

Hello Friends of ICAS,

ICAS and the ICAS Executive Board of Directors have been busy working on our 2015 initiative of building up our administrative structure, which includes the following: updated bylaws, Board charge, developing the first ICAS Manual, program management, publications, and social media outlets that reach over 20,000 people around the world.

#### GENERAL UPDATES

ICAS Oceania had an excellent annual conference! Be on the lookout for an upcoming Flickr event highlighting the conference.

Dr. Sean Parson, our Interim Editor of the Journal for Critical Animal Studies, recently published "Cecil the Lion, White Supremacy, and Speciesism," which you can read here:

<http://www.counterpunch.org/2015/08/06/cecil-the-lion-white-supremacy-and-speciesism/>

#### CLOSED PROGRAMS

ICAS's Executive Board of Directors has ended our internship, scholars, and fellows programs to better achieve our mission and to streamline our organizational structure.

#### NEW INFORMATION

We have also put together the ICAS History of the Board of Directors, which lists everyone who has been a board member from 2001 to 2015:

<http://www.criticalanimalstudies.org/history-of-the-institute-for-critical-animal-studies-board-of-directors/> (It is located on the "Leadership and Contact" page under the "About" link on the ICAS Web site.)

We have also developed the ICAS Website Design History, for those interested in animal liberation nostalgia:

<http://www.criticalanimalstudies.org/2015/08/institute-for-critical-animal-studies-website-design-history/>

#### PUBLICATIONS

To get the latest on our publications please visit:

Journal for Critical Animal Studies

[www.journalforcriticalanimalstudies.org](http://www.journalforcriticalanimalstudies.org)

Green Theory and Praxis Journal

[www.greentheoryandpraxisjournal.org](http://www.greentheoryandpraxisjournal.org)

Peace Studies Journal (a co-sponsored journal)  
[www.peacestudiesjournal.org](http://www.peacestudiesjournal.org)

Arissa Media Group  
[www.arissamedia.org](http://www.arissamedia.org)

Brill Critical Animal Studies Book Series  
<http://www.criticalanimalstudies.org/critical-animal-studies-book-series/>

Lexington Critical Animal Studies and Theory Book Series  
<http://www.criticalanimalstudies.org/lexington-cas-book-series/>

All of our publications are open and dedicated to radical scholar-activists who support the Ten Principles of CAS and the ICAS mission, which includes support and promotion of the Animal Liberation Front and Earth Liberation front.

#### JOURNAL FOR CRITICAL ANIMAL STUDIES UPDATES

First and foremost, the next issue of JCAS (Volume 13, Issue 1) will be published in mid-September 2015. It will be dedicated to Norm Phelps, a passionate animal advocate, scholar, and ICAS supporter who passed away in late December 2014.

To those that have submitted to the Journal for Critical Animal Studies, the Interim Editors, Dr. Sean Parson and Dr. Kim Socha, apologize for any concerns, frustration, or confusion critical animal studies scholars have experienced with the journal of late. To be frank, as the editorship shifted, communications about previous submissions have been quite sparse, but over the past three months we have been making attempts to retrieve documents and e-mails from the previous editors. Be assured that numerous requests have been sent to Sean and Kim's predecessors seeking access to your submissions. In the spirit of collegiality and professionalism, we hope to hear from JCAS's previous editors soon.

For further information, please contact the Interim Editors at [journalforcas@gmail.com](mailto:journalforcas@gmail.com). They will do their best to assist you under these less-than-tenable circumstances.

#### PERSONNEL CHANGES

ICAS thanks Stephanie Eccles for her two annual terms as the Executive Director of Students for Critical Animal Studies. We support her as she transitions into her new role: Outreach Coordinator of Students for Critical Animal Studies.

In kind, we warmly welcome Lauren O'Laughlin as the new Executive Director of Students for Critical Animal Studies.

#### CONTACTING ICAS

We love hearing from you! However, as a fully-volunteer organization on a shoestring budget, we may miss a message or two coming in through our email account ([icas@criticalanimalstudies.org](mailto:icas@criticalanimalstudies.org)) and social networking platforms Facebook and Twitter. Further, since 2013 ICAS has not had an individual

Executive Director or President. Rather, we have eight Executive Directors who make up the ICAS Executive Board of Directors. We each lead different programs and departments and share equal decision-making power. Thus, if you want to be in touch, please visit our webpage to determine the individual who can best respond to your query or comment:

<http://www.criticalanimalstudies.org/board-of-directors/>

We thank everyone for the continued global support and encourage those with new and innovative ideas within the field of CAS to pursue them, from radio podcasts, to conferences, websites, blogs, journals, books, and organizations. ICAS, while it is the first organization dedicated to CAS, cannot (and should not!) be all things to all people, nor do we wish to be the only one's championing the field. As such, we end with a call to everyone to become their own leader within the field of CAS. Go forth in liberation!

Until all are free...

ICAS Executive Board of Directors