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INTRODUCTION

Harvard Law School's [Animal Law & Policy Program](#) (ALPP) is dedicated to the academic study of the myriad ways animals are impacted by the legal system, both in the United States and abroad. Three primary objectives of the Program are: expanding educational and professional opportunities for students, increasing both the quantity and quality of academic research in the field, and educating broader audiences about animal protection issues. These objectives are accomplished by engaging a very dedicated and active group of Harvard J.D. and Graduate students, by hosting lectures, workshops, conferences, and other events that facilitate exchange among academics and practitioners, and through sponsoring individual and collaborative scholarly research projects.

Such work at Harvard Law School began 14 years ago with the [Bob Barker Endowment for the Study of Animal Rights at HLS](#). It was augmented in 2014 by [a generous grant](#) from Bradley L. Goldberg, founder and president of the Animal Welfare Trust. That gift established the Animal Law & Policy Program and enabled us to launch a new level of activity in animal law at Harvard—funding curriculum development, experiential learning, scholarly gatherings and exchanges, forums for discussion and debate, and the creation of an Academic Fellows program. This year an additional major gift by Charles Thomas has allowed us to expand that work even further, with an increasing emphasis on the plight of animals raised for food.

The Animal Law & Policy Program is led by HLS Professor, [Kristen Stilt](#), who in addition to being Faculty Director of the ALPP, also is the Director of the HLS Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change. As of the new academic year, Prof. Stilt additionally will become a Deputy Dean of the Law School. Executive Director [Chris Green](#) oversees the Program's strategic planning, coordinating, and development efforts, while our new Program Administrator, [Ceallaigh Reddy](#) manages all administrative and organizational needs.

Harvard Law School's connection with animal law and policy goes back nearly 150 years when HLS alumnus George Thorndike Angell founded the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and passed one of the nation's first animal protection statutes. Angell is considered to be the architect of the modern animal protection movement and viewed education as a key component of that effort. In 2000, HLS became one of the first institutions ever to teach a course in Animal Law—today 165 U.S. law schools offer classes on the subject.

PART ONE: REPORT OF ACTIVITIES

A. SUMMARY OF ACADEMIC YEAR: 2016-2017

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In the first year of its existence, 2015-2016, Harvard Law School's Animal Law & Policy Program rapidly grew into a full-fledged organization, hiring its first staff, enlisting its first Academic Fellow, and holding its inaugural academic workshops to engage both scholars and practitioners in the field. Now during its second academic year, the Program has established itself as one of the leading academic entities worldwide dedicated to the study of animals and the legal system.

Our initial donor, Bradley Goldberg, expressed that in our first nine months we had accomplished what he was not expecting for at least three years. He then shared his experience throughout the philanthropic community, letting others know how greatly we exceeded his expectations. That led to our second fiscal year beginning quite auspiciously with an extremely generous gift from Charles Thomas that more than doubled the ALPP's existing funding. This grant not only extended the financial longevity of the Program, but also allowed us to immediately expand our efforts by creating a cohort of Policy Fellowships, hosting our first major public conference, and laying the groundwork for developing our own major policy initiatives. It also allowed us to secure our first administrative assistance by hiring Ceallaigh Reddy, who divides her time as the Program Administrator for both the ALPP and the Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change. Ceallaigh provided superb support to both programs this year, allowing our Faculty Director and Executive Director to fully focus their attention on developing the Program and fulfilling our substantive mission. An additional gift by Mr. Thomas in February will support creating a new ALPP Policy Director position for Fall 2017.

This year we substantially increased the academic output of the ALPP through the published scholarship of Professor Kristen Stilt, *Academic Fellow* Delcianna Winders, and the Program's *Graduate Scholar*, Jessica Eisen, an S.J.D. student. We further facilitated the scholarship of other scholars in the field by hosting two Policy Fellows and two academic workshops. By year's end we already had secured a new Policy Director for the coming year and submitted a proposal to the Law School Dean to expand the Program's work even further.

2. RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES

a. Program Mission and Areas of Inquiry

The Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program is committed to analyzing and improving the treatment of animals by the legal system. The Program engages with academics, students, practitioners, and decision makers to foster discourse, facilitate scholarship, develop strategic solutions, and build innovative bridges between theory and practice in the rapidly evolving area of animal law and policy.

b. Research, Scholarship, and Project Activities

The Animal Law & Policy Program does not yet carry out research in its own name. However, Faculty Director Kristen Stilt and the Program's Fellows and Graduate Scholar conduct academic research and produce published scholarship on a wide variety of animal law and policy topics. That work is summarized below.

i. Professor Kristen Stilt

Publications

– Book Chapters

- “Law,” in *Critical Terms for Animal Studies*, ed. Lori Gruen (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2018).
- “Animals,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Law*, eds. Anver Emon and Rumea Ahmed (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017).

– Articles

- “Constitutional Innovation and Animal Protection in Egypt,” *Law & Social Inquiry* (forthcoming 2017).
- “Animals, Protection of,” in *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law*, eds. Rainer Grote, Frauke Lachenmann, and Rüdiger Wolfrum (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), with Jessica Eisen.

Works in Progress

- The Constitutional Kinship of Environmental Law and Animal Law
- Trading in Sacrifice (submitted to the *American Journal of International Law Unbound*)
- Halal Animals (tentative title; book manuscript)

Papers, Presentations, Conferences

- “The Link Between Human and Animal Abuse” and “Humane Education,” Ontario Animal Welfare Symposium, May 15–16, 2017.
- “Trading in Sacrifice,” HLS and South Asia Institute Workshop on Animal Agriculture, May 11–12, 2017.
- “Are Animal Rights Islamic,” New York University–Abu Dhabi, April 9, 2017.
- “Local Lives, Distant Deaths,” Harvard University iV League Vegan Conference, March 24–26, 2017.
- “Trading in Sacrifice,” Radcliffe Symposium on Beyond the Trope of Sacrifice, March 9–10, 2017.
- “Constitutional Innovation and Animal Protection in Egypt,” University of Denver Sturm College of Law, February 3, 2017.
- “Constitutional Innovation and Animal Protection in Egypt,” University of Toronto Law School, November 15, 2016.
- “The Constitutional Kinship of Animal Law and Environmental Law,” Yale Law School, November 5, 2016.
- “Constitutional Animal Law,” Roundtable on Animal Law and Regulation, Northwestern Law School, July 14–15, 2016.

ii. Academic Fellow, Delcianna Winders

Publications:

- “Administrative Law Enforcement, Warnings, and Transparency,” 78 Ohio St. L. J. (forthcoming 2018).
- “Administrative License Renewal and Due Process—A Case Study,” 47 Fla. L. Rev. (forthcoming 2018).

Papers, Presentations, Conferences

- *Animal Welfare and Government Transparency*
 - Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee Conference, 2017
 - American Bar Association, Animal Law Committee, 2017
- *Administrative Law Enforcement, Warnings, and Transparency*
 - State Bar of Michigan, 2017
 - Louisiana State Bar Association, 2016

- Animal Law Conference, Pace University, 2016
- Canadian Law and Economics Association’s Annual Conference, University of Toronto, 2016
- *Administrative License Renewal and Due Process*
 - The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Workshop, Harvard Law School, 2016
 - Searle Center Roundtable on Animal Law and Regulation, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law, 2016
- *Captivity, Welfare, Conservation, and the Law*
 - Ontario Animal Welfare Symposium, 2017.
 - 4th International Animal Welfare Symposium/Congress, Detroit Zoo, 2017
 - Public Interest Environmental Law Conference, University of Oregon, 2017
 - New York City Bar Association, 2017

iii. Policy Fellow, Alice DiConcetto

This year we were able to support our first *Animal Law & Policy Fellow*, [Alice DiConcetto](#). Alice holds a dual Bachelor’s Degree in Political Science and Latin American studies, and a Masters degree in Economic Law from Sciences Po (Paris, France). Last year 2015, she earned an LLM in Animal Law at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon, for which she was awarded several grants, including a Fulbright scholarship. This year Alice spent six months in residence with the ALPP analyzing animal welfare aspects of a larger U.S. Farm Bill policy analysis project being spearheaded by the HLS Food Law and Policy Clinic. The result was a very substantial policy paper that the ALPP intends to publish this fall.

iv. Farmed Animal Law & Policy Fellow, Peter Brandt

Our first *Farmed Animal Law & Policy Fellow*, [Peter Brandt](#), joined the Program in May with over a decade of litigation experience as the Senior Attorney for Farm Animals at The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). Peter also teaches a course on *Animals in Agriculture* as an Adjunct Professor at Lewis & Clark School of Law. At HSUS, Peter supervises a team of litigators involved in drafting proposed legislation, and then defending that legislation against constitutional challenges. Peter has led the HSUS litigation team in several state and federal court actions addressing factory farming’s contribution to air pollution, water contamination, and other public health threats. Peter personally has worked on successful efforts to improve

the United States Department of Agriculture's regulation of long-distance farm animal transport and address the abuse of farm animals at slaughter facilities. These endeavors focused on how abusive transport and handling practices cause enormous animal suffering while also helping spread pathogens that seriously threaten human health, including influenza, Salmonella and E. Coli. During his Fellowship, Peter will be working on a book that encapsulates this work—sharing his experience so others in the field may benefit from his accumulated knowledge.

v. Graduate Scholar, Jessica Eisen

Our Graduate Scholar Jessica Eisen has continued her research in the field of constitutional animal protection, delivering presentations on her scholarship at Osgoode Hall Law School, Harvard Law School (at an ALPP co-sponsored event), the University of Toronto Faculty of Law, and the University of Leeds School of Law. Jessica's underlying research project was made possible by her involvement in an ALPP-sponsored encyclopedia entry, "Animals, Protection of," co-authored by Jessica and Professor Kristen Stilt. Their co-authored entry was published this past year by Oxford University Press in the [*Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law*](#), and Jessica's article "Animals in the Constitutional State" has been accepted as the lead article in volume 15(4) of the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*. Jessica's draft article also was awarded one of this year's Animal Law & Policy Writing Prizes.

