

ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Among the broadest and most overarching goals of humane education are the **PROMOTION OF EMPATHY** and the **DEMOTION OF VIOLENCE**. We hold many beliefs about how to best work toward these goals as well as many beliefs about the myriad objects and experiences that influence the development of empathetic attitudes and violent behavior. How do our beliefs hold up to the **DATA** from studies on empathy and violence? What does the **SCIENTIFIC LITERATURE** have to contribute to these beliefs? What kinds of **RESEARCH** are being conducted that can positively impact how we plan our educational programs?

The goal of our conference is to **IMPROVE THE LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR ANIMALS AND THEIR CAREGIVERS** at many levels. We are especially interested in examining how the values of children, youth and adults are shaped toward animals through development of humane education curricula and programs. Key topics will include how to **SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF EMPATHY, REDUCE VIOLENT BEHAVIOR** and **EXAMINE THE IMPACT AND POWER OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING** in classroom and field settings.

Within the conference, *Empathy, Animals, and Nature: Brain, Behavior and Beyond*, we will explore **HOW EMPATHY IS CODED IN THE BRAIN** in an effort to better understand the kinds of processes that promote empathetic responding; we will **INVESTIGATE** some of our most firmly held **IDEAS** about the types of experiences that promote violent behavior and some evidence, potentially, to the contrary; we will **LOOK AT THE ROLE ANIMALS AND CULTURE PLAY** in humane education and their impact on achieving our goals of promoting empathy and demoting violence.

This is an **UNPRECEDENTED CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY** for educators, mental health professionals, animal welfare professionals and others who are seeking to instill kindness and appreciation for animals in their audiences. In the course of the sessions, approaches will be highlighted that **SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PREVENT, INTERVENE IN, OR ADDRESS THE CORRELATION BETWEEN HUMAN AND ANIMAL CRUELTY**.

Through **LECTURES** by nationally known leaders in cognitive neuroscience, human- and animal-directed violence, animal assisted therapy and humane education, **INTERACTIVE GROUP WORK DISCUSSIONS** and **HANDS-ON LEARNING** with children and animals on the Green Chimneys Farm, the attendees of this conference will be offered a profound and innovative learning experience.



CONFERENCE ON HUMANE EDUCATION

EMPATHY, ANIMALS & NATURE:
BRAIN, BEHAVIOR & BEYOND

APRIL 20-22, 2007

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8:30 am. Continental Breakfast
9 am. Welcome by SAMUEL B. ROSS JR., PH.D., Green Chimneys Founder and JOSEPH WHALEN, Executive Director
9:30 am. STEPHEN ZAWISTOWSKI, PH.D., Executive Vice President, National Programs and Science Advisor, ASPCA. Welcome and opening remarks summarizing and linking the various sessions and speakers for the conference.
9:45 am. WHO'S HERE? A quick "hello I'm....." session for participants
10:15 am. Break
10:30 am. JEAN DECTY, PH.D., Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Chicago and the College
The Cognitive and Affective Experience of Empathy: A Social Neuroscience Perspective
11:15 am. SHERYL L. PEE, PH.D., Senior Director, Humane Education, ASPCA.
What In the World Does Neuroscience Have to Do with Humane Education?: Relating the Research to the Practice of Humane Education
12 pm. Lunch
SECOND SESSION
Influences on Violent Behavior: Revisiting our Thinking
1 pm. STEPHANIE LAFARGE, PH.D., Senior Director, Counseling Services, ASPCA.
Violent Behavior: What we believe, what we know and what we do not know.
1:20 pm. RANDALL LOCKWOOD, PH.D., Senior Vice President, Anti-Cruelty Initiatives and Training, ASPCA.
Research Tell Us?
Climates of Kindness and Cruelty: What Does the Research Tell Us?

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 2007

2:05 pm. Facilitated Working Groups - DR. LAFARGE to counteract violence and instill empathy
3 pm. Break
THIRD SESSION
People and Animals: Humane Education in Action - Applications in the Field
3:15 pm. Session A: Susan "Suz" Brooks, Psy.D., Farm Psychologist, Green Chimneys School
Demonstration of Animal Assisted Therapy and Green Chimneys Triangle Model at the Green Chimneys Farm
Session B: GC PROFESSIONAL STAFF at Farm
Demonstration and Explanation of Various Green Chimneys Farm Programs in Action
4:15 pm. Same as 3:15 pm. sessions
5:30 pm. Cocktails, Snacks, Share Time (literature table) and BOOK SIGNING - Dining Hall
6:30 pm. BANQUET DINNER and KEYNOTE ADDRESS - GAIL MELSON, PH.D. - Professor, Developmental Studies, Purdue University.
WHY CHILDREN NEED ANIMALS

