and NYU’s Jeff Sebo, which discussed the broader implications of the Proposition 12 case for American democracy and states’ ability to regulate harmful industries.

Marjorie Taylor Green Pulls Lab-Grown Meat into The Culture Wars

The Washington Post

On June 3, the Washington Post quoted Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz as saying that Taylor Green’s “position on alternative proteins...is actually becoming very standard, especially within the GOP.”

Freefall into Darkness

Aeon

On June 2, Aeon magazine published a moving piece by Visiting Fellow Garet Lahvis, in which he asks why scientists are blind to the mental lives of caged subjects.

Cultured Meat, Without the Slaughter, Is Slated to Get a Big Boost

Gizmodo

On May 27, Gizmodo covered Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz and former fellow Matt Hayek’s concerns and hope for the sustainability, safety, and transparency of growing meat from cells.

Opinion Editorial: Getting Real About Fake Meat

Foodtank

On May 20, Foodtank published an op-ed on the political economy of alt protein by Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz and Garrett Broad.

Germany Weighs Whether Culling Excess Lab Animals Is a Crime

Science

On May 5, Science quoted Visiting Fellow Larry Carbone on how U.S. labs “can kill excess animals with no need to justify (or count) numbers to anyone other than the in-house ethics committee.”

Harvard Fellow Calls Out Farm Industry Cover-Up Tactics

Now This

On May 2, Now This released a video of Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz calling out the factory farm industry’s playbook for handling reports about animal abuse.

Should We Be Breeding Pigs Just for Their Hearts?

The New Republic

On January 20, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz shares his thoughts on a pig heart being transplanted into a man.

Don’t Make Meat Cheaper. Make It More Expensive

The New Republic

On January 6, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz wrote for The New Republic about cheap meat depending on ignoring the product’s true cost.

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Abolish the Department of Agriculture

The New Republic

On December 27, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz said the USDA has become an inefficient monster that often promotes products that are bad for consumers and the environment.

Curb Your Food Tech Enthusiasm

Wired

On November 27, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz wrote about how innovation creating a low-carbon food situation isn’t the same as it creating a sustainable or ethical one.

Yes, Plant-Based Meat Is Better for the Planet

Vox

On November 18, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz and former Fellow Matt Hayek took a deep dive into the impacts of meat and faux meat production.

Whitewashing ‘Blue Food’ Won’t Make the World More Green

Wired

On October 24, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz explored scientific claims made at the UN Food Systems Summit, saying that rebranding seafood as “blue food” doesn’t make it more sustainable.

What Should We Call Lab Meat? (Probably Not “Lab Meat.”)

The New Republic

On October 5, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz wrote for The New Republic about the importance branding lab meat as real meat, biologically speaking.

Toward a Just Food System

Dissent

On September 17, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz and Gabriel N. Rosenberg explored how a vision of a food system reliant on small farmers producing local food ignores the necessity of addressing major problems at scale.

The Myth of Regenerative Ranching

The New Republic

On September 23, Visiting Fellow Jan Dutkiewicz and Gabriel N. Rosenberg wrote in a piece for The New Republic that the purveyors of “grass-fed” beef want us to believe that it solves environmental problems when it is merely a branding exercise and not a climate solution.

This year the award went to Eric Macomber, J.D. 2022 for “Endangered Species Act: Critical Habitat Designation After Weyerhaeuser.”



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Wolves in Sheep’s Clothing: How Corporate Predators and the USDA Revived Wolf Extermination in America

The [F]law

On July 26, the (F)law published an in-depth article by student Benjamin Rankin on government hunters killing endangered wolves to satisfy corporate interests.

ALPP Student Writing Prize

One of the goals of the Program is promoting student research and writing. Accordingly in May, we judged our seventh HLS Animal Law & Policy Writing Prize, an annual competition that awards \$1,000 for the best student paper related to animal law written in conjunction with a course, seminar, clinic, or as an independent study project at the Law School.

Program Events

During the 2021–2022 academic year, the Animal Law & Policy Program hosted and co-sponsored numerous events. These included presenting more than a dozen animal law speakers to the broader Law School and Harvard communities. While the in-person attendance for the past year’s events reached hundreds of people, we were able to reach even more via Zoom. Many of our lectures and events are collaboratively co-sponsored by the student-run [Harvard Animal Law Society](#), along with other partnering research programs, institutions, and organizations. Our most notable events from this year are described in more detail below.

Animal Law & Policy Workshop Series

During the past academic year, more than a dozen participants attended ALPP’s [Animal Law & Policy Workshop Series](#) to review and critique drafts of colleagues’ scholarship in progress.

In addition to the Program’s faculty, staff, visiting affiliates, HLS S.J.D. and LL.M students, and Harvard University graduate students, we also welcomed the J.D. Student Board of the Harvard Animal Law Society to participate, along with others from outside the immediate Harvard community.

