

**Workshop on Animals, Law, and Religion
Harvard Law School
May 20-21, 2016**

Guidelines for Presentations and Papers

We ask that workshop participants circulate a paper in advance so that when we meet we can focus our time on discussion. We are envisioning papers of a maximum length of about ten double-spaced pages and the deadline for submitting them to us will be April 17, 2016. Both the maximum length and the deadline are to ensure that everyone is able to read all the papers in advance.

In order to foster an interdisciplinary discussion, we would like the papers to provide both a brief introductory overview of the study of animals in your area of expertise and an example of your own scholarship (and ideally of a work in progress). The purpose of the short and informal overview is to provide participants from different fields with at least some background before we meet. The short overview might include, for example, an account of the relevant scholarship in your field, along with strengths, weaknesses and gaps; how the scholarship relates to other fields; or questions that seem to be at the center of the scholarship in your area. We would like the rest of the paper to come from your own work, and you might want to mention how your own work in progress relates to your short overview of the field.

At the workshop, each participant will have the opportunity to expand on the written papers during the discussion. We will also discuss how we might want to continue the conversation in subsequent events, and also whether we might want to consider a resulting publication such as an edited volume.