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007

8:15 am. Continental Breakfast
FIRST SESSION
Humane Education: Where do Living Animals fit in?
9 am. MICHAEL KAUFMANN, Farm Director, Green Chimneys
The practical application and animal welfare considerations of Humane Education and Animal Assisted Activities (at the Farm and Wildlife Center)
9:45 am. JEFF PERKIN, Instructor, Department of Psychology, University of New Hampshire.
Eco-Psychology: What Is the Most Effective Way to Encourage Healthy Human and Animal Behavior?
10:30 am. Break
10:45 am. JANE GRECO-DEMING, Director of Education and Outreach, Providence Animal Rescue League.
Animals and Animal Artifacts: Do They Enhance our Education Programs?

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9 am. Closing brunch (optional)
Join us for a casual brunch and a chance to connect with peers and discuss the conference.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2007

11:30 am. ANN GARHART, Director of Humane Education, the Snyder Foundation for Animals
Incorporating a Registered Service, Assistance or Therapy Dog into Humane Education Programs: The Expected and Unexpected Effects.
12:15 pm. Lunch
SECOND SESSION
Reaching Your Target Audience: Cultural Considerations
1:15 pm. DUANE JACKSON PH.D., Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, Morehouse College. Bridging Gaps: Animals and Cultural Diversity
2 pm. PEI FENG SU, Director, Act Asia
Humane Education in the United States: An "Outsider/Insider View"
2:45 pm. Break
3 pm. MARK MERS, Director of Education, Humane Society of Southern Arizona.
Preaching Kindness: What Humane Education Takes from Spiritual Beliefs
3:45 pm. SUMMARY PANEL:
How do we improve the long-term prospects for animals and their caregivers at many levels? Shaping the values of children, youth and adults toward animals through the development of empathy.
5:30 pm. Closing dinner hosted by MYRA & DR. SAMUEL B. ROSS, JR.

WHO'S WHO AT THE HUMANE EDUCATION CONFERENCE

SUZ BROOKS, Psy.D., Green Chimneys' farm psychologist, is a licensed clinical psychologist and former livestock manager with 30 years of experience. Dr. Brooks integrates many theoretical perspectives into her work, with an emphasis on the concept of relationship and how animal behavior enhances the study of human development. For the past 11 years, she has synthesized these passions at Green Chimneys Farm where she integrates animals into her clinical sessions. Dr. Brooks speaks nationally and internationally on topics related to animal-assisted psychotherapy and equine facilitated psychotherapy.

JEAN DECETY, Ph.D. is a professor of Psychology at the University of Chicago and the College. He previously was a Research Director at the INSERM (Medical Research Institute) in Lyon, France, a professor at the University of Washington, Seattle, and the Head of the Social Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory (2001-2004). Professor Decety received his Ph.D. in Neurobiology from the University Claude Bernard (Lyon, France) in 1989, and the completed a three-year post doctoral fellowship in Sweden, at Lund University Hospital and at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm.

ANN GEARHART is the Director of Humane and Environmental Education at The Snyder Foundation for Animals in Baltimore, Maryland. After 25 years in the classroom, Ms. Gearhart had the opportunity to work as a humane educator in 1989, creating and directing humane and environmental programs. Accredited as a teacher, librarian and in natural sciences courses, she has conducted workshops for a wide variety of organizations including the American Humane Association, the Humane Society of the United States, the Canadian Federated Humane Societies, the Association of Professional Humane Educators (APHE), PAWS, Animal Welfare Federation of New Jersey, the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, the New England Federation of Humane Societies, the Animal Control Officer Academy, and the Governor's Conference on Child Abuse. She, who has received awards from the Snyder Foundation, the Mayor's Committee To Overcome Violence, Anne Arundel Co. SPCA. Ms. Gearhart conducts humane education programs with her education assistance dog, Spirit.

JANE GRECO-DEMING has been the Director of Education at the Providence Animal Rescue League for more than 12 years where her notable accomplishment was the creation of the 1997 "Pets & People" exhibit at the Providence Children's Museum. This interactive exhibit was designed to help children understand the importance of being responsible and kind to animals. Prior to her work at the League, she was the Director of Education at the Roger Williams Park Zoo for almost 12 years and is AZA certified in zoo management. As a wildlife rehabilitator, she helped RI Fish & Wildlife start a statewide wildlife rehabilitation project. She also served as the state's "Rhode Island Disaster Animal Response Team" coordinator.