The authors and topics covered this year included:

Michelle Sinclair

October 26, 2021

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program
Law and Beyond: Chinese Opportunities for the Progression of Animal Welfare.

November 2, 2021

Larry Carbone

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program
Can They Suffer? Animals in 21st Century Laboratories

Martha Smith-Blackmore

November 16, 2021

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program
Impediments to the Prosecution of Animal Maltreatment

December 7, 2021

Garet Lahvis

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program
Cognition and Sentience

Carolina Maciel

February 15, 2022

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

Walking on Eggshells: Sensitivities Concerning the Adopting of an International Welfare Recommendation for Laying Hens

April 12, 2022

Martha Smith-Blackmore

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

Preparing Veterinarians to Respond to Animal Victims

Lesley Sharp

April 19, 2022

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

Care and the Cowboy Boot: Interspecies Responsibility and the Wobbly Boundaries of Lab Animal Personhood

April 26, 2022

Kelsey Eberly

Legislative Policy Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

Pork Producers' Supreme Court Case Could Upend State and Local Regulation Nationwide

Danielle Diamond

May 3, 2022

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

Transformative Rural Justice for All: Across Differences of Social Space, Time, and Species

May 23, 2022

Iván Sandoval-Cervantes

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

"What He Did to Them, Do It to Him": Punitivism and Animal Rights/Welfare Activism in Mexico

Laura Fox

May 24, 2022

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

Big Ag Is the Next Oil in Climate Change Litigation: How Liability Insurers and Reinsurers Should Prepare

May 25, 2022

Jeff Skopek

Visiting Fellow, Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program

Three Challenges for Animal Rights

Harvard Animal Law Week 2022

Each year we strive to assemble a broad range of speakers and topics for our Animal Law Week. This year's event from March 22 through March 29 featured fellow academics, an HLS alumnae practitioner, an entrepreneurial investor, international legal experts, and the executive director of a major Wall Street firm.

The week explored approaches to animal personhood and a variety of ways HLS graduates can have an impact in animal law and policy—from working directly in farmed animal protection, to opportunities in the alternative proteins sector, to lending one's skills to advise nonprofit organizations and academic institutions.

Harvard Law Today interviewed ALPP's Executive Director Chris Green J.D. '04 via email about the Program, the eighth Animal Law Week at Harvard Law School, and how Harvard Law students can get involved with our work.

Here is the full list of speakers, with hyperlinks to videos of the lectures:

March 22

Maneesha Deckha

Professor and Lansdowne Chair in Law, University of Victoria

["Animals as Legal Beings: Contesting Anthropocentric Legal Orders"](#)

March 23

Piper Hoffman '99

Senior Director of Litigation, Animal Outlook; Adjunct Professor of Animal Law, NYU School of Law

["Lawyering for Farmed Animals"](#)

March 24

Steven Wise

President, Nonhuman Rights Project

Hugo Echeverría

Ecuadorian Animal Lawyer

["Animal Personhood, Rights of Nature, and the Estrellita Constitutional Case in Ecuador"](#)

March 25

Paresh Patel

Co-Founder, President, CEO, and Director, Natural Order Acquisition Company

Max Bazerman

Jesse Isidor Straus Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School

["Opportunities in the Plant-Based Economy"](#)

March 28

David Wolfson

Executive Director & Corporate Partner, Milbank LLP

["An Alternative Career in Animal Protection Law & Policy"](#)

March 29

Katherine Meyer

Director, the Animal Law & Policy Clinic, Harvard Law School

["Animal Law & Policy Clinic – Information Session"](#)

Animal Law & Policy Panels

How to Create a Media Buzz Around Proposition 12

On August 29, 2022, Animal Law & Policy Program Legislative Fellow Kelsey Eberly and Animal Law & Policy Clinic Fellow Rebecca Gaverman joined Cheryl Leahy of Animal Outlook and Kate Brindle of HSUS for a Sentient Media Writers' Collective about how to create more media buzz around Prop 12. The panel was moderated by Sentient Media's Managing Editor Jenny Splitter who was guest host. The panel came on the back of Sentient Media's [coverage of our 60-page report](#) authored by Eberly that catalogued the myriad, diverse state laws and local ordinances that could be imperiled if the Supreme Court rules in favor of the pork producers.

