

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2000 Ph.D., Department of the History of Consciousness, University of California Santa Cruz.
1996 Notation in Sociology, Department of Sociology, University of California Santa Cruz.
1984 B.A., Politics, Hampshire College.

Teaching Appointments

- 2009 – Present Associate Professor of Philosophy, Department of Humanities and Arts,
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- 2003 – 2009 Assistant Professor of Philosophy, Department of Humanities and Arts,
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- 2002 Lecturer, Department of Political Science
De Paul University
- 2002 Lecturer, Department of Political Science
University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2001-02 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy
University of Illinois at Chicago
- 1996-99 Lecturer, Departments of Sociology, Politics, and History of Consciousness
University of California at Santa Cruz

Books

- 2024 *The Omnivore's Deception: What We Get Wrong About Meat, Animals, and the Nature of Moral Life* (NYU Press, forthcoming 2024).
- 2011 *Critical Theory and Animal Liberation*, ed. (Rowman & Littlefield, 2011). Winner, International Herbert Marcuse Society's Book of the Month (2012).
- 2004 *The Postmodern Prince: Critical Theory, Left Strategy, and the Making of a New Political Subject* (New York: Monthly Review Press; distributed by NYU Press). Translated into Korean (Seoul: Galmuri Press, 2005) and Turkish (Ankara: Baglam, 2007).

Articles, Book Chapters, Reviews

"Love Me, Hit Me, Kill Me, Eat Me: How Animals Always Consent to Their Domination," *Anthropos: Journal of Psychology & Philosophy* (forthcoming 2023).

"Effective Altruism and the Reified Mind," Lori Gruen, Alice Crary, and Carol Adams, eds., *The Good It Promises, the Harm It Does* (Oxford University Press, 2023).

Review: "*Beyond Nature: Animal Liberation, Marxism, and Critical Theory*," by Marco Maurizi. *Society and Animals* (Brill, 2022).

"Murder, She Wrote: How 'Femivorism' Legitimizes the Meat Economy," in Hope Bohanec, ed., *The Humane Hoax* (Lantern Books, forthcoming 2022).

"Veganism and Capitalism," in Renan Laurie, ed., *Encyclopedia of Veganism* (Presses Universitaires de France, 2021). Rev. and expanded with Robert C. Jones, 2023 in *The Plant-Based Foods Handbook* (Springer, forthcoming 2023).

"Capitalism and Speciesism," in D. Nibert, ed., *Animal Oppression and Capitalism* (Praeger, 2017).

"Video Games: Machine Dreams of Domination," in William Yousman, ed., *Gender, Race, and Class in Media*, 4th Ed. (SAGE: 2017). Substantially revised version of 2010 article in Gail Dines and Jean Humez, eds., *Gender, Race, and Class in Media*, 3rd Ed. (SAGE: 2010).

"Postmodernism and the Corruption of the Academic Intelligentsia" (revised, expanded version of 2005 essay of same name), in G. Smulewicz-Zucker and M.J. Thompson, eds., *Radical Intellectuals and the Subversion of Progressive Politics* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2015), 32-65.

"Exploitation," in Arianna Ferrari and Klaus Petrus, eds. *Lexikon der Mensch/Tier-Beziehungen* (Berlin: Transcript, 2015).

"The Animal of Bad Faith," in J. Sorenson, ed., *Critical Animal Studies: Thinking the Unthinkable* (Canadian Scholars Press, 2014). Translated into Greek, 2023.

"Animals and Society," chapter in David Brunnsma, ed., *The Handbook of Sociology and Human Rights* (Paradigm Press, 2013). Co-authored with Victoria Johnson.

"The Holocaust Sublime: Singularity, Representation, and the Violence of Everyday Life," *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 68, No. 1 (Jan. 2009), 101-127.

"The Subject of Freedom at the End of History: Socialism Beyond Humanism," *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*, Vol. 66, No. 1 (Jan. 2007), 217-235. Published in Shannon and Hicks, eds., *The Challenges of Globalization: Rethinking Nature, Culture, and Freedom* (Basil Blackwell, 2007).