In addition, Jessica recently has revisited her research on the U.S. Animal Welfare Act, which she began during her LL.M. year at Harvard Law School. After serving as a discussant to Delci Winders at the Academic Workshop of ALPP's AWA at 50 Conference, Jessica was inspired to return to her own research on the AWA. Jessica's resulting paper has now been accepted for publication in volume 51 of the *University of Michigan Journal of Law Reform*. The ALPP was instrumental in securing both of Jessica's journal publication placements, both in terms of providing the scholarly community and substantive input that shaped her projects, and in terms of practical support by funding her submissions through the Scholastica manuscript distribution service.

This year Jessica has delivered presentations and published a book chapter connected to a forthcoming major research project on the dairy industries in Canada and the United States. Following Jessica's ALPP-sponsored trip to Paris to serve as a discussant at a workshop

on human and animal milk, Jessica's invited contribution to the resulting edited collection *Making Milk: The Past, Present and Future of our Primary Food* is currently in press with Bloomsbury Academic Press. In addition, Jessica has delivered presentations on dairy and on the intersection between Animal Law and the growing field of Food Law and Policy at Ryerson University (for which ALPP sponsored her participation), University of Ottawa, University of Toronto, and Dalhousie University (for which the ALPP supported her travel and accommodations). Jessica has secured a grant from The Someone Project: Farm Animal Behavior, Emotion and Intelligence for a three week observational study of cow-calf bonds at the Farm Sanctuary in Watkins Glen, and is continuing her research on dairy cow kinship as a Visiting Researcher at Osgoode Hall Law School's Institute for Feminist Legal Studies. Following the ALPP-sponsored Harvard Workshop on Animal Agriculture from the Middle-East to Asia, Jessica connected with two scholars working on dairy-related issues in China (Xiaoqian Hu) and Pakistan (Erum Sattar), and the three of them have begun work on a book project addressing the human and animal dimensions of legal approaches to dairy around the world, tentatively titled *Dairy Tales: Global Portraits of Milk and Law*.

c. Conferences

i. The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Conference

In December, the Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program held its first major conference to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Animal Welfare Act being signed into law by President Lyndon Johnson in 1966. The most comprehensive federal animal protection law, the AWA regulates more than one million animals at more than 15,000 locations across the United States. [The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Conference](#) convened experts from various fields to examine the evolution and implementation of the Act, assess its successes or failures, and explore areas for future improvement. The call for abstracts generated over 60 submissions from legal scholars, practitioners, government officials, other academics, and animal protection advocates. The program consisted of nine panels held over two days, comprising 30 speakers, as well as a lunchtime address by Dean Martha Minow and a closing keynote by USDA researcher turned New York Times whistleblower, Professor James Keen. Roughly 250

registrants attended the event. The public conference was combined with a related academic workshop for legal scholars to produce articles with innovative recommendations for the AWA's next half century. The Program is considering publishing an edited volume of the scholarship and conference panels.

ii. The Ivy League Vegan Conference at Harvard University

This March, the ALPP co-sponsored and co-hosted the [Ivy League Vegan Conference](#). The conference brought together faculty and scholars from across Harvard University to discuss how humans raise animals for food in this country and around the world and the implications that has on animal welfare, human health, food safety, workers' rights, as well as climate change and the environment. Over the course of three days, the conference featured over 30 speakers including Prof. Kristen Stilt, ALPP Executive Director Chris Green, and ALPP Academic Fellow Delci Winders. HLS Professor [Cass Sunstein](#) also presented, as did [Dr. Walter Willett](#), Professor of Epidemiology and Nutrition at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Willett has published more than 1700 original research papers and reviews, primarily on lifestyle risk factors for heart disease, cancer, and other conditions, and is considered the most cited nutritionist in the world. Other speakers included the Sustainability Manager in the Harvard Office for Sustainability, David Havelick, as well as entrepreneurs and investors such as the founders of local plant-based businesses Fo-Mu, Purple Carrot, and Red Lentil. Even the personal chef for NFL's Tom Brady and Gisele Bundchen gave a demonstration.

The conference also showcased a sneak preview of clips from the upcoming documentary [Eating Animals](#)—the feature-length film adaptation of Jonathan Safran Foer's critically acclaimed book of the same name. The film is being produced by Harvard alumna, Natalie Portman, and spearheaded by Farm Forward CEO / Harvard Divinity School Alumnus, Aaron Gross, who was present to speak about the process of making the film. Chris Green was deeply involved in all aspects of planning and hosting the conference, which drew over 300 attendees. The Harvard Crimson published this [review](#) of the event.

d. Academic Workshops

One of the Animal Law & Policy Program's primary goals is to advance both the quantity and quality of scholarship in the field. The primary vehicle within legal academia to accomplish this objective is holding academic workshops—a format that previously has been under-utilized by the Animal Law community. Not only does the process itself qualitatively improve the caliber of the scholarship produced, but it also quantitatively increases the intellectual capacity of the field by attracting scholars who previously may never have considered writing academic pieces about animal law and policy topics.

i. The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Workshop

In November the ALPP held [The Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Workshop](#), soliciting scholarship that reflected on the year's 50th anniversary of the federal Animal Welfare Act's passage in 1966. The event was held in tandem with our first major conference of the same name and provided the impetus for legal scholars to produce publishable articles that both reflect on what the Act has accomplished in its first fifty years, and generate innovative recommendations for the AWA's next half century. Seven authors and discussants participated, discussing paper topics that included:

- Ensuring Effective Tools for a Challenging Task: Amending the Civil Asset Forfeiture and Cost Reimbursement Language of the Animal Welfare Act's Animal Fighting Venture Provision (Rebecca Huss—Valparaiso Law School)
- Non-Animal Alternatives for Research and Testing under the Animal Welfare Act: An Assessment and Vision for the Future (Paul A. Locke & Alan M. Goldberg—Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health)
- The AWA at 50: Catalyzing Change or Undercutting Animal Rights? (Justin Marceau—University of Denver, Sturm College of Law)
- Animal Protection and the Myth of AWA Preemption (Ani B. Satz—Emory University School of Law)
- Administrative License Renewal and Due Process under the Animal Welfare Act—A Case Study (Delcianna Winders—Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program)

ii. Animal Agriculture from the Middle East to Asia Workshop

This May, the Animal Law & Policy Program partnered with the Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change and the Harvard South Asia Institute to co-sponsor our second

workshop of the year on [Animal Agriculture from the Middle East to Asia](#). The event brought together academics, practitioners, and others with backgrounds in law, the sciences, animal welfare, environmental studies, religious studies, cultural studies, economics, and public policy to exchange ideas as an initial step toward the goal of a broader collaborative research project.

The paper topics discussed included:

- Tackling Concentrated Animal Agriculture in the Middle East through Standards of Investment, Export Credits, and Trade (Charlotte Blattner–Law Faculty, University of Basel)
- Farm Animal Welfare in India: Challenges and Opportunities (Lewis Bollard–Open Philanthropy Project)
- Taking Stock of Fish Farming in Asia (Max Elder–Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics)
- Modernity in China’s Changing Models of Meat Production (Alisha Gao–Goethe University)
- Farm Animals in the Japanese Legal System – Focusing on Welfare of Laying Hens (Moe Honjo–Hitotsubashi University School of Law)
- Constitutional Protection for Animals: The Jallikattu Experience (Nuggehalli Jayasimha–Humane Society International, India)
- Building Institutions to Foster Rural Cooperation in the Dairy Industry: The Case of India’s Amul (Tarun Khanna–Harvard University South Asia Institute and Harvard Business School)
- Rise and Fall of the Silo? Paradigmatic Shifts in Gulf Arab States’ Animal Agriculture (Laurent Lambert–Social & Economic Survey Research Institute, Qatar)
- Animal Agriculture in China: Regime Stability and the Regulatory Challenge (Peter Li–University of Houston–Downtown)
- Bovine Imperialism: Japanese Livestock, the Threat of Animal Diseases, and the Supply of “Safe” Meat and Cattle in East Asia, c. 1890–1940 (Tatsuya Mitsuda–Keio University)
- The Changing Pattern of Animal Production and Consumption in Asia and the Middle East (Clive Phillips–Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics, School of Veterinary Science, University of Queensland)
- Dairy Farming in Pakistan: Transforming Small Farms for Market Efficiency; and Then What? (Erum Sattar–Harvard Law School)
- Meat Cultures in Contemporary India (Krithika Srinivasan–University of Edinburgh)
- Trading in Sacrifice (Kristen Stilt–Harvard Law School Animal Law & Policy Program, and Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change)

e. Other Events

In addition to enhancing academic scholarship in the field, the Animal Law & Policy Program has a significant role to play in educating broader audiences about animal protection issues and the law. By holding open public events such as our HLS Animal Law & Policy Speakers Series we can help bring attention to pertinent topics in the field, spur intellectual deliberation among experts, and lend credence to Animal Law as a critical and important subject. During the course of the 2016-2017 academic term the Animal Law & Policy Program helped sponsor over a dozen lectures and panels, presenting more than 20 notable animal law speakers to the broader Law School and Harvard communities. This included our Third Annual [Harvard Animal Law Week](#) where we host a different speaker each day during the last week of February. These lunchtime lectures drew audiences averaging around 75 students with some bringing in over 100 attendees. Most of these lectures and panels are co-sponsored by the [Harvard Student Animal Legal Defense Fund](#) (SALDF), and other student partners this year included the Harvard Journal of Law and Gender, Harvard Federalist Society, and Effective Altruism at Harvard. A list of this year's lectures and panels with links follows:

- [“Of Milk and the Constitution” – Journal of Law and Gender Author Talk with Prof. Mathilde Cohen \(Univ. of CT Law School\)](#), Oct 18, 2016
- [“How Not To Die” – World Food Day Lecture & Book Talk by Dr. Michael Greger M.D.](#), Oct 21, 2016
- [“Is Eating Meat Healthy or Ethical?” – Debate with Good Food Institute Executive Director Bruce Friedrich and Whole Foods CEO John Mackey](#), Oct 27, 2016
- [“Endangered Species and International Law” – Discussion with Nathan Herschler \(International Fund for Animal Welfare\) and Chris Green](#), Nov 8, 2016
- [Unlocking The Cage – Film Screening with Kevin Schneider \(Nonhuman Rights Project\)](#), Nov. 16, 2016
- [“Food, Federalism, and the Curious Case of Foie Gras” – Debate with Ralph Henry \(Humane Society of the United States\), Michael Tenenbaum \(HLS '94\), and Marcus Henley \(Hudson Valley Foie Gras\)](#), February 23, 2017
- [“Big Ag’s Dirty Secrets: Corporate Efforts to Criminalize Journalism, Whistleblowing, and Research as ‘Terrorism’” – Lecture and Q&A with Journalist Will Potter](#), Feb. 27, 2017

- [“Climate Change Beyond Environmentalism” – Lecture and Q&A with Jonathan Lovvorn \(Humane Society of the United States\)](#), Feb. 28, 2017
- [“Ending Animal Testing” – Lecture and Q&A with Theo Capaldo \(New England Anti-Vivisection Society\)](#), March 1, 2017
- [“Nonhuman Rights?”– Lecture and Q&A with Steven Wise \(Nonhuman Rights Project\)](#), March 2, 2017
- [“Corporate Strategies for Animal Welfare: New Ways to Improve Conditions for Animals” – Lecture and Q&A with Leah Garces \(Compassion in World Farming\)](#), March 3, 2017
- [“The Intersection of Race, Class, and Gender with Animal Protection” – Conversation with Prof. Angela Harris \(U.C. Davis Law School\)](#), March 23, 2017
- [“New Directions in Animal Ethics and the Future of Animal Studies” – Lecture by Prof. Dale Jamieson \(NYU Law School\)](#), March 29, 2017
- [Cutting-Edge Constitutionalism – Discussion with Prof. Mark Tushnet, Jessica Eisen, and Erum Sattar](#), April 6, 2017

3. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HLS TEACHING PROGRAM

The fundamental purpose of any academic institution should be to develop the educational resources necessary to provide students with the best training and instruction possible—thereby equipping them to make successful contributions to the field. Accordingly, one immediate goal of the Program is for Harvard students to have the opportunity to take multiple Animal Law & Policy courses during their three years at the Law School.

This Spring Semester Kristen Stilt taught our primary [“Animal Law”](#) course, which she expanded from 2 to 3 credits this year. The class examines the broad range of contexts in which animals are affected by the law, including larger definitional and philosophical questions about our treatment of animals. The topics covered included anti-cruelty protections; the use of animals in research, entertainment, and food production; recent rights-based litigation efforts; comparative and international law; and religious and cultural implications of animal protection. The course analyzed each of those issues in terms of the way they fit within the larger structure of how humans recognize animals through the legal system. To enrich that inquiry we enlisted the knowledge of weekly “guest experts” who we would video-conference into the class for 10-

15 minutes to share their real-world experiences and take questions from the students. This year's guest experts included:

- [Joyce Tischler](#), *Founder & General Counsel, Animal Legal Defense Fund*
- [Chris Green](#), *Executive Director, Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School*
- [Leah Garces](#), *Executive Director for Compassion in World Farming USA*
- [Jonathan Lovvorn](#), *Senior Vice President & Chief Counsel for Animal Protection Litigation, The Humane Society of the United States*
- [Bernadette Juarez](#), *Deputy Administrator, Animal Care Program, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, United States Department of Agriculture*
- [Steve Niemi](#), *Director of the Office of Animal Resources, Harvard University*
- [Ron Kagan](#), *CEO of the Detroit Zoological Society*
- [Prof. Robert Garner](#), *University of Leicester*
- [Steven Wise](#), *President, Nonhuman Rights Project, Inc.*
- [N.G. Jayasimha](#), *Managing Director, Humane Society International (India)*
- [Delcianna Winders](#), *Academic Fellow, Animal Law & Policy Program, Harvard Law School*

In addition to teaching Animal Law, Prof. Stilt taught “Property Law” in the Fall Semester and in the Spring Semester taught “Islamic Law: Human Rights Advocacy in the Muslim World,” which addressed difficult questions at the intersection of human rights law and some interpretations of Islamic law.

This fall, ALPP again offered our course in “[Wildlife Law](#),” taught by [Jonathan Lovvorn](#), Senior Vice President & Chief Counsel for Animal Protection Litigation at The Humane Society of the United States. The Wildlife Law seminar explored the subject with a focus on high-profile wildlife conservation disputes—including current controversies surrounding international whaling, captive marine mammals, endangered wolves, and dwindling polar bear populations. The seminar also examined the history and evolution of wildlife conservation law, highlighting the major constitutional, ecological, political, and economic issues that shape wildlife resource protection in the 21st century.

4. PARTICIPATION OF HLS STUDENTS IN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

Students are the life-blood of any educational institution, bringing valuable energy, enthusiasm, and intellectual curiosity to bear on the many problems and issues at hand. The Animal Law & Policy Program is fortunate to have several highly motivated students from a diverse array of backgrounds involved in our work. As mentioned, the Program works very closely with the Harvard SALDF to co-host speakers and events, and engages them in many outside activities. The student group has become impressively active in recent years, growing from hosting only one event in 2013 to co-organizing 14 such events this past year.

a. ALPP Student Travel Grants

Attending conferences and symposia is an invaluable experience for students to learn more about the field and interface with potential employers. To facilitate this interaction, during the past year the ALPP provided travel grants for 6 students to attend the annual Animal Law Conference in New York City, and for one student to attend the annual Animal Rights Conference in Los Angeles. The Program also covered expenses for over a dozen students to visit [Winslow Farm Animal Sanctuary](#) outside of Boston to encounter rescued animals in person.

b. Mentoring and Guidance

The Faculty Director and the Executive Director are significant resources for HLS and Harvard University students interested in the field of animal law and policy. ALPP encourages active participation by students in Program activities and research and provides opportunities to work with the Program in these areas.

Kristen Stilt serves on the S.J.D. committee of ALPP Graduate Scholar Jessica Eisen, and this year was the faculty advisor for LLM student M.H. Tse—who wrote her LLM paper on Legal Personhood for Nonhuman animals, and recently was accepted to the HLS S.J.D. Program. Prof. Stilt additionally supervised independent and class-related writing projects for several J.D. students focused on animal law and policy topics. These included Mark Lee (JD '18), who wrote a paper in conjunction with his summer internship at Mercy for Animals, Penelope Yan (JD '17), who wrote in conjunction with the Animal Law course, as well as independent writing projects by Namita Dhawan (JD '18) on animal protection in India, Emily Joung (JD '18) on the dog meat

trade in Korea, and Malik Ladhani (JD '18) on the protection of the environment in Kyrgyzstan. Professor Stilt also engaged several students as research assistants to assist with her own research projects related to animal law. Those student researchers included Jonathan Kim (JD '17), Taylor R. Davis (JD '18), Amy Feinberg (JD '18) and Waskito Jat (Harvard Divinity School).

Executive Director Chris Green advised many students regarding internships/externships and potential career options, as well as serving as a resource for students researching and writing in the area of animal law. To familiarize students with the practice of animal law and policy, and help get them integrated into the practitioner network, Chris again helped organize the 2nd Annual “Animal Law Field Trip” to Washington, DC, in April. Over two days the students visited 8 different animal law and policy practice settings—including animal protection organizations and regulatory agencies, as well as the office of Senator Cory Booker who is a strong supporter of animal protection issues. In all our students interacted with nearly 50 practicing animal attorneys and policy staff. The overall experience was invaluable for our students to get a feel for the cultures and environments at the different organizations and learn about the various paths these experts took in their own careers. The offices visited included:

- The Humane Society for the United States—Gaithersburg Campaigns Office
- The Humane Society for the United States—D.C. Litigation Office
- ASPCA—Government Affairs Department
- Defenders of Wildlife—Litigation Team
- PeTA—Litigation Team
- Animal Welfare Institute
- USDA—General Counsel’s Office & Animal Care Enforcement
- Meyer-Glitzstein—Private Animal Protection Firm

The students also shared meals with other figures from the animal law and policy realm, including lunch with two members of the U.S. Dept. of Justice’s Animal Welfare Enforcement team and Bruce Friedrich from the Good Food Institute.

All this interaction has helped our students secure both full-time employment after graduation, summer/winter internships, and in-school externships during the academic term. After clerking for a federal judge the past year, former SALDF President, Alene Anello J.D. '16, will be starting a 2-year Litigation Fellowship at the Animal Legal Defense Fund this August. Reversing that order, Gregory Muren J.D. '17 will start a 1-year Legal Fellowship with

Compassion Over Killing this August, then spend the following year clerking for the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. This term, 4 other students spent time doing work for outside animal protection organizations, including PeTA and the Animal Legal Defense Fund.

