



ADVANCED SEMINAR IN RELIGION AND SCIENCE 2012

SURVEYING THE INTERFACE OF HUMANS AND (OTHER) ANIMALS



Chaired by Philip Hefner and Paul Heltne

Monday Evenings 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM, January 30 through April 30, 2012

Room 201, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, 1100 East 55th Street, Chicago, IL 60615

“Surveying the Interface of Humans and (Other) Animals” – the title of the 2012 Advanced Seminar in Religion and Science plays on the differences we make between the human animal (the animal we are) and all others. This seminar will explore the distinctions and connections between humankind and animals from scientific, theological, and ethical perspectives. Participants will engage with expert speakers and survey current knowledge that is relevant to the interface of humans and other animals, in order to discern how this knowledge shapes and re-shapes our understandings of humans and other animals.

Offered by the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS), the Advanced Seminar in Religion and Science is designed as a research seminar for faculty and graduate students. Course credit is available via registration through the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC) or cross-registration through member schools of the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS); the course number is LSTC T-672. All participants, whether taking the seminar for credit or not, are asked to pre-register with the seminar chairs by contacting ZCRS at zcrs@lstc.edu or 773-256-0670. For more information about ZCRS, please visit www.zygoncenter.org.

January 30	What Is the Interface of Humans and (Other) Animals? Philip Hefner, <i>theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and ZCRS</i> Complexity and Care with Respect to Humans and Nature Paul Heltne, <i>evolutionary biology, Chicago Academy of Sciences and ZCRS</i>
February 6	The Personalities of Animals – Including Humans Dan McAdams, <i>psychology, Northwestern University</i>
February 13	Humans, Chimpanzees, and Cognition Paul Heltne, <i>evolutionary biology, Chicago Academy of Sciences and ZCRS</i>
February 20	Animal Machines: A Partial History and Some Theological Projections Lea Schweitz, <i>theology and science, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and ZCRS</i>
February 27	No Lectures (Reading Week at LSTC)
March 5	Perspectives on Nature – as Experienced by Bipedal, Binocular, Megacephalic Members of the Food Chain (Me and You) Steve Sullivan, <i>biology, Chicago Academy of Sciences</i>
March 12	Spirituality Unleashed Anne Benvenuti, <i>visiting fellow, psychology and philosophy, ZCRS</i>
March 19	Perspectives on Large-Scale Animal Studies Gayle Woloschak, <i>molecular biology, Northwestern University School of Medicine</i>
March 26	What Is It about Butterflies, Anyway? Finding Complexity in the Smaller Side of Nature Doug Taron, <i>biology, Chicago Academy of Sciences</i>
April 2	No Lectures (Holy Week at LSTC)
April 9	The Moral Primate: On the Importance of Animals for Ethics William Schweiker, <i>theological ethics, The University of Chicago Divinity School</i>
April 16	Why Did God Create Animals or Humans? Why Are We Here? ... and Other Small Questions Philip Hefner, <i>theology, Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and ZCRS</i>
April 23	Course Reflections
April 30	God, the Emergence of Human Freedom, and the Question of the Animal Celia Deane-Drummond, <i>theology, University of Notre Dame</i>

About the Advanced Seminar

Since 1965, an advanced seminar on religion in the context of the sciences has been offered for faculty, students, and professionals in the Chicago area. The seminar was founded by Ralph Wendell Burhoe under the auspices of Meadville/Lombard Theological School and the Center for Advanced Study in Religion and Science. CASIRAS traces its origins to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, of which Burhoe was Executive Officer. In 1970, CASIRAS affiliated with the Association of Chicago Theological Schools. In the 1970s, Philip Hefner, Professor of Systematic Theology at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago (LSTC), joined Burhoe in directing the seminar. In 1988, the Zygon Center for Religion and Science (ZCRS) was founded by LSTC and CASIRAS and began sponsoring the Advanced Seminar. From this tradition, the Advanced Seminar takes its shape as a multidisciplinary network of persons seeking to understand how the sciences and the religions engage each other and to interpret the fundamental issues that are posed in this engagement. The goal is to gain insight into the import of the sciences for the critical function of religion in its role as a cultural vehicle of ultimate values and concerns.

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