"Zieht in den USA ein postfordistischer Faschismus herauf?" [English: "American or Post-Fordist Fascism: Structural and Psychological Considerations"], *Das Argument* 265, March 2006, pp. 95-105.

“Postmodernism and the Corruption of the Academic Intelligentsia,” *Telling the Truth: Socialist Register 2006* (London: Merlin Press, 2005), pp. 196-227.

“Listen, Ecological Marxist! (Yes, I Said *Animals*),” review essay of M. Bekoff, *Minding Animals*, and E. Fudge, *Renaissance Beasts*, in *Capitalism, Nature, Socialism*, Vol. 16, No. 2 (June 2005), pp. 107-114.

“Preface for My Korean Readers,” special preface to the Korean version of my book, *The Postmodern Prince* (Seoul, South Korea: Galmuri Press, 2005).

“The Jargon of Culture and the Banality of Political Theory,” review essay of Seyla Benhabib, *The Claims of Culture* and Laurence Cahoon, *The Conservative Meaning of Liberal Politics*, in *Social Theory and Practice*, Vol. 30, No. 2 (April 2004), pp. 259-285.

Book review of Paul Apostolidis, *Stations of the Cross: Adorno and Christian Right Radio*, in *Theory and Society*, Vol. 30, No. 6, December 2001, pp. 823-829.

Book review of J.M. Groves, *Hearts and Minds: The Controversy Over Laboratory Animals*, in *Contemporary Sociology*, Nov. 2000, Vol. 29, No. 6, pp. 839-840.

Grants and Awards

Mass Cultural Council Cultural Sector Recovery Grant (2023). \$5,000.

Winner, International Herbert Marcuse Society's Book of the Month, for my book *Critical Theory and Animal Liberation* (Rowman & Littlefield 2011).

Winner of the Jacobsen Research Award for Best Paper, “Metahumanism” (Helsinki, Finland: 2008). Sponsored by the International Society for Universal Dialogue. \$700.

Winner of the Jacobsen Research Award for Best Paper, in 2007 for “The Holocaust Sublime” (Hiroshima, Japan: 2007). Sponsored by the International Society for Universal Dialogue. \$700.

Op-Eds and Other Writing (Non-Refereed)

"Why 'Fake' Meat Isn't," *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Jan. 13, 2020.

Creator/curator of the website, www.CleanMeat-Hoax.com (March 2019-present).

"The Drone Invasion," in Jack Selzer and Lester Faigley, eds., *Good Reasons, with Contemporary Arguments*, 7th ed. (Pearson Educational, forthcoming 2017). (First published in *Huffington Post*.)

"Even College Professors Can No Longer Afford Boston Area," *Patriot Ledger*, May 5, 2017.

Huffington Post blog:

"Death Eaters in the White House" (Feb. 17, 2017)

"Thank Liberalism for Donald Trump" (Nov. 22, 2016)

"All About Schmitt: Or, Farewell to the Democratic Party" (June 20, 2016)
 "New York: Bernie Sanders Is Our Last Chance" (April 8, 2016)
 "The Danger of Hillary Clinton: She Is Not the 'Safer' Candidate" (March 1, 2016)
 "The Drone Invasion" (February 4, 2016)
 "The Establishment vs. Bernie Sanders" (Feb. 22, 2016)
 "The Real Climate Change Hoax" (January 1, 2016)

"Fascism and the Language of 'Humane' Meat," *www.freefromharm.org*, Oct. 2013.

"Preventing a Blue Hills Massacre," *Worcester Telegram and Gazette*, Nov. 25, 2015.

"After the Isla Vista Rampage: Saving Boys--To Save Women" (with co-author Jessie Klein), *Christian Science Monitor*, June 3, 2014.

"Virtual Murder: Video Games and Domination," *WPI Journal*, Fall 2013.

"Gabrielle Giffords and NRA are Both Right about One Thing: US Culture of Violence," *Christian Science Monitor*, Jan. 30, 2013.

"An Ethical Blindspot of the Locavores," *Providence Journal*, Dec. 17, 2012.