ALPP's engagement with students goes beyond Harvard Law School, offering opportunities to scholars in other parts of the University and at other institutions. Several undergraduate students have taken our Animal Law and Wildlife Law courses, and this year Chris and Academic Fellow Delcianna Winders both participated in an "Animal Law Careers Panel" held at Northeastern University School of Law (similar to one they helped organize last year at Suffolk Law School). Chris additionally provides counseling and advice for prospective students interested in applying to law school, even giving tours of the HLS campus. At the request of the Admissions Department, Chris also informs them whenever particular students applying to HLS show great promise and interest in pursuing an education or career in animal law and policy. This year one student he directly recommended to them was accepted off the wait list and will be enrolling at HLS this Fall.

Finally, the "[For Students](#)" section of the ALPP website provides a plethora of information and resources for both current and prospective students interested in the field.

c. ALPP Student Writing Prize

In May we judged our second HLS [Animal Law & Policy Writing Prize](#), an annual competition that awards \$1,000 for the best student paper related to animal law written in conjunction with a course, seminar, clinic, or as an independent study project at the Law School. This year we decided to give two prizes in order to balance out any inequities from J.D. students having to compete with entire LL.M. or S.J.D. dissertations. Overall we received 8 submissions covering a broad range of topics, such as enforcement of the Endangered Species Act, regulating factory farms, legal solutions to the critical loss of Orangutan habitat, and the dog meat industry in South Korea. The two winners this year were graduating J.D. student Greg Muren, who wrote "A Prospective Analysis of the Regulation of Cultured Meat and Poultry," and ALPP Graduate Scholar, Jessica Eisen, for her paper "Animals in the Constitutional State."

5. FACULTY PARTICIPATION

HLS faculty from other Harvard University schools participated in many of ALPP's events this year. As mentioned, the Ivy League Vegan Conference featured HLS Prof. Cass Sunstein, and many luminaries from Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. These include Walter Willett, Gary Adamkiewicz, Gidon Eshel, Mingyang Song, and Ambika Satija. Prof. William C. Clark of the Kennedy School participated as well. For our December Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Conference, Harvard Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics Executive Director Holly Fernandez-Lynch moderated a panel on Emerging Issues Related to the Regulation of Animals in Research. And in February, Food Law Lab Director, Prof. Jacob Gersen, moderated our debate on the law and ethics of Foie Gras production. Lastly, Steven Niemi, Director, Office of Animal Resources, Harvard University Faculty of Arts and Sciences, spoke to Prof. Stilt's Animal Law course in March.

Additionally, Prof. Cass Sunstein and Prof. Jacob Gersen advised our Academic Fellow, Delci Winders, on her scholarship, and both joined Prof. Kristen Stilt as formal recommenders when she entered the academic market last fall. The Program also has been developing relationships with Prof. Richard Lazarus and Prof. Jody Freeman of the Environmental Law Program, and Wendy Jacobs of the Environmental Law Clinic, identifying areas of mutual interest and investigating future ideas for collaboration.

6. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HLS COMMUNITY

As mentioned earlier, in addition to programming geared toward students already determined to pursue a career in animal law, ALPP collaborated with the HLS SALDF to co-sponsor a Harvard Animal Law & Policy Speaker Series to inform and educate the broader Harvard community about the field and animal protection issues more generally. These lunchtime lectures drew crowds averaging around 75 students with some bringing in over 100 attendees.

The Animal Law & Policy Program also has organized an interactive session for the "HLS in the World" event to be held this coming fall as part of the HLS Bicentennial celebrations. The subject of the session is "The Death of Factory Farming" and will feature HLS faculty, staff, and alumni who will speak directly to how environmentalists, scientists, entrepreneurs, advocates

for animal, labor, and human rights, as well as several high-profile investors are utilizing Legislation, Litigation, Regulation, Innovation, and Education to address the many negative externalities and impacts generated by the mass concentrated raising of animals for food. As Jonathan Safran Foer wrote in his book, *Eating Animals*, ending factory farming “will help prevent deforestation, curb global warming, reduce pollution, save oil reserves, lessen the burden on rural America, decrease human rights abuses, improve public health, and help eliminate the most systematic animal abuse in history.” All HLS students will be given the day off of classes to attend the HLS in the World sessions, and several HLS reunions will be happening that weekend as well.

a. Faculty Director, Kristen Stilt

During this year’s Fall Reunions weekend, ALPP Faculty Director Kristen Stilt gave a presentation to HLS alumni about the history of the Animal Law & Policy Program as part of the “HLS Thinks Big” panel series. In December Kristen then gave an expanded version of that presentation, entitled “A New Century of Animal Law,” as a live webcast to HLS alumni for the “HLX Open Lecture” series. Both presentations were extremely well received and several alumni contacted us with questions about the field and Program.

Prof. Stilt additionally evaluated LLM applications for the HLS Graduate Program; served as a 1L Section Leader; served as a faculty member of the Administrative Board; served on the HLS Task Force on Academic Community and Student Engagement; served as a member of the Harvard Negotiation & Mediation Clinical Program Clinical Instructor Hiring Committee; served as a member of the Wasserstein Fellows Selection Committee; and served as a member of the Dean’s Search Faculty Advisory Committee.

b. Executive Director, Chris Green

For most of the past year, ALPP Executive Director Chris Green has been serving as one of the core planners of the “HLS in the Arts” Bicentennial event being held this coming September. The event will feature conversations with award-winning alumni (Emmy, Tony, Academy Awards); book talks by Pulitzer Prize-winning and best-selling authors; an HLS Bicentennial film festival; music and dance performances; a visual arts exhibit showcasing the work of

renowned artists; and the best of the HLS Parody through the years. In addition to being on the overall event planning team, Chris is also personally overseeing all organizational and curatorial aspects of the HLS I 200 visual arts exhibition. That exhibition will present works created by HLS faculty, staff, students, and alumni, including an example of Chris's own artwork—a Video Portrait of Lady Gaga he produced as part of an ongoing series directed by Robert Wilson which was commissioned for the Louvre Museum in Paris.

7. LAW REFORM AND ADVOCACY

The Animal Law & Policy Program staff and fellows participate actively in a wide array of law reform and advocacy activities, both domestically and internationally. In May, three of the ALPP staff (Prof. Kristen Stilt, Executive Director Chris Green, and Academic Fellow Delci Winders) all participated in a 2-day Animal Welfare Symposium in Toronto organized by the Ministry of Ontario. The Ministry directly requested our Program's input as they as they prepare to update their animal welfare / anti-cruelty laws and institute a long-overdue ban on the private ownership of dangerous wild and exotic animals. Professor Stilt presented to the assembled stakeholders on "The Link Between Human and Animal Abuse" and "Humane Education;" Chris spoke about "Regulating Exotic or Dangerous Wild Animals;" and Delci gave a presentation on "Regulating Captive Wildlife." Our perspective was very much appreciated and welcomed by the Ministry officials and we look forward to working with them further on the process.

Each of the 3 ALPP staff members who spoke in Ontario also was quite active this past year on an individual basis as well:

a. Faculty Director, Kristen Stilt

Professor Stilt is an expert in both Animal Law and Islamic Law, with a Ph.D. in Middle Eastern History and Islamic History, serving as the Faculty Director for both HLS's Animal Law & Policy Program, and Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change. She has studied and observed *halal* slaughter for many years, personally witnessing the *halal* slaughter of hundreds of animals in slaughterhouses in Egypt, Jordan, Qatar, and Australia. This experience and knowledge makes Kristen uniquely qualified to write and speak on issues related to *halal*—which make up a central part of her current scholarship.

For much of the past year, Kristen has been conducting research for a forthcoming book tentatively entitled *Halal Animals* that will explore the larger dimensions of *halal* slaughter, including the origins of the animals, the long distance transportation, the mechanisms of slaughter (i.e. the controversy about stunning), and other issues that go far beyond the traditional focus merely on the technical rules of *halal*. This research included a trip to Australia this spring, where she conducted interviews with key figures and visited slaughter facilities and animal welfare organizations alike. This year Prof. Stilt gave several presentations related to *halal* slaughter with titles such as “Local Lives, Distant Deaths” and “Trading in Sacrifice” that examined and critiqued the immense but often unseen trade of exporting live animals great distances for the purposes of ritual slaughter or consumption—typically in massive transport ships that become de facto floating factory farms for journeys that can last as long as a month.

Prof. Stilt’s perspective also makes her a well-qualified resource to provide expert opinion on *halal* slaughter issues for the animal welfare community. In January, Kristen accordingly was asked to comment on video from an undercover investigation that showed what appeared to be repeated abuse of sheep at a California processing plant owned by the nation’s largest lamb producer. That producer publicly claims that all meat from the plant is butchered in strict accordance with the Islamic standards for *halal* slaughter. The New York Times reported on the episode in an article entitled “[Animal Rights Group Says Video Shows Abuse of Sheep](#),” which stated that “Under halal rules, an animal cannot be dead before slaughter; slaughter must be accomplished with a single slash to the neck, and a prayer must be said before each animal is slaughtered.” Yet the video shows no prayers appearing to be said with “a sheep struggling as a worker slices repeatedly at its carotid artery with a knife” and animals that “appear to continue breathing after their throats have been slit.” Prof. Stilt thus provided the following analysis:

“The methods used in the video shown to me by Compassion over Killing directly conflict with the principles of *halal* slaughter... First, in some cases, the slaughterer stuns the animal more than one time ... Inflicting multiple stuns on an animal due to the failure of the operator or the equipment to adequately stun the animal the first time is wrongful because it causes the animal excessive and unnecessary pain. Minimizing suffering of the animal is an overarching consideration in *halal* slaughter.

The slaughterhouse practice of intentionally cutting the throat of the animal two or more times is in direct contradiction with the principles of *halal* slaughter. This practice causes the animal additional and unnecessary pain and thus contravenes the overarching requirement of minimizing the animal's pain. It has no basis or support in Islamic law. I have seen many examples of *halal* slaughter that do not actually meet the expectations and requirements of *halal*, but I have never seen an example in which the wrongful acts are perpetrated with the degree of intentionality and uniformity as seen here."