A New Breed of Animal Documentary

"A New Breed of Animal Documentary" brings together the directors of three groundbreaking animal documentaries from the past year: *Gunda*, *Stray*, and *My Octopus Teacher* (2021 Academy Award winner for Best Documentary Feature). In October 2021, Animal Law & Policy Program Executive Director Chris Green moderated a panel he put together with the directors of these documentary films, Pippa Ehrlich, Elizabeth Lo, and Victor Kossakovsky, at the Canadian Animal Law Conference. Each of these films represents a new narrative and cinematic approach that focuses primarily the animals themselves, from their own, eye-level perspective. There also is a progression from *My Octopus Teacher* being a narrated tale of an animal's interaction with a human, to *Stray* including humans and their voices only as supporting characters in the animals' story, and *Gunda* not including any humans or dialogue at all. While the three films all center on different categories of animals (aquatic, companion, and farmed), they each similarly underscore the agency, cognition, and emotional capacity of their individual animal protagonists.

Animal Law & Policy Film Series

In October 2021, the Animal Law & Policy Program hosted a screening of the award-winning film *The Conservation Game*, which stars our Clinic Research Fellow Carney Anne Nasser. Set against the backdrop of a heated national debate on captive big cats in America, the documentary follows the story of Tim Harrison, a retired cop, fire fighter, and paramedic who makes a startling discovery while undercover at an exotic animal auction. Tim starts to suspect that America's top television celebrity conservationists may be secretly connected to the exotic pet trade. What follows is a high-stakes game of cat and mouse, filled with lies, deception, and coverups.

Carney Anne Nasser is a big cat expert who has been described by Rachel Nuwer of the New York Times as "the go-to person in the country for laws pertaining to big cat ownership." Indeed, it is Carney Anne who pitched the wildlife trafficking case against the infamous "Tiger King" Joe Exotic to the Department of Justice and federal investigators that triggered a five-year investigation leading to his conviction for multiple federal crimes.

Critics have described *The Conservation Game* as having "the same impact as *Blackfish* and *The Cove*."

[Q&A with Carney Anne Nasser, Tim Harrison, and Jeff Kremer](#)



Scholarship and Presentations

ALPP Faculty, Staff, and Fellows

Beyond facilitating the scholarship of others in the animal law and policy community, Faculty Director Kristen Stilt and the Program's staff, Visiting Fellows, and Visiting Researchers further conducted academic research, produced published scholarship, and presented publicly on a wide variety of animal law and policy topics. That work from the past year is summarized below.

Katherine Meyer | Clinic Director**Publications****Articles**

Article for the American Anti-Vivisection Society’s magazine about the need for more federal protection for cephalopods (pending).

Papers, Presentations, Panels

Along with two student clinicians, Meyer participated in a webinar for Congressional staffers concerning cephalopods and the Clinic’s pending Petition to have the National Institute of Health amend its definition of “animal” to include cephalopods—octopuses, squid, and cuttlefish—to ensure that they receive “humane” treatment in federally-funded research. (September 23, 2022)

“How to Establish Article III Standing in the Animal Law Context,” paper for Brooks Fundamentals, Brooks Institute (March 2022).

“Continuing Legal Education,” Center for Biological Diversity, presentation regarding how to use the Endangered Species Act to protect listed animals in captivity. (Spring 2022)

Meyer was a panelist for the Brooks Congress in Scottsdale, Arizona. (March 6, 2022)

Guest Lectures

Guest lecture on the Animal Welfare Act for Professor Stilt’s Animal Law class, with Rachel Mathews. (March 9, 2022)

Odile Ammann | Visiting Scholar**Publications****Book Chapters**

“The Influence of Agricultural Production Interest Groups on Legislative Processes,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Global Animal Law*, ed. Anne Peters, Kristen Stilt, Saskia Stucki (Oxford: Oxford University Press, forthcoming)

Articles

“The Participation of Civil Society in European Union Environmental Law-Making Processes: A Critical Assessment of the European Commission’s Consultations in Connection with the European Climate Law,” *European Journal of Risk Regulation* (2022) (with Audrey Bousat)

Reports

Case Report, ILDC 3193 (CH 2020), Decision of the Swiss Federal Supreme Court, no. 1C_37/2019, of 5 May 2020, partly published in BGE 146 I 145 (on whether the justification given by the Swiss authorities for their failure to take the necessary steps to limit global warming to less than 2°C by 2030 violates the ECHR, the Aarhus Convention, and the Paris Agreement), *Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts*, Oxford University Press (2022, in press) (with Cedric Marti)

Danielle Diamond | Visiting Fellow**Publications****Books**

Empty Fields, Empty Promises: A State-by-State Guide to Understanding and Transforming the Right to Farm. University of North Carolina Press. Loka Ashwood, Danielle Diamond, Allen Franco, Aimee Imlay, and Lindsay Kuehn. University of North Carolina Press (Under contract. Expected publication in 2023.)