"Reply to Derrick Jensen," *Upping the Anti*, September 26, 2011.

"Blood and Soil: Notes on Lierre Keith, Locavores, and Death Fetishism," *Upping the Anti*, May 2011. A longer version of this essay appeared on ZNET (2012) and in *The Greenville Post* (2016).

"The Distracted Society," Op-Ed, *Christian Science Monitor*, June 5, 2011.

"Why Strauss-Kahn Arrest and French Reaction Shouldn't Surprise Us," Op-Ed, *Christian Science Monitor*, May 20, 2011.

"Japan's Nuclear Crisis Pales in Comparison to Destruction from Global Climate Change," Op-Ed, *Christian Science Monitor*, March 18, 2011.

"The Crisis of the Global Left: Part One," *ZNET*, Sept. 20, 2009.

"Why Capitalism Shouldn't Be Saved," *Tikkun*, May/June 2009.

"Reply to Marc Weiss: The Myths of 'Green Capitalism,'" *Tikkun*, May/June 2009.

"Gulf War II," "George W. Bush," "Albert Gore, Jr.," "The Green Party," "The Reform Party," "Richard B. Cheney": original encyclopedia entries in *New Standard Encyclopedia*, Ferguson Publishing Co. (Chicago, 2002-2004).

"Will the Battle for Jerusalem Become the Battle of Algiers?" *www.opgreens.org*, May 2003.

"Storybook Ending for Ducks," Op-Ed, *Boston Herald*, June 30, 2007.

“Is ‘Star Wars’ as Perfect as Challenger?” (with Adele Simmons), *New York Times*, February 9, 1986.

Keynotes, Invited Talks, Panels, and Conference Presentations

VINE Book Club discussion/webinar on Effective Altruism (my chapter in *The Good It Promises, the Harm It Does*). March 2023.

"Battle for the Soul of WPI: How Neoliberalization and the Corporate University Damage Higher Education." Public talk sponsored by the American Association of University Professors chapter at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Dec. 2022.

Panelist, "Neoliberalism and the Academy," Peace and Social Justice (KZFR, Chico, CA). Dec. 2022.

Keynote address, "Life Against Death: Exterminism, Eros, and the Future of the Left." Subversive Festival (Croatia), October 2021.

Panelist, "Lunch from the Lab: A Panel Discussion on the Ethics and Realities of Cultured Meat," New England Veg Fest, with filmmaker Liz Marshall and Glenn Gaudette, Inaugural Chair and Professor of Engineering at Boston College, July 2021.

Webinar speaker, "Animal Liberation: Crisis, Strategy, Hope", with Karen Davis, Andrea Levy, and Troy Vettese. Sponsored by Animal Liberation Currents, Sept. 22, 2020.

Debate participant, "The Clean Meat Hoax," Conscious Eating Conference, David Brower Center, Berkeley, CA, March 2019. With Bruce Friedrich of the Good Food Institute, Leah Garces of Mercy for Animals, and Vasile Stanescu of Mercer College.

Webinar speaker, "Humane Hoax Online Summit," January 13, 2019.

Invited speaker, "'Femivorism' and the New Maternalism in Animal Agriculture," Conscious Eating Conference, Berkeley, CA, March 2018.

Invited to debate Wayne Pacelle, head of the Humane Society of the United States, on the subject of Pacelle's book, *The Humane Economy*, University of Virginia, March 2017.

"*Jacobin* Magazine and Animal Liberation: Interrogating the Speciesist Left," Panel organizer, chair, and panelist, Left Forum, John Jay College, New York, June 2016.

"The Poverty of Ecosocialist Theory," Towards a Red and Green Future? Marxism, Critical Theory, and Environmental Philosophy, Michigan State University, April 2016.

"Exterminationism and Speciesism as a Mode of Production," American Philosophical Association Conference, Pacific Division, April 2016.

"Speciesism and Capitalism," Community Church of Boston, October 11, 2015.

"The Politics of Killing Animals," Boston University (Community Service Center Program), 2014.

Keynote address, "Reflections on Moral and Intellectual Leadership in Critical Animal Studies," at Students for Critical Animal Studies, McGill University, Montreal, Canada, March 2014.