The animal welfare organization that conducted the investigation, Compassion Over Killing, sent the video to the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, which said it "is reviewing the video and will take appropriate action as necessary" and further, that "We take the safety of our food supply and the welfare of all animals seriously."

b. Executive Director, Chris Green

Before returning to HLS to help launch the Animal Law & Policy Program, Chris spent several years directly engaged in legislative advocacy on behalf of animals. He has been able to continue advising and assisting those in the field on such matters, such as participating in bi-weekly farmed animal welfare strategy calls, and personally was involved in a few related advances during the past year.

The most significant of these victories was helping secure passage of a Massachusetts public ballot initiative, *An Act to Prevent Cruelty to Farm Animals*, which sought to ban extreme forms of factory farm confinement. Last year Chris helped strategize on the measure, testified about it before the joint Agriculture Committee at the Massachusetts State House, attended and advised on the MA Supreme Judicial Court hearing on a constitutional challenge to its acceptance by the MA Attorney General, and gave several media interviews about the process. He also helped organize the HLS SALDF to gather the necessary signatures required to get the measure on the November 2017 ballot. After getting the measure included on the ballot, the campaign shifted to focus on educating the public about the issue, and getting voters to turn out at the polls. In a Harvard Gazette article right before the November election, Chris commented on the measure and value to HLS students of being able to witness and participate in this historic effort:

“The Massachusetts ballot measure is poised to be the single most progressive piece of farmed animal protection legislation ever passed in the United States,” said Christopher Green, executive director of Harvard Law School’s [Animal Law & Policy Program](#). “Having this happen in our backyard as our program gets off the ground has allowed us to analyze the process in the classroom and given our students the opportunity to gain invaluable experience working directly on the campaign.”

On November 8, 2017, *An Act to Prevent Cruelty to Farm Animals* passed with 78% support of Massachusetts voters—a record margin of victory for any animal protection ballot measure ever attempted in the United States.

At the local level, Chris testified multiple times and met individually with decision makers regarding a proposed City of Cambridge ordinance to restrict the breeding, sale, and transport of pets. The measure essentially would ban commercial pet stores in Cambridge and was groundbreaking in the scope of animals covered, including all birds, mammals, and reptiles. The measure passed by a 11-1 vote on Aug. 7, 2017.

In his home state of Illinois, Chris also helped advise and assemble a coalition of advocacy groups around a quartet of proposed legislative updates to the Illinois Livestock Management Facilities Act aimed at providing much needed oversight regarding the siting of factory farms. In addition to obvious animal welfare concerns, the current siting process is inadequate for addressing the potential for increased pollution, disruption of rural citizens’ quality of life, and negative impact on surrounding property values. Currently many states such as Illinois don’t even accurately track the number of such facilities, let alone monitor them, and those with fewer than 12,499 pigs don’t even have to submit or divulge any waste management plans. Specifically the bills would: provide county boards more authority in siting decisions; close a loophole allowing existing facilities to bypass environmental review when they expand; mandate that all operations of 1,000 animal units or larger must submit waste management plans; require permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), subject to public input, and grant the ability to deny a permit based on a company’s environmental record; require all unpermitted medium and large CAFOs to report basic information about their existence to the IEPA and update their registrations annually; and importantly, give

citizens legal standing to challenge facility permits approved by the IL Department of Agriculture.

The proposed bills were spurred by an-depth, 8-part investigative series by the Chicago Tribune entitled "[The Price of Pork](#)" and were described in a subsequent article, "[4 New Measures Would Tighten Regulation Of Massive Hog Confinements](#)." NPR also reported on the legislative measures in the piece "[Illinois Issues: Big Swine Operations Put Residents, Pig Farms At Odds](#)," explaining how they ultimately were tabled by Ag industry lobbying and pressure.

Chris also was quoted in POLITICO regarding the new Administration's potential selections for a new Secretary of Agriculture: "[Animal welfare advocates no fans of Otter](#)."

c. Academic Fellow, Delcianna Winders

Our Academic Fellow, Delci Winders was likely the most active member of the ALPP team with regards to Law Reform and Advocacy this year, given that the very topic of her Fellowship (inadequate enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act) became national news in January 2017 when the USDA removed all public AWA enforcement records from its website. Delci subsequently became a named plaintiff in a lawsuit over the records removal based on the impact it will have on her ability to conduct her academic research. The Hill published an Op-Ed by Delci about the lawsuit entitled, "[Why I Sued the USDA](#)." In the months that followed, Delci published several more public opinion pieces in major publications about the significance of the agency's new lack of transparency, including: "[Removal of Animal-Welfare Records Is Serious Blow to Accountability](#)" in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*; "[United States: Restore Public Files on Animal Welfare](#)" in *Nature*; and "[Freedom of Information in Peril: What Transparency Looks Like in Trump's Government](#)" in *Salon*. Delci further was quoted and referenced in dozens of press articles about the lawsuit and records removal by notable media outlets such as [NBC NY](#), [NBC LA](#), [The Washington Post](#), [The Hill](#), [Science Magazine](#), [Vice](#), and [National Geographic](#)—which also published [this article](#) on the subject. Delci further testified at a Congressional hearing about the USDA records blackout, and additionally contributed a substantial amount of documents to a freedom of information organization independently attempting to re-create and publish the deleted USDA records.

Prior to arriving at Harvard for her Fellowship, Delci spent nearly a decade litigating on behalf of captive wild and exotic animals in circuses, shows, and roadside zoos. It thus was not surprising that she was very active and prolific this year given the ramifications of Ringling Bros. Circus first retiring its elephants from public performances, then subsequently going out of business altogether. These were monumental developments that many animal advocates thought they would never see in their lifetimes, especially in light of how litigious the parent company Feld Entertainment had been right up until the very end. CEO Ken Feld specifically stated that city ordinances banning the use of bullhooks and other weapons used on the elephants were a driving factor of their decision to retire the elephants—ordinances that both Delci and Chris Green worked closely on in recent years.

On these issues, Delci drafted amicus curiae briefs for cases including: *PETA v. USDA* (Fourth Cir.)(challenging the USDA’s automatic renewal of licenses for animal exhibitors); *Kuehl v. Sellner* (Eighth Cir.)(regarding the placement of endangered animals confiscated from Cricket Hollow Zoo); and *Animal Legal Defense Fund v. Vilsack* (D.C. Cir.)(regarding ALDF’s motion to intervene in the substantive enforcement proceedings against Cricket Hollow Zoo). On the legislative side, Delci testified at hearings in support of a Massachusetts state bill to prohibit the use of elephants in circuses and traveling shows (a move just made by Illinois), and in support of the Cambridge city ordinance restricting commercial pet sales discussed earlier. Delci additionally submitted written testimony in support of a New York state measure to ban the use of elephants in circuses and traveling shows, and in support of creating a Los Angeles city ordinance which would “prohibit the exhibition of wild or exotic animals for entertainment or amusement, including circuses, other wild or exotic animal shows, and rentals for house parties.” In April, the LA City Council unanimously voted (14-0) to create the ordinance.

As with the USDA records removal, Delci similarly penned a plethora of Op-Eds regarding the fate of captive animals in the wake of the Ringling’s demise. These included: [“Ringling Is Dead, But Other Abusive Circuses Live: New York Is Right To Push To Ban Other Animal Performances”](#) in the *N.Y. Daily News*; [“Will Ringling’s Closure Clear The Way For Federal Circus Legislation?”](#) in *The Hill*; [“Cruelty To Circus Animals Is Not Entertainment”](#) in *Newsweek*; [“Ringling’s Big Cats Need New Homes—And They Could Be Headed For A Circus Overseas”](#) in *Salon*; [“Elephant-Free Circuses – It’s About Time”](#); and [“Will Shrine Circuses Adapt Or Perish?”](#)

In this context Delci again worked to hold federal regulators accountable for problems resulting from keeping animals in captivity via articles such as [“Don’t Think About \(Contagious\) Elephants: Whose Job Is It to Combat and Contain Tuberculosis?”](#) in *Salon*.

8. CONNECTIONS TO THE PROFESSION & PUBLIC OUTREACH

The Animal Law & Policy Program maintains deep connections to the field by sharing its expertise with other academics, practitioners, government agencies, advocacy groups, and the media—providing information, input, and assistance as appropriate. ALPP staff and Fellows also individually support and foster the advancement of the profession through participating in various associations and committees, attending and lecturing at conferences or other institutions, and by reviewing outside scholarship and proposals. Nearly all of ALPP’s academic and public events generate subsequent press coverage that circulates widely through a variety of traditional, online and social media outlets—as well as the Program’s own [website](#), [Twitter feed](#), and [Facebook page](#). The year the Animal Law & Policy Program gained substantial public exposure after being featured in the Harvard Gazette. The November article, entitled [“Putting His Money Where His Mouth Is: Animal-Welfare Advocate Finds Partner In Growing Law School Program”](#), chronicled the recent \$1 million gift the ALPP received from Charles Thomas. It not only featured a quote from Dean Minow specifically addressing farmed animal welfare, but also one from Harvard President Drew Faust saying how important the work of improving animal welfare is and celebrating the work of the Animal Law & Policy Program. President Faust subsequently told ALPP Executive Director Chris Green that animal protection is a “very personal” issue to her and thanked him for helping establish the Program. In June, NPR directly link to the Harvard Gazette article after mentioning the Thomas gift to the Animal Law & Policy Program as part of their report, [“In A First, Connecticut’s Animals Get Advocates In The Courtroom.”](#)

Harvard’s international reach uniquely positions the Animal Law & Policy Program to assist with improving the treatment of animals through legal systems in other countries. During a trip to NYU’s Abu Dhabi campus in April, Kristen began a conversation with a major animal protection group in that country about ways that ALPP might be able to provide assistance on legislation and other policy matters.

a. Faculty Director, Kristen Stilt

Prof. Kristen Stilt serves on the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools' Section on Animal Law. The past year she also was involved in the following organizations and activities.

