## THINKING ABOUT ANIMALS

MARCH 1-2 2018

A Conference at Brock University St. Catharines, ON, Canada











For the last two decades, the Department of Sociology at Brock University has promoted the field of Critical Animal Studies. Now, in collaboration with Niagara Action for Animals, we invite activists and academics to join us for on March 1st-2nd, 2018 for another of our "Thinking About Animals" conferences. This time we will focus on two broad themes.

## Structural Violence and Trans-Species Social Justice

While capitalism did not create animal exploitation, it has intensified the effects and has made this into a system of total violence that threatens all life on the planet. We take up this theme in part to launch publication of two new books: David Nibert's monumental 2-volume edited book *Animals, Oppression and Capitalism* and *New Directions in Critical Animal Studies: Toward Trans-Species Social Justice*, co-edited by Atsuko Matsuoka and John Sorenson.

## Resistance, Rescue and Sanctuary

Here, we pay attention to individual nonhuman animals who have managed to resist and survive their oppression and also celebrate the work of human activists who have dedicated themselves to the practical work of resisting oppression by helping other animals and advocating for their interests.

## Featured speakers include:

Jenny Brown (Woodstock Farm Sanctuary)
Karen Davis (United Poultry Concerns)
Anita Krajnc (Toronto Pig Save)
David Nibert (Dept of Sociology, Wittenberg University)
Ian Purdy (Toronto Pig Save; Institute for Critical Animal Studies)
Chantal Theijin (Hobbitstee Wildlife Refuge)

Paper submissions and inquires can be sent to animalconference@brocku.ca

Send abstract (approx. 250 words) and 3 keywords

Deadline for papers is January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018