Articles

“Agricultural Exceptionalism, Environmental Injustice, and U.S. Right-to-Farm Laws.” *Environmental Law Reporter*. 9:52 ELR 10727. Danielle Diamond, Loka Ashwood, Allen Franco, Lindsay Kuehn, Aimee Imlay, and Crystal Boutwell. (September 2022)

“Defenders of Rural Illinois’ Communities and Environment.” In Ramos et al. (eds.). *Policy Matters. Special Issue on Environmental Defenders 22* (Vol. I) 114-117. Danielle Diamond and Loka Ashwood. Gland, Switzerland: IUCN. (September 2021)

Reports

Quoted in “B.C. is leading the way in growing Canada’s biogas-renewable natural gas sector, say industry experts.” *Research Money*. Mark Lowey. March 30, 2022. Available at: <https://researchmoneyinc.com/articles/b-c-is-leading-the-way-in-growing-canadas-biogas-renewable-natural-gas-sector-say-industry-experts>.

Helped edit “Unrealized Losses: California’s Investment in Dairy Industry Biogas.” A report prepared by Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law & Policy Program for the Stray Dog Institute. (May 2022)

Works in Progress

Book: *Transformative Rural Justice for All: Across Differences of Social Space, Time, and Species*

Journal article: “Right to Harm—How U.S. Right to Farm Laws Legalize Environmental Injustices” (Draft manuscript for *New York Law School Environmental Law Journal* for potential publication in Spring 2023.) Co-author.

Essay: “Rural America: Where the Right to Make a Buck on Bacon Outweighs the Right to Life and Liberty, Property, and the Pursuit of Happiness.” (Unpublished essay intended for general audience news outlet.)

Op-Ed: “Silent Crisis in the Countryside.” (Unpublished editorial intended for a general audience news outlet as an op-ed on right to farm laws.)

Papers, Presentations, Panels

Panelist, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Food Law Society Career Panel (March 31, 2022)

Guest Lectures

“Barriers to Addressing Problems from CAFOs and Client Intakes and Communications.” Guest lecture for Vermont Law & Graduate School, Farmed Animal Advocacy Clinic Seminar, taught by Professor Laura Fox. South Royalton, Vermont. (October 6, 2022)

“CAFO Impacts and Barriers to Address Them.” Guest lecture for Harvard ALPP, Animal Law, and Policy Clinic Seminar, taught by Professor Katherine Meyer. Cambridge, Massachusetts. (February 23, 2022)

Grants & Awards

Application filed. Brooks Institute, Scholars Research Fellowship, May 31, 2022

Jan Dutkiewicz | Visiting Fellow

Publications

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

“Cultured Meat Needs a Race to Mission, Not a Race to Market.” (w/Dwayne Holmes, et al.). *Nature Food*. doi.org/10.1038/s43016-022-00586-9 (2022)

“Sanctuary to Table Dining? Cellular Agriculture and the Ethics of Cell Donor Animals.” *Politics and Animals*. 7(1): 1-15. (with Elan Abrell) (2021)

“A Public Health Ethics Case for Mitigating Zoonotic Disease Risk in Food Production.” *Food Ethics*. 6(9): doi: 10.1007/s41055-021-00089-6 (with Justin Bernstein) (2021)

Book review in peer-reviewed journal: “Porkopolis: American Animality, Standardized Life, and the Factory Farm.” (Review of *Porkopolis* by Alex Blanchette). *Journal of Peasant Studies*. 48(6): 1334-1339. (2021)

Magazine Articles, Op-Eds, and Essays

“Climate-Smart Farming Is a Lot Harder Than the Inflation Reduction Act Makes It Sound.” *The New Republic*. August 2, 2022 (with Matthew Hayek)

“The Legal Fight Over California’s Ban on Cruel Animal Cages Will Have National Repercussions.” *The New Republic*. June 29, 2022 (with Jeff Sebo)

“Getting Real About Fake Meat.” *Food Tank*. May 20, 2022. (with Garrett Broad)

“Should We Be Breeding Pigs Just for Their Hearts?” *The New Republic*. January 20, 2022.

“Don’t Make Meat Cheaper. Make It Much More Expensive.” *The New Republic*. January 6, 2022. (with Gabriel Rosenberg)

“Abolish the Department of Agriculture.” *The New Republic*. December 27, 2021. (with Gabriel Rosenberg)

“Curb Your Food Tech Enthusiasm.” *WIRED*. November 27, 2021.