- ***Professional Associations***
 - American Association of Law Schools
 - American Bar Association
 - American Society for Legal History
 - International Society for Islamic Legal Studies
 - Law and Society Association
 - Middle East Studies Association

- ***Editorial Positions and Boards***
 - *Law and History Review*

- ***External Peer Reviews***
 - *Journal of Law and Religion*
 - *Law and Social Inquiry*
 - *Law and Society Review*
 - The University of Chicago Press
 - Oxford University Press
 - Cambridge University Press

- ***Granting Entities***
 - Swiss National Science Foundation

b. Executive Director, Chris Green

Chris spent a great deal of time this past year supporting the profession and engaged in outreach on behalf of the Animal Law & Policy Program. He is an active Vice-Chair (and former Chair) of the American Bar Association's Animal Law Committee, and currently serves on the Executive Board of the National Sheriffs' Association's Coalition on Violence Against Animals. Chris remains engaged with many aspects of the field's substantive subjects and this year gave several lectures on various topics. At the Harvard Ivy League Vegan Conference he gave a presentation entitled, "The Emergence and Purpose of Ag-Gag Bills: An Aim at Silencing Whistleblowers" which included breaking legislative developments that had happened just in the previous 24-hours. At HLS, Chris was a Guest Expert in Prof. Stilt's Animal Law course speaking about his scholarship on companion animal valuation / veterinary malpractice, and he also guest lectured in Jon Lovvorn's Wildlife Law class—providing behind the scenes accounts of several legislative campaigns addressing captive wild and exotic animals he had worked on directly prior to returning to work at Harvard. This year Chris similarly gave guest lectures to Animal Law courses being taught at Columbia Law School, and the NYU School of Law. He also participated in the ALPP Workshops on the *AWA at Fifty* and *Animal Agriculture from the Middle East to Asia*, along with the co-hosted "Second Annual Research Roundtable on Animal Law and Regulation: Comparative Perspectives on Administrative and Regulatory Law" held in conjunction with the Searle Center at Northwestern School of Law. Lastly, Chris served as the master of ceremonies for our AWA at Fifty Conference, introducing all of the panels while keeping the event moving smoothly and on time.

One significant result of Chris's professional outreach on behalf of the Animal Law & Policy Program is the strong relationship being developed with governmental agencies and regulators responsible for administering and enforcing federal animal welfare standards. Last summer Chris first met with Assistant Attorney General John Cruden of the U.S. Department of Justice's Environment and Natural Resources Division and Varu Chilakamarri, a career DOJ attorney who was AAG Cruden's Chief of Staff. In that role, Varu spearheaded the development of a brand new "Animal Welfare Enforcement Program" within the Dept. of Justice. They then invited Chris to return to the D.C. in July to participate in a DOJ "Roundtable on Federal-State-Local Cooperation in Animal Welfare Enforcement." The event was geared at educating DOJ

attorneys around the country on how to identify and prosecute federal animal welfare crimes. The Roundtable provided a substantial amount of guidance regarding investigations, information sharing, and innovative prosecution strategies. It then gave specific training on the federal animal crush law, the federal-state dog fighting task force, and enforcement of the USDA's Humane Handling Standards for farmed animals. Similarly, Chris has developed a positive connection with the Deputy Administrator for the USDA-Animal Plant Inspection Service, Bernadette Juarez, who is directly responsible for overseeing all enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act and Horse Protection Act. Bernadette has twice now spoken to our Animal Law class as a Guest Expert, and in December both she and Varu presented at our Animal Welfare Act at Fifty Conference.

Chris also maintains close ties with a wide array of non-profit organizations and practitioners working in field. This has allowed him to provide independent, objective advice on issues, foster collaboration among groups, and serve as a resource for organizations seeking to hire candidates for various animal law and policy positions. In the past year Chris has provided direct input or recommendations for hires made by entities that include: Animal Equality, Animal Legal Defense Fund, Animal Welfare Institute, Compassion Over Killing, Good Food Institute, Humane League, Humane Society of the United States, Michigan State University College of Law, MSPCA, and the Nonhuman Rights Project. Combining his substantive knowledge with his film producing experience, Chris also helped advise the team making the documentary film adaptation of Jonathon Safran Foer's book, *Eating Animals*, on issues ranging from fundraising to fact checking and libel law.

Attending the profession's main conferences and events is a key vehicle for Chris not only to keep current on the latest subject-matter developments, but also to maintain his many relationships with those in the field. Such events also provide an ideal opportunity for Chris to inform practitioners and potential supporters about all the ALPP is accomplishing, and also share his vision for role academia can play in assisting their work to advance animal protection. One of the most meaningful of these events was serving as an official observer to 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, held in Johannesburg, South Africa in late September. It was incredibly enlightening to see that level of international diplomacy happening in real time, and also hear countless presentations on

different strategies for preserving endangered species and protecting animals from illegal poaching and trade. Other conferences and events Chris attended this past year include:

- [Animal Rights National Conference](#), Los Angeles, July 7-10 2016
- [New Harvest “Experience Cellular Agriculture” Conference](#), San Francisco, July 13, 2016
- [IndieBio Demo Day](#), San Francisco, July 14, 2016
- U.S. Dept. of Justice “[Roundtable on Federal-State-Local Cooperation in Animal Welfare Enforcement](#),” Washington D.C., July 28, 2016
- Farm Animal Strategic Team Retreat, Washington D.C., Aug. 5-6, 2016
- Animal Rescue Fund of the Hamptons, [Bow Wow Meow Ball](#), Aug. 20, 2016
- Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) [CoP 17 World Wildlife Conference](#), Johannesburg, South Africa, Sept. 25-Oct. 3, 2016
- National Animal Law Conference, “[Animals, Law, and Culture: Live from New York](#),” New York City, Oct. 7-9, 2016
- [Animal Law and Environmental Law: Building Collaborations](#), Yale Law School, Nov. 5, 2016.
- Farm Forward Eating Animals Documentary Fundraiser, New York City, Nov. 10, 2016
- Animal Charity Evaluators, “[2016 Symposium On Multidisciplinary Research In Effective Animal Advocacy](#),” Princeton University, Nov. 11-13, 2016
- Humane Society of the United States, “[The Rescue! New York: Saving Animal Lives Gala](#),” New York City, Nov. 18, 2016
- Animal Equality, [10th Anniversary Celebration](#), Los Angeles, Nov. 19, 2016
- The Humane League, [Gala – A Celebration for the Animals](#), Cambridge, MA, Dec. 3, 2016
- Farm Animal Investment Risk and Return (FAIRR), [First Anniversary Event](#), New York City, Dec. 7, 2016
- Morgan Stanley’s Environmental and Social Finance Forum, “[The Future Of Food: ESG Risks And Opportunities In The Global Food Sector](#),” New York City, Dec. 8, 2016
- Tufts Center for Animals and Public Policy, “[Animal Welfare at the Intersection of Politics, Profits, Policy and People](#),” Tufts Veterinary College, MA, Feb. 24, 2017
- New York City Bar, “[Zoos: A Viable Cultural Institution or One Headed for Extinction?](#)” New York City, April 20, 2017
- [Re-Thinking Animals Summit](#), New York City, May 6-7, 2017
- [The Reducetarian Summit 2017](#), New York City, May 19-21, 2017

All of this work and outreach by the Program and staff is generating positive attention for the work of the Animal Law & Policy Program. This Spring, HLS alum and consumer advocate, Ralph Nader '58, published an article in the Harvard Law Record entitled "[Animals to Humans—Listen, Learn and Respect!](#)," in which he states "Harvard Law School has been among the leaders in both the study and the advocacy of animal rights/animal welfare," and discusses his new book which "raises many of the important issues in this developing field."

9. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS AT HLS & HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Animal Law & Policy Program has worked extensively with other schools and departments both at Harvard University and at other institutions during the past year. In September, Kristen and Chris both made presentations and participated in the [Harvard Global Institute Environmental Humanities Initiative Faculty Workshop](#)—the inaugural event of the new University-wide organization founded by Harvard President Drew Faust. Part of the mandate of HGI Environmental Humanities Initiative is to "bring together colleagues from across Harvard schools, to think about how best to collaborate on some of today's most significant global challenges." The event convened a diverse group of Harvard colleagues "to discuss the kinds of questions we ask, the methodologies we use, and the types of materials with which we engage in our research on environmental challenges." The objective was to help us think together about the kinds of collaborative work across fields, disciplines, and schools—both in research and in teaching—that would be possible going forward at Harvard and well beyond. Chris subsequently attended the Harvard Global Institute's inaugural symposium on "[Climate Change and the Developing World](#)" held at the Law School in November. The symposium featured over two dozen Harvard faculty members on panels focusing on various aspects of climate change, including "Urbanization and Adaptation," "Food and Water Security," and creating solutions through "Changing Technology and Changing Minds."

In November, the ALPP also added a Policy Fellow, Alice DiConcetto, specifically to work on a discrete component of a larger, collaborative policy analysis of the U.S. Farm Bill that was initiated and overseen by the HLS Food Law and Policy Clinic. The FLPC has assembled a broad consortium of other law schools and clinics to analyze different aspects of the Farm Bill during

the year. The project will result in publication of a formal report this coming fall as well as several stand-alone white papers on various issues.

Internally at the Law School, Chris Green also gave a lunchtime presentation to the entire HLS Finance Department in October informing them about the various issues addressed by the Animal Law & Policy Program, the projects and work we are accomplishing, and ways that work can be further supported by the department.

