



# Lecture

## **ANIMALS, VIOLENCE, JUSTICE** **A Research Cluster**

The Animals, Violence, Justice research cluster is dedicated to exploring the relationship between human and animal lives. Through workshops, discussions, and lectures, the group aims to explore how theory influences action, and vice versa, in the context of animal justice.

**LORI GRUEN**  
Philosophy, Wesleyan University

**Thursday, April 14 ~ Lecture: "Ethics of Captivity"**  
**4:00 pm, Communications 120**

In this talk, Gruen asks whether non-human animals can claim an interest in liberty and dignity. Gruen argues that we have an ethical obligation to promote the "wild dignity" of non-human animals who are currently captives and for whom release is not possible.

**Gruen will also read from and sign her most recent book, *Ethics and Animals* (2011) at the University Bookstore on Wednesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm. She will lead a workshop on Thursday, April 14 at 12:30 pm in Communications 202. To register for this workshop please contact Karen Emmerman ([emmerman@uw.edu](mailto:emmerman@uw.edu)).**

Lori Gruen is the author of *Ethics and Animals* (2011), chair of the Philosophy Department, and affiliate faculty in the Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality program and College of the Environment at Wesleyan University.

**CARY WOLFE**  
English, Rice University

**Wednesday, April 27 ~ Lecture: "Before the Law: Humans and Animals in a Biopolitical Frame"**  
**4:00 pm, Communications 120**

Drawing upon thinkers such as Foucault, Agamben, and Derrida, this talk explores major conceptual innovations as well as theoretical and methodological rifts in contemporary biopolitical thought in order to understand better the place of animality in modern politics.

**Wolfe will also lead a workshop on Wednesday, April 27 at 12:30 pm in Thomson 317. To register for this workshop please contact Karen Emmerman ([emmerman@uw.edu](mailto:emmerman@uw.edu)).**

Cary Wolfe is professor and chair of the English Department at Rice University. His books include *Animal Rites: American Culture, The Discourse of Species, and Posthumanist Theory* (2003) and most recently, *What Is Posthumanism?* (2010).