“Yes, plant-based meat is better for the planet: The environmental debate over meatless meat, explained.” *Vox*. November 18, 2021. (with Matthew Hayek)

“‘Bluewashing’ Seafood Won’t Make the World More Green.” *WIRED*. October 24, 2021. (with Spencer Roberts)

“What Should We Call Lab Meat? (Probably Not ‘Lab Meat.’)” *The New Republic*. October 5, 2021. (with Sarah Garland)

“The Myth of Regenerative Ranching.” *The New Republic*. September 23, 2021. (with Gabriel Rosenberg)

Works in Progress

Forthcoming book chapter completed while at ALPP: “The Political Economy of Cellular Agriculture.” *The Technological and Scientific Foundations of Cellular Agriculture*. (ed. Evan Fraser). Elsevier. (with Garrett Broad)

Papers, Presentations, Panels

“Diet for an Industrial Planet.” *Breakthrough Dialogues*. Sausalito, California. (June 24, 2022)

“On Animal Agriculture.” *Global Research Network – Animal Politics Conversation Series*. (Held online) (November 15, 2021)

Media Appearances, Comments, and Interviews

Carman, Tim. “Marjorie Taylor Greene Pulls Lab-Grown Meat into the Culture Wars.” *The Washington Post*. June 3, 2022

Leffer, Lauren. “Cultured Meat, Without the Slaughter, Is Slated to Get a Big Boost.” *Gizmodo*. May 27, 2022

Guerin, Kelly. “Harvard Fellow Calls Out Farm Industry Cover-Up Tactics.” *Now This*. May 2, 2022

Cooke, Phoebe. “Wild Meat Consumption in Tropical Forests Could Be Converted into Carbon Credits, Controversial Paper Suggests.” *DeSmog Blog*. October 8, 2021

Simon, Matt. “The Controversial Quest to Make Cow Burps Less Noxious.” *WIRED*. October 1, 2021

Aronoff, Kate. “Lab to Table.” *The New Republic*. October 2021 print issue.

Noor, Dharna. “Is Seafood a More Climate-Friendly Option Than Eating Meat?” *Gizmodo*. September 9, 2021

Ann Linder | Research Fellow

Publications

“Exotic Pets First Brought Monkeypox to the U.S., 19 Years Later We Still Barely Regulate Them,” *San Francisco Chronicle* (August 15, 2022).

Works in Progress

“The Intersection Between Animal Markets and Zoonotic Disease” (forthcoming)

Papers, Presentations, Panels

“Roundtable on Preventing the Next Pandemic: What Substantive Elements Must Be Included in a Pandemic Instrument?” Geneva, hosted by Nina Jamal with FOUR PAWS for UN member states and their health attachés (July 12, 2022).

“The Black Man’s Dog: Racial Implications of Breed Restrictions in the Insurance Industry.” Remote, hosted by Ako Insurance Consulting and the Animal Farm Foundation (April 12, 2022).

Guest Lectures

Co-Course Director, Animal Law course, Tufts University Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (Fall 2022).

“A Global Vision for Animal Protection in the 21st Century,” Geeks in Suits Podcast (February 9, 2022).

Garet Lahvis | Visiting Fellow

Peer-Reviewed Science Publications

Panksepp, J.B. and Lahvis, G.P. “Sociability Versus Empathy in Adolescent Mice: Different or Distinctive?” Learning and Motivation. In press.

Jacob, J., Watanabe, S., Richardson, J., Gonzales, N., Ploppert, E., Lahvis, G.P., and Lambert, K. 2022. “Divergent Neural and Endocrine Responses in Wild-Caught and Laboratory-Bred Rattus Norvegicus.” Behavioral Brain Research, 432, 113978.

Literary Nonfiction

Freefall into darkness. Aeon Magazine. 2022.

Reports

BASCO Report with Pamela Frasch, Aysha Akhtar, and Paul Locke, Brooks Institute for Animal Rights. 2022.

Living Bibliography for Agency, Sentience, and Cognition – Initial Design. Brooks Institute for Animal Rights. 2022.

Works in Progress

Reflections on a Cage Wall, contracted nonfiction book, University of Chicago Press.

Contribution to Animals, Special Issue on Primate Behavioral, Psychological, and Affective Research in Non-Laboratory Settings.

Presentations

Interview with Stephanie Preston on her book *The Altruistic Urge: Why We’re Driven to Help Others*. Harvard Book Store, Harvard University Division of Science, and Harvard Library. 2022.

Macarena Montes Franceschini | Rights Research Fellow

Publications

Articles

“Derechos Constitucionales para Animales no Humanos en Ecuador: El Caso de Estrellita, La Mona Chorongó,” *Journal of Animal Law & Interdisciplinary Animal Welfare Studies* 9 (2022), 1–22 (with Carlos Contreras).

“El Elefante en la Habitación. Sobre la Personalidad Jurídica y los Derechos de los Animales,” *Animal Ethics Review* 1 (2022), 16–27.

Reports

Orangutans Are Persons with Rights: Amicus Curiae Brief in the Sandai case (2022) (with Gary Comstock, Adam Lerner, and Peter Singer).