Additionally, Kristen Stilt is a member of various University boards and committees—through which ALPP fosters connections with other parts of the University.

These include:

- Steering Committee, Center for Middle Eastern Studies
- Steering Committee, South Asia Institute
- Affiliate Faculty Member, Department of History
- Faculty Affiliate, Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics.
- Co-Faculty Advisor (with Malika Zeghal), Middle East Beyond Borders, GSAS Graduate Student Workshop Series

The ALPP also lent its institutional support to Harvard University student organizations as well. In addition to its ongoing support for the Harvard Law School SALDF, in September we agreed to serve as the “supporting administrative unit” for the Harvard Vegan Society, which was applying to be recognized as a new, “University-Wide Student Group.” In November, the Harvard Vegan Society was formally approved by the Provost’s office—gaining them official recognition by the institution, and allowing them to plan related events across multiple years and on all campuses of Harvard University.

One of the more unexpected, but quite fruitful, collaborations this past year was working with David Havelick, the Sustainability Manager at the Harvard Office for Sustainability. David is in the process of developing and implementing new University-wide “Sustainable Healthful Food Standards” for the Harvard University Sustainability Plan and approached us about incorporating animal welfare measures into those guidelines. Chris met with David several times this year to offer advice and comment, and also arranged a meeting between David and Leah Garces, the Executive Director of Compassion in World Farming USA, who has helped

many large corporations develop similar animal welfare standards. The forthcoming Harvard food sustainability standards thus should reflect a serious commitment to the welfare of animals raised for food—putting Harvard at the forefront of academic institutions implementing such rules, and making a significant impact through the University’s influence as a major procurer of such commodities.

a. Co-Hosted Events & Projects

One of the first of such events initiated by the new Harvard Vegan Society was the Ivy League Vegan Conference held this past March. As discussed earlier, the Animal Law & Policy Program was a formal co-sponsor and co-host of the Conference, and Chris Green was one of its key organizers. Prof. Stilt, Chris, and ALPP Fellow Delci Winders all presented at the event.

The Animal Law & Policy Program also directly co-hosted several other educational conferences and symposia with Harvard programs during the year. In April, the ALPP again sponsored a panel of the annual “Just Food? Conference,”—organized by the Harvard Food Law Society, the Harvard Food Literacy Project, and the Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic. This year’s subject was “[Just Food? Forum on Labor Across the Food System](#),” and brought together a diverse group of food system workers, advocates, scholars, practitioners and other authorities, to speak about topics including agricultural worker rights, worker compensation in the restaurant industry, regulatory responses, and alternative ownership and operating models. The ALPP sponsored panel was entitled “Lives on the Line: Labor Conditions in Meat & Poultry Processing Facilities” and included presentations by attorneys who represent laborers in factory farms exposing the appalling circumstances they often toil under. The conference also featured several dairy industry laborers who discussed their experiences and attempts to collectivize to win better working conditions. All of the conference panels were recorded and can be watched [here](#).

As discussed above, one of our most extensive collaborations this year was with the Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change and the Harvard South Asia Institute to organize and host an academic workshop [Animal Agriculture from the Middle East to Asia](#). The event brought together academics, practitioners, and others with backgrounds in law, the sciences, animal welfare, environmental studies, religious studies, cultural studies, economics,

and public policy to exchange ideas as an initial step toward the goal of a broader collaborative research project. The mission of the Harvard South Asia Institute (SAI) is to engage faculty and students through interdisciplinary programs to advance and deepen the teaching and research on global issues relevant to South Asia. In furtherance of this collaboration, Chris Green also participated in the SAI's 2017 Symposium, their annual flagship event in May that explored migrations and transformations in society from the points of view of visual arts, life sciences, and the study of displacement. For that event Chris gave a presentation on the collaboration between the ALPP and SAI and provided a synopsis of our Workshop to the SAI Board of Directors.

b. Collaboration with Other Institutions

During this year's January Term, Prof. Kristen Stilt taught a one-week course on Comparative Animal Law as the Frank Boas HLS Visiting Professor at the University of Hawaii William S. Richardson School of Law. While in Honolulu, Kristen gave a talk to the Harvard Club of Hawaii on Animal Law and Policy, and also met the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Mark E. Recktenwald with whom she discussed the nexus between Animal Law and Environmental Law. Justice Recktenwald's daughter, Sarah, was a 1L student at HLS this year, and recently was elected to the Executive Board of the HLS SALDF. Kristen also met with Univ. of Hawaii Law School Dean Avi Soifer about developing future collaborative projects with ALPP. To help identify potential options, Sarah Recktenwald spent time as a Research Assistant for Kristen this spring investigating topics that might be the subject of a joint event focused on Hawaiian Animal Law.

ALPP already has engaged collaboratively with other legal institutions to help organize scholarly workshops at venues other than HLS, such as the [Second Annual Research Roundtable on Animal Law and Regulation](#), held last July at Northwestern University School of Law's Searle Center for Legal and Regulatory Studies. The focus was on Comparative Perspectives on Administrative and Regulatory Law and brought together scholars and practitioners to engage in a compelling exchange of ideas about current animal law research projects. At the Roundtable, Prof. Kristen Stilt and ALPP Graduate Scholar, Jessica Eisen, gave a presentation about their forthcoming "Survey of Constitutional Provisions Regarding Animal Protection."

Jessica additionally presented on her S.J.D. thesis entitled “Animals in the Constitutional State,” and ALPP Academic Fellow, Delci Winders, presented a case study on “Administrative Agency Licensing Renewal and Due Process Under the Animal Welfare Act.”

Chris Green separately is part of a team developing a one-week intensive “Animal Studies Summer Institute” at his undergraduate alma mater, the University of Illinois, which recently won a competitive grant from the Animals & Society Institute to lead and host the new initiative. The 2017 event will feature seminars, workshops, and experiential learning for advanced graduate students and early career Ph.D.’s intent on developing their work in human-animal relations.

B. PLANS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR: 2017-2018

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We look forward to further developing our potential as we continue to create new opportunities for students, increase both the quantity and quality of academic scholarship in the field, and contribute to a broader public appreciation of the pressing issues addressed by the Harvard Animal Law & Policy Program. Two more generous gifts offered at the end of FY 17 and beginning of FY 18 will allow us to expand our capacity by adding more Fellows to focus on policy issues, to create new a Policy Director position, and to augment the experiential learning avenues for our students. To this end, at the end of the academic term we submitted a formal proposal to Dean Martha Minow to create an Animal Law & Policy Clinic at HLS. This coming year we hope to secure approval from HLS for the Clinic under new Dean John Manning, and also to raise the funding necessary to establish it in time to be operational by the Fall 2018 term.

2. RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP AND PROJECT ACTIVITIES

The Animal Law & Policy Program and staff already have various research projects and activities planned for the coming academic year, including several in partnership with other programs and institutions. This Fall the ALPP has organized an interactive session for the “HLS in the World” event to be held as part of the HLS Bicentennial celebrations. The subject of the

session is “The Death of Factory Farming” and will feature HLS faculty, staff, and alumni who will speak directly to how environmentalists, scientists, entrepreneurs, advocates for animal, labor, and human rights, as well as several high-profile investors are utilizing Legislation, Litigation, Regulation, Innovation, and Education to address the many negative externalities and impacts generated by the mass concentrated raising of animals for food. As Jonathan Safran Foer wrote in his book, *Eating Animals*, ending factory farming “will help prevent deforestation, curb global warming, reduce pollution, save oil reserves, lessen the burden on rural America, decrease human rights abuses, improve public health, and help eliminate the most systematic animal abuse in history.” All HLS students will be free to attend the HLS in the World sessions, and several HLS reunions will be happening that weekend as well.

Also this Fall the Animal Law & Policy Program is planning on hosting and facilitating a Legal Rights Roundtable that will convene the deepest thinkers in the field for a “Strategy Summit” to engage in open, unstructured dialogue regarding the available avenues through which certain rights for nonhuman animals might be attained. The goals of this event would include bringing together parties that traditionally have not been in productive dialogue or for whom communication has broken down; identifying common long-term goals among those parties; and helping them develop collaborative strategies and tactical approaches to achieve the identified goals.

In the Spring Term, the Program may host an academic workshop related to a project by Prof. Kristen Stilt and ALPP Graduate Scholar, Jessica Eisen, with the ultimate goal of editing a volume on Constitutional Animal Protection. This coming spring we also will be holding a manuscript workshop for HLS alumnus, Prof. Justin Marceau ’04, who holds the nation’s only endowed chair in Animal Law of the Univ. of Denver Sturm College of Law. Prof. Marceau’s book addresses “Criminal Punishment and Animal Protection” and explores the seemingly divergent goals and tactics of the animal protection movement and modern criminal justice theory. These are fundamental differences that seldom are discussed openly, so Prof. Marceau’s book should make a substantial contribution to the analysis in this area.