"Intersectionality, Animal Rights, and Abolitionism," Panel on the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (organized by the Center for Constitutional Rights), Suffolk Law School, Boston, Feb. 2014.

"Reification, or the Highest Stage of Speciesism," and "Remarks on the Politics of Nature," Technoscience and Animals, Institute for Critical Animal Studies Conference, Karlsruher Institut für Technologie, Germany, Nov. 2013.

"Speciesism as *Herrenvolk* Politics: Or, Can Nonhuman Animals Be Slaves?," roundtable on Sue Donaldson and Will Kymlicka's *Zoopolis*, Canadian Political Science Association, University of Victoria, BC, June 2013.

"Exterminationism as a Mode of Production," Existential and Phenomenological Theory and Culture, University of Victoria, BC (June 2013).

"Crisis and Opportunity for the Animal Movement," Animal Systems Conference (Marlborough, MA, April 2013).

"Human Rights and Animal Rights," book panel on *The Handbook of the Sociology of Human Rights*, American Sociological Association, Suffolk University (February 2013).

"The Omnivore's Distraction," Animals and Society group, Univ. of Wisconsin Madison (2012).

Organized/chaired Symposium on Critical Animal Studies, Utrecht, Netherlands (July 2012).

"The Omnivore's Distraction," Philosophy Department and Higgins School of Humanities, Clark University (Worcester, MA April 2012).

"Left Strategy After the Occupation Movement," Panel organizer, chair, and presenter (with David Schweikart and Patricia Mann), Left Forum Conference, Pace University (March 2012).

"Video Games: Machine Dreams of Domination," Stop Porn Culture Conference (Wheelock College, Boston, June 2011).

Remarks on Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*, Mechanics Hall, pre-performance lecture (Worcester, MA: May 2011).

Chair of panel dedicated to my edited book, *Critical Theory and Animal Liberation*, for the Thinking About Animals Conference, Brock University (Ontario), March 31-April 1, 2011.

Guest scholar, "Speciesism and Domination," Critical Animal Studies Institute (Clark University, Worcester, MA: July 2010).

“The Animal of Bad Faith,” paper at the Ninth Annual International Critical Animal Studies Conference (SUNY-Cortland campus, April 2010).

“Beyond Humanism and Anti-Humanism,” and “Animal Liberation and Radical Politics,” papers delivered at the Left Forum Conference, Pace University (New York, March 2010).

“Postcolonial Theory and Marxism,” Theorizing Anti-Racism Conference, sponsored by the Dept. of Political Studies, York University (Toronto: Sept. 2008).

“The Animal Question,” Giving Voice to Other Beings, Department of Philosophy, Vanderbilt University (Nashville: May 2008).

“Microsoft Reads Heidegger: New Digital Media and the Liquidation of the Subject,” Fourth International Conference on Technology, Knowledge and Society, Northeastern Uni. (Boston: 2008).

Keynote address: “Animal Liberationism: Rethinking the Foundations of Social and Political Thought,” *Rethinking Animals Conference*, Brock University (St. Catherine’s, Canada: March 2007).

“From the Sublime to the Ridiculous: Holocausts, Commodity Fetishism, and the Bad Faith of Modernity,” Northern New England Philosophy Association (Dartmouth, MA: October 2007)

“The Holocaust Sublime: Singularity, Representation, and the Violence of Everyday Life,” International Society for Universal Dialogue (Hiroshima, Japan: June 2007). *Winner of the 2007 Jacobsen Research Award.*

“Dialectic and Totality: Social Theory After Marcuse’s *Reason and Revolution*,” New Democracy Center (Cambridge, MA: June 2007).

“A Commentary on Derrida’s ‘The Animal that (Therefore) I Am,’” presentation to the Society of Socialist and Feminist Philosophers (New York City: April 2007).

Panel chair, Northern New England Philosophy Association (Dartmouth, Mass., Oct. 2007).

Lecture: “Postmodernism and Intellectuals,” Global Political Economy program, University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Canada: September 21, 2006).