Constitutional Court of Ecuador Case No. 253–20-JH Amicus Curiae (2021) (with Kristen Stilt, Steven Wise, and Kevin Schneider).

Blog Posts

“Historic Milestone in Ecuador: Constitutional Court Recognizes Individual Animals as Subjects of Rights Protected by the Rights of Nature,” *World Lawyers’ Pledge on Climate Action Blog* (2022) (with Kristen Stilt).

Papers, Presentations, Panels

“Animal Personhood in Court,” Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), presentation of the book *Los Derechos de los Simios* by Paula Casal and Peter Singer (June 9, 2022).

“The Case of Estrellita, the Woolly Monkey,” American Bar Association, International Animal Law Speaker Series (May 31, 2022).

“Nonhuman Animal Legal Personhood,” Universitat Pompeu Fabra (Barcelona), workshop hosted by Tom Parr (April 27, 2022).

“Animal Personhood, Rights of Nature, and the Estrellita Constitutional Case in Ecuador,” 8th Harvard Annual Animal Law Week, Brooks McCormick Jr Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School (March 24, 2022).

“The Vivotecnica Scandal: The Dark Side of Animal Research in Spain,” VI Animal Law Colloquium, Central University and Atacama University (Chile) (October 14, 2021).

Guest Lectures

“Animal Law in Chile,” in the Applied Animal Law course, University of Concepción (Chile) (April 22, 2022).

“The Rights of Nature in Chile,” in the Animal Law course, Harvard Law School (April 13, 2022).

Grants & Awards

Rights Research Fellowship, Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law & Policy Program at Harvard Law School (October 2021–April 2022).

Nirva Patel | Global Policy Fellow

Publications

Book Chapters

“Trading in Sacrifice,” in *Studies in Global Animal Law*, ed. Anne Peters (Berlin: Springer, 2020).

Articles

Tieu, L., Uchi, J. Patel, N., Meghani, M., Patel, P. & Nguyen, Y. “Embracing Medication Needs of Patients Based on Ethical, Dietary, and Religious Preferences,” *American Journal of Lifestyle Medicine*. (2022)

Papers, Presentations, Panels

Speaker, Vegan Women’s Summit, Los Angeles, CA, March 2022.

Speaker, “Interrelated Injustices in Animal Agriculture,” Boston Veg Fest, October 2022.

Michelle Sinclair | Visiting Fellow

Publications

Scientific Research Articles

Opportunities for the Progression of Farm Animal Welfare in China.

Sinclair, M., Lee, H.P., Chen, M., Li, X., Mi, J., Chen, S., et al. (2022). *Frontiers in Animal Science: Animal Welfare and Policy* 3. doi.org/10.3389/fanim.2022.893772.

International Perceptions of Animals and the Importance of Their Welfare.

Sinclair, M., Lee, N., Hötzel, M.J., Luna, M.C.d., Sharma, A., Idris, M., et al. (2022). *Frontiers in Animal Science: Animal Welfare and Policy* 3. doi: 10.3389/fanim.2022.960379

Consumer Attitudes towards Egg Production Systems and Hen Welfare across the World.

Sinclair M, Lee NYP, Hötzel MJ, de Luna MCT, Sharma A, Idris M, Islam MA, Iyasere OS, Navarro G, Ahmed AA, Curry M, Burns GL and Marchant JN (2022) *Front. Anim. Sci.* 3:995430. doi: 10.3389/fanim.2022.995430

Cage Egg Producers’ Perspectives on the Adoption of Cage-Free Systems in China, Japan, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Thailand.

de Luna MCT, Yang Q, Agus A, Ito S, Idrus Z, Iman RHS, Jattuchai J, Lane E, Nuggehalli J, Hartcher K and Sinclair M (2022) *Front. Vet. Sci.* 9:1038362. doi: 10.3389/fvets.2022.1038362

Blog Posts

“Reasons to Be Optimistic about Animal Welfare in China.”

<https://faunalytics.org/reasons-to-be-optimistic-about-animal-welfare-in-china/>

Works in Progress

Slaughter and animal welfare: perceptions and knowledge across cultures

Sinclair M, Lee NYP, Hötzel MJ, de Luna MCT, Sharma A, Idris M, Islam MA, Iyasere OS, Navarro G, Ahmed AA, Curry M, Burns GL and Marchant JN (2023). *Front. Ani. Sci.* Under review.

Taking a lead in farm animal welfare: perceptions and possibilities in China.

Sinclair, M. and Lee, H.P. (2023). *International social science journal.* Under review.

Papers, Presentations, Panels

Invited special editor (scientific journal): “The Emergence of Animal Welfare Science and Policy in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.”

Presenter: “Opportunities for the Development of Animal Welfare in China.” *Faunalytics 2022: Capacity Building for Farm Animals.*

Grants & Awards

Tiny Beam Kindling Initiative.