MICHAEL KAUFMANN is the Farm and Wildlife Director at Green Chimneys. His focus is on directing all aspects of the therapeutic milieu offered to more than 200 children with special needs at the farm, in the equine programs, at two organic gardens and in the wildlife rehabilitation center. Kaufmann is an experienced program director and has served various national organizations as a key program director and spokesperson, and has led and facilitated workshops and seminars throughout the United States and internationally.

DUANE JACKSON, Ph.D. is an animal behaviorist who specializes in insect behavior. Currently a tenured associate professor at Morehouse College and a research fellow and board of directors member at Zoo Atlanta, Dr. Jackson was curator of invertebrates/research scientist at Zoo Atlanta for a decade. The recipient of eight teaching awards, he has published scholarly papers on insect behavior and physiology, behavior-genetic analysis, undergraduate research, racism in science and human and non-human behavior in a zoo setting. He earned his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Illinois Champaign - Urbana and is currently working on two papers and a children's book.

STEPHANIE LAFARGE, Ph.D. is Senior Director of Counseling Services at The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals headquartered in NYC. She directs the ASPCA's Animal Assisted Therapy program that places Delta Society trained and registered Pet Partners in hospitals, nursing homes, school and libraries. Through the *Paws-n-Books* project, volunteers are trained to help children with reading difficulties. Dr. LaFarge received her doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia U. for her work with children dying of cancer. She is currently Adjunct Assistant Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in Newark, NJ.

RANDALL LOCKWOOD, Ph.D. has degrees in psychology and biology from Wesleyan University in Connecticut and a doctorate in psychology from Washington University in St. Louis. In August 2005, he became Senior Vice President for Anti-Cruelty Initiatives and Training for the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He regularly provides training on animal cruelty issues for law-enforcement, social service, mental health and veterinary professionals. His book *Cruelty to Animals and Interpersonal Violence*, co-edited with Dr. Frank Ascione, was published in 1998 by Purdue University Press. His most recent books are *Forensic Investigation of Animal Cruelty: A Guide for Veterinary and Law Enforcement*

Professionals," written with Leslie Sinclair, DVM and Melinda Merck, DVM, and *Prosecuting Animal Cruelty Cases: Opportunities for Early Response to Crime and Interpersonal Violence* - both published in summer 2006.

GAIL F. MELSON, Ph.D. is Professor of Developmental Studies in the Child Development and Family Studies Department of Purdue University. Dr. Melson's research focuses on social development of young children, parent-child relations, public policy, development of nurturance, human-animal bond, and children's relationships with animals. She is on the editorial Board of Anthrozoos, a member of the National Association for Humane and Environmental Education (NAHEE) Advisory Group and is the author of *Why the Wild Things Are: Animals in the Lives of Children*.

MARSH MYERS is the Director of Education & Cruelty Prevention for the Humane Society of Southern Arizona (HSSA), the state's second-largest animal welfare organization. Marsh and his staff of educators reach about 19,000 people all over southern Arizona with programs ranging from classroom presentations to youth internships to summer camps. Marsh is also one of the founding members of the Animal Cruelty Taskforce of Southern Arizona (ACT), a law enforcement coalition dedicated to protecting animals from violence and neglect.

JEFF PERRIN is currently a psychology instructor and doctoral candidate at the University of New Hampshire. His research interests are conservation psychology, ecopsychology and environmental psychology. Prior to starting his doctoral work, Jeff worked for several environmental and outdoor education programs. Jeff obtained his B.A from Trinity College and M.A from the University of Michigan.

SHERYL L. PIPE, Ph.D. is the Senior Director of Humane Education at the ASPCA and the President of the Association of Professional Humane Educators. She holds a Ph.D. in Clinical and School Psychology. Her dissertation research, supported by the Iams Company, examined how the presence of a dog impacts rapport development. Before joining the ASPCA, she was an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Psychology and a Crisis Intervention Counselor at Hofstra University

SAMUEL B. ROSS, JR., Ph.D. is the founder of Green Chimneys and serves as managing director of The Friends of Green Chimneys, the organization's fundraising arm. Dr. Ross earned his B.A. degree from the University of VA and his M.A. from NYU. He holds a Ph.D. in human service administration from the Graduate School of the Union Institute and University and certificates in elementary, special education and school administration. He is a lifetime member and fellow of the American Orthopsychiatric Association and National Education Association. His numerous honors include lifetime achievement awards from the International Association Human/Animal Interaction Organization and the NY State Council of Family & Child Care Agencies. Last year, he was named a *Children's Champion* by *Child Magazine*.