“A Gramscian View of the American Crisis,” Global Political Economy program, University of Manitoba (Winnipeg, Canada: September 23, 2006).

“The Myth of Nature: Restoring Subjectivity to the Natural Lifeworld,” Panel: The Response to Nature, *Left Forum Conference*, Cooper Union (New York City: March 2006).

“Postmodernism and the Corruption of the Intelligentsia,” Panel: *Telling the Truth*, University of Toronto (Toronto: December 2005).

“The Ethics of Xenotransplantation”: debate on ethics of laboratory use of animals, Responsible Conduct in Science, UMASS Medical School (Worcester: Oct. 2005).

“Marcuse at the Arcade: Video Games, Repressive Desublimation, and Fascism,” Herbert Marcuse’s Eros and Civilization 50 Years Later Conference, St. Joseph University (Philadelphia: Nov. 2005).

SOPHIA conference participant (North Leveritt, Mass., Oct. 2005).

“Metahumanism: The Subject of Freedom at the End of History,” International Society for Universal Dialogue (Helsinki, Finland: July 2005). *Winner of the 2005 Jacobsen Award* (\$1,500).

“Freedom, Animals, and the Subject of Ontology,” American Philosophical Association, Eastern Division Meeting (Boston, MA: Dec. 2004). Also, panel co-organizer.

“The Postmodern Prince: Gramsci as the Basis for a New Unified Movement,” annual Rethinking Marxism Conference, University of Massachusetts (Amherst, MA: Nov. 2003).

“Strategy and Organic Crisis,” paper presented at the Socialist Scholars Conference, Cooper Union (New York City: 2003). Also, panel co-organizer.

"Reflections on Justice: The Rhetoric of ‘Abolition’ in the Anti-Prison Movement," City University of New York Graduate Center (New York City: 2002).

“The Postmodern Prince,” Department of Political Science, DePaul University (Chicago: 2002).

“Baroque Theory,” Department of Sociology, Bucknell University (Lewisburg, PA: 2002).

"What Is Theory For--and Why Do We Need It?" Center for Urban Research and Learning, Loyola University (Chicago: March 2001).

“Merleau-Ponty's Phenomenology of Perception as the Basis for a New Holism in Theory and Practice," 26th Annual Meeting of the International Merleau-Ponty Circle, University of North Carolina at Asheville (Asheville, NC: Sept. 2001).

"Civilizational Crisis and the Question of a General Strategy for the Critical Opposition." Radical Philosophy Association Conference, Loyola University (Chicago: Nov2000).

"Hegemony and the Phenomenology of Praxis: Gramsci and Merleau-Ponty." Paper presented at the Radical Philosophy Association Conference, University of San Francisco (San Francisco: 1998).

Conference co-organizer, "Globalization and Collective Action," an international conference of the Research Committee on Social Movements, International Sociological Association, University of California at Santa Cruz (Santa Cruz, CA: 1996).

"The Case for the Abolition of Peace Studies." Paper presented to the American Peace Studies Association, Tufts University (Medford, MA: 1995).

Interviews

"The Omnivore's Deception," interviewed by Robert C. Jones and Troy Jollimore for Philosophers and Culture, KZFR (Chico, CA). Aug. 2023.

"The Psychopathy of Eating Meat," Bite-Size Vegan (June 2023).

Interview with UK journalist for *Vox*, on my critical views of cellular meat technology. April 2023.

Interview by journalist Vegard Møller for *Morganbladet*, Norway's oldest daily newspaper, on my views of Effective Altruism in *The Good It Promises, the Harm It Does*. March, 2023.

"Interview with Marco Maurizi, Dinesh Wadiwel, and John Sanbonmatsu": Iranian Working Group on Marxism and Speciesism. March 2023. Trans. into Farsi:

<https://pecritique.com/2023/03/28/مارکو-با-گفتوگو-حیوانات-مسألہ-چپ-و-مسلألہی-حیوانات-گفتوگو-با-مارکو/>

"The Omnivore's Deception," interviewed by Carolyn Harris on CKCU FM (Ottawa). Nov. 2022.