Jeff Skopek | Visiting Fellow

Presentation

“Crated to Be Killed,” *BioLawLapalooza 4.2* Conference, Stanford Law School, May 13–14, 2022.

Martha Smith-Blackmore | Visiting Fellow

The visiting fellowship at the Brooks McCormick, Jr. Animal Law & Policy program exceeded my expectations, and that says a great deal, considering I really didn’t know what to expect. I encountered scholars from around the world with diverse experience and understanding of animal policy. As different as everyone was, we quickly became a cohesive group of supportive scholars. My thinking on animal issues expanded, and I have discovered greater courage in articulating my perspective on how animals are treated, both within the confines and external to what is allowed by law.

I enjoyed auditing the Animal Law Clinic introduction course taught by Kathy Meyer and the Animal Law course taught by Professor Stilt. I know the experiences will strengthen the teaching I do in a variety of settings but especially at the veterinary school. My knowledge has been expanded, and my ideas on how to interact with a classroom of students to encourage them to participate thoughtfully. The ALPP staff is clearly dedicated and motivated to make the program as strong as it can be – they are actionable in the support of the mission of the program and the needs of the visiting fellows. My only regret is that the Visiting Fellowship is coming to an end! But the good news is that the positive impacts of this fellowship will carry me forward to do more things to improve policy and outcomes for animals impacted by our legal system.

Publications

Books

“Investigating Animal Abuse Crime Scenes: A Field Guide,” CRC Press, Taylor & Francis Group. (Forthcoming, with Virginia Maxwell, Henry C. Lee College of Criminal Justice and Forensic Sciences, University of New Haven).

Book Chapters

“Shelter Medicine” in *Merck Veterinary Manual*, online. Includes guidance for veterinary forensic practice by the animal shelter veterinarian. (October 2021)

Article

“One World, One Health,” *American Bar Association, International Law News*, Vol. 48 No. 4, December 2021. With Attorney Lenore Montanaro. (December 2021)

Podcast

Scorched Earth: A Conversation with Forensic Vet and Animal Hoarding Expert Dr. Martha Smith-Blackmore. *Herd Around the Barn*, Apple Podcast. (July 2021)

Works in Progress

“Preparing Veterinarians to Respond to Animal Victims: Part I,” Book chapter in *Animals as Crime Victims: Multidisciplinary Implications of Moving Beyond the Property Paradigm*. Levitt, L., Rosengard, D., eds. Edward Elgar Publishing, Ltd. Fall 2022 (Forthcoming)

“Animal Maltreatment,” Book chapter in *Ethics in Veterinary Practice: Balancing Conflicting Interests*. Kipperman, B., and Rollin, B., eds. John Wiley and Sons. Spring 2022 (Forthcoming)

Guidelines for Standards of Care in Animal Shelters, 2nd ed., *Veterinary Forensics and Euthanasia* sections. Association of Shelters Veterinarians (Forthcoming)

Papers, Presentations, Panels

Organization of Scientific Area Committees for Forensic Science, administered by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (OSAC/NIST) Working meeting of the Crime Scene Investigation and

Reconstruction Subcommittee, Veterinary Forensic Sciences Task Group Chair: developing guidelines and standards for the investigation of scenes & alleged crimes involving animals. Orlando, FL (March 2022)

Selected delegate to the Brooks Congress, as one of the “80 most influential participants in the animal protection community.” The meeting is “designed to create an environment of new thinking, inspiration, community building, & collaboration on the theme of bigger thinking in effecting change.” Scottsdale, Arizona (March 2022)

“Veterinary Forensics as a Career Opportunity,” Forensics Science class for Junior and Senior Girls, Ursuline Academy, Dedham, MA (March 2022)

“Animal Hoarding: Neglect to the Power of “n” and Order in the Court! Demystifying the Criminal Justice Process.” North American Veterinary Community, VMX Conference. (Online, January 2022)

“How Many is Too Many? Animal Hoarding, Human Psychology, Animal Welfare and the Law, Community.” Presentation by request of the Scituate Animal Shelter. Scituate Library, Scituate, MA (October 2021)

“Support to Enhance Protection of Animal Welfare and Public Safety.” Resolution presentation to the International Association of Chiefs of Police Forensic Science Committee. (Online, September 2021)

Courtroom Animal Advocacy Program Summit appointed task force member. The Brooks Institute for Animal Rights and Policy. Chicago, IL (September 2021)

Guest Lectures

Injuries, Behavior & Forensic Veterinary Medicine. A Training on the Investigation and Prosecution of Animal Cruelty, Middlesex (MA) District Attorney’s Office. Online. (January 2022)

Veterinary Forensics and Animal Cruelty. Lewis & Clark Law School, LL.M. program. (Online, January 2022)

