The Institute is directed by Jane Desmond (Resident Director), Kim Marra (University of Iowa), and Kenneth Shapiro (ASI).

The Animals & Society Institute (ASI) and the Center for Advanced Study (CAS) at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign invite applications for the fourth annual Human-Animal Studies Summer Institute program for advanced graduate students and early career scholars pursuing research in Human-Animal Studies. This interdisciplinary program, inaugurated in 2017, is focused on graduate students and those in the first few years post-Ph.D. or other terminal degrees and will enable 20-30 participants to work on their dissertations or publications at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign hosted by the Center for Advanced Study, for one intensive week. The 2020 Institute will take place from Sunday, July 12 through Saturday, July 19, 2020.

The Institute is designed to support participants’ individual research in Human-Animal Studies as well as to promote interdisciplinary exchange. The program will offer a shared space of critical inquiry that brings the participants’ work-in-progress to the attention of a network of influential HAS scholars, and provides the participants with the guidance and feedback to develop their work. At the heart of the program are daily morning seminars devoted to discussion of participants’ work, followed by afternoon plenary lectures by distinguished speakers. These will be complemented by special workshops and field trips to on- and off-campus locations which highlight different aspects of the human-animal relationship. Participants should expect a stimulating intellectual environment reflecting a diversity of approaches, projects, disciplinary backgrounds, and ethical positions on animal issues. All fellows must be in continuous residence for the duration of the program. Up to 5 full tuition scholarships are available for current UIUC students in graduate or professional programs.

The plenary lecture schedule includes the following:
- May Berenbaum, Entomology, University of Illinois
- Amy Fitzgerald, Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology, University of Windsor
- Maria Lux, Art, Whitman College
- Chris Green, Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School
- Teresa Mangum, Gender, Women’s, and Sexuality Studies, and Director of the Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa
- Lindsay Marshall, American Indian Studies, University of Illinois
- Robert Mitchell, Psychology, Animal Studies Program, Eastern Kentucky University
- Evan Mwangi, English and Comparative Literature, Northwestern University

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