PEI-FENG SU, the co-founder of ACTAsia, has a Masters degree in sociology. Her thesis focused on "Advocacy for Animals in the UK." She has been active in animal advocacy for 15 years. ACTAsia is a new organization set up by Asian animal activists to develop sustainable and professional animal advocacy. It conducts workshops as part of its program to provide knowledge, expertise, tools and platforms for animal activists and groups, through training, mentoring and networking. She was formerly Director of affiliate groups for an international animal welfare charity in the UK. In the past seven years, she has focused on building the capacity of local advocates around the world.

JOSEPH A. WHALEN has been Executive Director of Green Chimneys for a decade. He joined the organization in 1972 and has held a number of management positions. He holds a masters degree in special education from Western Connecticut State U. and an MBA from the University of New Haven. He has been instrumental in the development of congregate care expansions including a 14-bed residential treatment facility for adolescents who have experienced multiple psychiatric hospitalizations, group homes and supervised independent living programs in Westchester County and New York City.

STEPHEN L. ZAWISTOWSKI, Ph.D. joined The ASPCA in 1988 as vice president of education. Dr. Zawistowski is a certified applied animal behaviorist and chairs the Animal Behavior Society's Board of Professional Certification. He is a member of multiple boards and scientific advisory committees.

In 2003-04, he served on the National Academy of Sciences-National Research Council Committee on a Review of the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoological Park and, in 2006, on the Institute for Laboratory Animal Resources committee to update the report on the Recognition and Alleviation of Pain and Distress in Laboratory Animals. Dr. Zawistowski is also an adjunct Professor at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine

While at the ASPCA, he has authored, edited and consulted on more than 20 books on animals and pet care. *Animal Shelter Medicine for Veterinarians and Staff*, edited by Dr. Lila Miller and Dr. Zawistowski, was published by Blackwell Publishing in spring 2004. He is also the founding co-editor of the *Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science*.

LOCATION

This year's humane education conference will be held at Green Chimneys, located in the foothills of the Taconic Mountains, minutes from the Connecticut border and about 30 miles north of White Plains, NY.

For conference participants arriving by plane, White Plains Airport is approximately 30 minutes away. Other accessible airports are Bradley International in Hartford, LaGuardia, JFK and Newark. The closest train station is Southeast, which is on the Harlem line of Metro North from Grand Central Station. For those choosing to drive, Green Chimneys is close to major highways. Driving directions may be downloaded online from: www.greenchimneys.org/reach_us/driving_directions.html.

COST

The cost of the *Humane Education Conference* is \$200 per person (*Early bird registration is \$175 per person; paid by January 15, 2007*). The fee includes all sessions, meals on Friday and Saturday (continental breakfast, lunch, dinner) and an optional, informal continental breakfast on Sunday. Registration is due by April 1, 2007.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The **MARON HOTEL AND SUITES** on Mill Plain Road in Danbury, CT, is offering a special conference rate of \$99 per night (plus tax) per room with a continental breakfast included. The hotel will also run a complimentary shuttle to Green Chimneys twice-daily on Friday and Saturday. To make your room reservation, call the Maron Hotel reservations department at (203) 791-2200 and ask for the Green Chimneys rate.

ABOUT CONFERENCE SPONSORS

ASPCA Founded in 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) was the first humane organization established in North America and today has one million supporters. The ASPCA's mission is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. The ASPCA provides national leadership in humane education, government affairs and public policy, shelter support and animal poison control. The NYC headquarters houses a full-service animal hospital, animal behavior center, and adoption facility. The Humane Law Enforcement department enforces New York's animal cruelty laws and is featured on the reality television series *Animal Precinct* on Animal Planet. Visit www.aspc.org for more information.

Green Chimneys Founded in 1947, Green Chimneys restores possibilities and creates futures for children with emotional, behavioral, social & learning challenges. Headquartered in Brewster, NY, it is world renowned for its animal-assisted therapy program and operates a residential treatment center for children, an accredited special education school, a farm and wildlife rehabilitation center, an organic farm, a therapeutic riding program, a runaway shelter and community outreach center, Nature's Nursery and Hillside Summer Camp, group homes, the Good Friend mentoring program for youth, LGBTQ programs in New York City, programs and special events for the public, adult services programs in Connecticut and a variety of other programs. Each year, Green Chimneys serves more than 3,500 children and their families. More information on Green Chimneys is available on its web site: www.greenchimneys.org.

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