Investigating Animal Cruelty with Veterinary Forensics and Animal Hoarding, Animal Control Officers of Massachusetts Academy, Boylston, MA (October 2021)

Testimony

Norfolk County Superior Court (MA), Grand Jury, matter involving the cruel killing of two animals

Circuit Court for Montgomery County (MD), Deposition, matter involving the cruel killing of a dog at a grooming facility

Teaching

Animal Law and Veterinary Medicine, required course for second-year veterinary students at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (Fall Semester 2021)

Veterinary Forensics, elective course for third-year veterinary students at the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine (Fall Semester 2021)

Saskia Stucki | Visiting Scholar

Publications

Books

One Rights: Human and Animal Rights in the Anthropocene (Cham: Springer, 2022)

Articles

“Animal Warfare Law and the Need for an Animal Law of Peace: A Comparative Reconstruction,” 71 *American Journal of Comparative Law* (2023)

Blog Posts

“Klimaschutz geht durch den Magen: Die Schweizer Massentierhaltungsinitiative und ihre klimapolitische Bedeutung,” *Verfassungsblog* (September 13, 2022)

Works in Progress

“Die Fleischfrage im aktuellen Klima: Zwischen Politisierung und Tabuisierung,” *MaxPlanckForschung* (2023)

Defund Meat: (Re)Defining Good Food Governance in the Anthropocene and One Health Era (working paper)

Papers, Presentations, Panels

“Regulating Meat: The Swiss Initiative to Abolish Factory Farming and Its Environmental Significance,” *Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law* (September 5, 2022)

Keynote: “Animal Warfare Law and Animal Rights—From Dichotomy to Complementarity,” *Theory of Animal Law Conference, University of Helsinki* (June 17, 2022)

Defund Meat, Climate Change and the Voiceless panel discussion, *University of Helsinki* (June 16, 2022)

“Transformative Environmental Constitutionalism in Ecuador: Animal Rights and Rights of Nature,” *Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law* (May 9, 2022)

Guest Lectures

“Human Rights vs. Animal Rights? A Philosophical Journey from Human Exceptionalism to Transspecies Universalism,” *Master Course Critical Human Rights, Lille Catholic University* (March 7, 2022)



Looking Forward to the 2022–2023 Academic Year

From Fall 2021 to Summer 2022 all learning, teaching, academic programming, and events took place on campus with strict safety guidelines in place to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. We were excited that our community could finally come together again on campus, beginning with celebrating news of ALPP’s endowment.

In the coming year the Brooks McCormick Jr. Animal Law & Policy Program will host an impressive new cohort of Visiting Fellows, continue its Animal Law & Policy Workshop Series, add new course offerings, welcome guest speakers, and create new events both online and in person as safety protocols advise. You can stay up to date with our work by signing up for our newsletter via the Animal Law & Policy Program website, which also features news about our work, information about events and opportunities, and closed-captioned recordings of our speaker series and symposia.

For the 2022–2023 academic year we will be hosting 13 Fellows.

The 2022–23 Fellows are listed below with their research project titles:

Visiting Scholar

Odile Ammann

The Power of Agricultural Interest Groups in Legislative Processes

Visiting Scholar

John Bliss

The Power of Agricultural Interest Groups in Legislative Processes

Visiting Fellow

Polina Bochenkova

How Can a Country Build Political, Cultural and Market Power to Transition Away from Animal Agriculture? A Case Study of the Netherlands

Visiting Fellow

Carlos Contreras López

Global Challenges in Animal Law

Visiting Fellow

Danielle Diamond

Transformative Rural Justice for All: Across Differences of Social Space, Time, and Species

Visiting Fellow

Jan Dutkiewicz

Politics and the Law in the Age of Food Animal Obsolescence

Visiting Fellow

Macarena Montes Franceschini

Monograph “Nonhuman Animal Personhood: Moral and Legal Implications”

Visiting Fellow

Vanessa Gischkow Garbini

Environmental Justice as a Means to Increasing Farmed Animals’ Welfare and Fighting Climate Change

Visiting Fellow

Tony Gerrans

Does Climate Change Litigation Present Legal and Policy Opportunities to Challenge Intensive Animal Agriculture—A Review of Global Developments with Specific Attention to the South African Context

Visiting Fellow

Che Gossett

Abolition, Law, and Animality

Visiting Fellow

Yi Jian

Research and Pre-Production Planning for Zodiac 12 Documentary

Visiting Fellow

Iván Sandoval-Cervantes

“Dead Letter”: Animal Law, Activism, and Mexican Politics

Visiting Fellow

Michelle Sinclair

Chinese Livestock Leaders’ Perception of the Feasibility and Usefulness of National Animal Welfare Legislation

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