"Ecological Politics for the Working Class: Interview with Matt T. Huber & John Sanbonmatsu," Dec., 2021.

"The Clean Meat Hoax," interviewed by Alex Shirazi for the Cultured Meat and Future Food Podcast on Apple. Sept. 2021.

"An Interview with John Sanbonmatsu," by Martin Beroš for Slobodni Filozofski SkriptaTV (Croatia). Sept. 2021.

"Should the Animal Rights Movement Support 'Clean Meat'?", interviewed by Laurent Levy for The Other Animals Podcast on Spotify. March, 2021.

Interviewed by Dinesh Wadiwel: "Gramsci's Theory of Hegemony and the Animal Rights Movement," *Animal Liberation Currents* (forthcoming, 2021).

Interviewed by Carolyn Harris, Always for the Animals (radio station CKCU, Ottawa, Canada): "Bad Faith in the Animal System" (Episodes 35) and "Veganism and 'Clean' Meat" (Episode 25). 2020.

Interviewed by journalist Zoe Corbyn for the *Guardian* newspaper (UK), about my website, www.CleanMeat-Hoax.com. January 2020.

"The Catastrophic Failures of the Left": guest interview with Robert C. Jones, KZFR radio (Chico State University). August, 2019.

"'Femivorism' and the New Maternalism in Animal Agriculture: Interview with John Sanbonmatsu," with Robert C. Jones, KZFR (Chico State University). March, 2018.

"Interview with John Sanbonmatsu," with Saryta Rodriguez, Direct Action Everywhere,

<http://directactioneverywhere.com>. Dec. 2014.

"Animal Liberation and Critical Theory: Interview with John Sanbonmatsu," with Marco Maurizi, *Animal Studies: Rivista Italiana di Antispecismo*, No. 1, Jan. 13, 2013. Re-published in *Fronesis: Politik, teori, kritik* (Sweden), No. 56-57, 2017.

"Postmodernism," in Sasha Lilley, ed. *Capital and Its Discontents: Interviews with Radical Thinkers* (PM Press, 2011). Published version of radio interview with Lilley (originally aired on KPFA).

Tenure, Promotion, and Graduate Referee

External Reviewer, PhD Thesis defense: Gordon Trenbeth, *Posthuman Labour Solidarity and the Dialectics of Animal Community: Confronting the Contradictions of Anthropocentrism Through Cinematic Imaginaries*, Dept. of Philosophy, University of Guelph (Sept. 2023).

External Reviewer for Tenure Case: Dept. of Communications and Journalism, University of New Mexico (2018).

External Reviewer, Faculty Promotion Case: School of Social Work, York University (2014).

External Reviewer for M.A. Thesis defense: *Everyone Loves Marineland*, Master's thesis by Elizabeth Smith (Department of Sociology), Brock University, Ontario, Canada (2014).

External Reviewer for PhD Thesis defense: *Early Modern Speculative Anthropology* by Craig McFarlane (Department of Sociology), York University (2014).

External Reviewer for Ph.D. Thesis defense: *Waking up at the End of History: Wish Image and Dialectical Image Today*, by A.K. Thompson (Department of Sociology), York University (2010).

Manuscript Reviewer

Bloomsbury Books	Columbia University Press	Critical Historical Studies
Anthrozoos	Left History	Theoria (South Africa)
Animals and Society	Journal of Critical Animal Studies	Social Theory and Practice
Austrian Journal of Sociology	Monthly Review Press	SUNY Press
Nature and Space	Simone de Beauvoir Studies	Environment and Planning
Brock Review	New York University Press	Palgrave-Macmillan
European Journal of Political Theory	Organization and Environment	Peter Lang

Advising Awards

Advisor to Katie Quinn-Cyr, "Understanding the True Relationship Between Women and Mental Illness," student winner of the Class of 1879 Award (2022).

Advisor to Aviv Brest, "An Ethical Framework for the Genetic Engineering of Animals," student winner of the Class of 1879 Award (2017).

Advisor to Richard Pampuro, "Political Right within Anarchism," student winner of the Class of 1879 Award (2009).

Advisor to Sufficiency Award (2004).