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2nd Annual

ANIMAL ETHICS WORKSHOP

Center for Ethics
1531 Dickey Drive
Emory University
Friday, April 5th, 2013

Beastly Morality

Emerging scholarship in ethology, neuroscience, philosophy, religion, law and other disciplines contends that humans are not the only creatures who evaluate their behaviors against standards of right and wrong, good and bad: other animals also have been shown to judge actions and adjust their behaviors accordingly. What are the scientific, moral, philosophical and political implications of these findings? How might these lines of investigation influence our understanding of evolution and morality? Should species, or individuals within certain species, who display such a sense of morality be given greater moral consideration or status than those who do not? Why or why not? In which ways are the notions of humanity and animality challenged by these recent claims?

This workshop welcomes presentations wrestling with beastly morality from any discipline. Projects may be at any stage of development. Indeed, incipient ones may benefit from receiving constructive feedback. Presentations will be kept to 30 minutes, allowing ample time for group conversation.

Please submit an abstract (~500 words) to Jonathan Crane (jonathan.k.crane@emory.edu) **no later than Friday, February 1st, 2013**. Notification of decisions will be made by Friday, February 15th.

The workshop will be held at the Emory University's Center for Ethics, 1531 Dickey Drive, 9:00AM—3:00PM (or later). Lunch will be served.

Note: Frans B. M. de Waal, PhD, world-renown ethologist, will share some critical reflections emerging from his most recent work, *The Bonobo and the Atheist: in search of humanism among the primates* (WW Norton & Company, 2013).