Given the success of the film series hosted by Prof. Stilt’s ILSP: Law and Social Change, the ALPP is planning to hold its own Animal Law & Policy Film Series this coming year, with

screenings that would include discussions with relevant figures related to each film. Potential films include:

- **Unlocking the Cage**
 - Topic: Primate Personhood
 - Speaker: Steve Wise, NHRP
- **Elephant in the Living Room**
 - Topic: Exotic Animal Ownership
 - Speaker: Tim Harrison, Ohio Exotics Enforcement Officer
- **Of Dogs and Men**
 - Topic: Police Shooting Pets
 - Speaker: Oz, Patrick & CG = Filmmaking Team
- **The Champions**
 - Topic: Breed Bans / Pit Bulls
 - Speakers: Lee Greenwood, Best Friends Animal Society
- **Eating Animals**
 - Topic: Government Support for Factory Farming
 - Speakers: Aaron Gross, Christopher Quinn, Natalie Portman

a. Animal Law & Policy Program Staff

Professor Stilt will be on research leave for the Fall Semester to focus on her forthcoming book project on the international *halal* industry, tentatively titled “*Halal Animals*.” In September, Jon Lovvorn, Senior Vice President & Chief Counsel for Animal Protection Litigation at The Humane Society of the United States, will be joining the Animal Law & Policy Program as our first Policy Director. In that role, Jon will develop and oversee a broad range of federal, state, and local policy projects to improve the treatment of animals by the legal system. The Policy Director will collaborate with faculty, staff, fellows, and students to build-out existing projects into longer-term initiatives, launch new policy initiatives, and help advance policy-relevant research within the Animal Law & Policy Program. The new position will include the development of interdisciplinary initiatives with other Harvard departments and schools on the intersectional aspects of animal welfare, human health, food safety, workers’ rights, human rights, climate change, and the environment.

The Policy Director’s duties will include, but are not limited to:

- Developing new policy initiatives that promote Harvard Law School’s influence in ongoing policy debates concerning animal law, with a focus on industrial agriculture, the use of exotic animals in public displays, circuses, and as pets, wildlife trafficking and poaching, and the abuse of breeding dogs in puppy mills.
- Forging coalitions with other public interest causes to explore creative solutions to intersectional policy problems that have eluded the traditional legal remedies commonly deployed by animal, environmental, public health, and civil rights organizations.
- Supervising Animal Law & Policy Program Fellows with the formulation, research, writing, and application of policy-relevant research.
- Developing lectures and workshops for national conferences and events that highlight the Program’s work to promote a deeper understanding of how animal welfare problems affect other public interest fields, and foster collaboration across traditional public interest disciplines.

Mr. Lovvorn is ideal for the role given that he has 19 years of animal protection litigation experience at the world’s largest animal protection organization, has directly created and overseen clinical projects within Georgetown’s Environmental Law Clinic, and has taught Animal Law at many top schools (Harvard, NYU, Yale, Georgetown, Lewis & Clark). This spring Jon published his latest article [“Climate Change Beyond Environmentalism Part I: Intersectional Threats and the Case for Collective Action”](#) in the Georgetown Environmental Law Review, analyzing the intersectional threats of climate change to animals, people, and the environment. He also was interviewed this summer for the Animal Law Podcast: [“Jonathan Lovvorn and the Case Against Factory Farm Air Pollution.”](#) In that interview Jon discusses a recent victory in the case [Waterkeeper Alliance v EPA](#), which closed a loophole that previously had allowed hazardous substances released by factory farms to go unreported. He also shares his thoughts regarding the substantial contributions of animal agriculture to climate change and other harms—a topic he intends on making a central focus in his new role as ALPP Policy Director.

We are extremely excited to be expanding the Animal Law & Policy Program with the addition of such a key position and very pleased to have it filled by such a qualified candidate as Jon Lovvorn.

b. Animal Law & Policy Program Fellows

The generosity of Charles Thomas allowed us to solicit applications for new ALPP Fellowships in Farmed Animal Law & Policy. These Fellowships will provide opportunities for outstanding scholars and legal practitioners to undertake research, writing, and scholarly engagement on Farmed Animal Law & Policy that furthers the Program's mission. We particularly were interested in applicants whose work focuses on the interrelations among animal welfare, human health, food safety, workers' rights, human rights, as well as climate change and the environment. These Fellows will receive a stipend of up to \$5,000 per month and be expected to participate in Program activities, contribute to the intellectual life of the Program, and are encouraged to organize one or more academic events related to their fellowship project. From the substantial applicant pool we selected 5 candidates to receive the Farmed Animal Law & Policy Fellowships. One of them, Peter Brandt, was able to start right away and is doing his 4-month Fellowship from May–August 2017. An alphabetical list of these new Fellows, along with their project titles and prospective dates in residence, appears below:

- **Elan Abrell** (Visiting Professor, Queens College CUNY), Sept 2017–May 2018
– *“The (Regulatory) Future of Food?: Cellular Agriculture, Animal Welfare, and the Law”*
- **Peter Brandt** (Attorney, HSUS Animal Protection Litigation), May–August 2017
– *“Connecting Cruelty to Farm Animals to Environmental and Public Health Threats”*
- **Matthew Hayek** (Ph.D., 2017, Harvard University), Sept 2017–May 2018
– *“Environmental impacts from the production and sourcing of farmed animal and plant foods: a geospatially explicit framework for intersectional research in environmental science, policy, and law”*
- **Christine Parker** (Professor, Melbourne Law School, Australia), Sept–Dec 2018
– *“Engaging Citizens, Retailers and Producers in Holistic Farmed Animal Welfare Regulation”*
- **Steven White** (Lecturer, Griffith Law School, Australia), Feb–May 2018
– *“Farm Animal Protection Law and Policy: National, Transnational and International Dimensions”*

In addition to these new Farmed Animal Law & Policy Fellows, current Policy Fellow, Alice DiConcetto also will be re-joining us September as a Fellow in Comparative Animal Law. In this new capacity she will conduct her own research and also assist Prof. Stilt in analyzing and comparing animal protection provisions in constitutions worldwide.

c. Animal Law & Policy Program Visiting Scholars

The ALPP has agreed to host two Visiting Scholars for the upcoming year, and also provided assistance in each of them securing outside funding for their visits through the Swiss National Science Foundation. One scholar, Charlotte Blattner, will be conducting a research project analyzing the extant gaps at the intersection of environmental law and animal law. Charlotte subsequently was accepted to Harvard Law School's LL.M. Program and will be enrolling in the Fall 2018 semester. Accordingly she has decided to postpone formally starting her term as a Visiting Scholar until after completing her LL.M. degree. The other scholar, Saskia Stucki, will spend 10 months from April to December 2018 completing her research project on "developing a comprehensive legal theory of animal rights."

3. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HLS TEACHING PROGRAM

This September, Harvard Law School will be offering its first course in *Farmed Animal Law & Policy*, developed by the Animal Law & Policy Program. The course will be taught by incoming Policy Director, Jonathan Lovvorn, who twice has taught our *Wildlife Law* course. The new class will explore farmed animal law and policy, with a focus on high-profile issues concerning the use of animals for food, including current controversies over animal welfare, environmental degradation, public health, consumer protection, worker safety, and climate change. The course will examine the history and evolution of animal agriculture from early agrarian domestication to modern industrial farming, and highlight the major ethical, cultural, ecological, social, and economic issues that shape farmed animal law and policy in the 21st century. The course also will include an overview of key laws and regulations concerning farmed animals, as well as an exploration of current legislation, litigation, ballot initiatives, and consumer-based campaigns to reform animal agriculture. Lastly, the course will compare farmed animal laws and regulations in different countries, and touch on the role of

international trade agreements in both promoting and preventing legal protections for farmed animals.

For the Spring 2018 term Prof. Stilt will offer a 2-credit [Animal Law](#) course. Prof. Stilt also would like to develop a future course in Comparative and International Animal Law.

4. PARTICIPATION OF HLS STUDENTS IN PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

The Animal Law & Policy Program will be expanding and solidifying its already robust student involvement as the Program grows. This coming September we will hold an ALPP Open House to introduce new students to the work of the Program and inform them of opportunities to participate in ALPP projects and activities. Our close collaboration with the HLS Student Animal Legal Defense Fund group will continue as we co-organize and co-host the HLS Animal Law & Policy Speaker Series, including the 4th annual Animal Law Week in the spring. We also will be supporting and helping plan the annual Animal Law Student Trip to D.C. This October the ALPP again will be providing travel grants for a record 9 HLS students to attend the 25th anniversary of the Animal Law Conference at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon.

In addition to working with the existing SALDF and the participation of large numbers of students in Program activities, the ALPP has helped recruit several incoming students who are enrolling at HLS this fall and intend to focus on Animal Law. These include Gabriel Wildgen, who has spent the past 6+ years working as a campaign manager for Humane Society International—Canada, and Kelley McGill, who spent much of last year volunteering to help pass the successful Massachusetts ballot measure, *An Act to Prevent Cruelty to Farm Animals*, which soon will ban several extreme forms of factory farm confinement.

The Program also is attracting graduate students interested in studying and writing LL.M. Papers and S.J.D. theses on topics related to Animal Law & Policy. This fall M.H. Tse will begin her S.J.D. program, writing about “Nonhuman Personhood.” Also in September Danielle Duffield will arrive at HLS to earn her LL.M. Danielle is currently president of the New Zealand Animal Law Association, an organization she co-founded in 2014. The Association works to improve the lives of animals using the legal system through law reform, pro bono work, and education.

5. FACULTY PARTICIPATION

As ALPP becomes more established, we expect to continue to develop and strengthen ties to HLS and Harvard University faculty, and continue our collaborations with the Food Law and Policy Clinic, Food Law Lab, the Environmental Law Program, and Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics.

6. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HLS COMMUNITY

The ALPP will continue collaborating with the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) to co-sponsor a Harvard Animal Law & Policy Speaker Series to provide information about the field to the broader Harvard community. We have been video recording these lectures and plan to make them all publicly available as a permanent resource this coming year as we make improvements to our website. The ALPP also will continue participating in HLS-wide events and initiatives, such as the Earth Day and the HLS Green Team.

In September, Chris Green also will be helping host the “HLS in the Arts” Bicentennial event. Chris also is personally overseeing all organizational and curatorial aspects of the HLS I 200 visual arts exhibition. That exhibition will present works created by HLS faculty, staff, students, and alumni, including an example of Chris’s own artwork.

7. LAW REFORM AND ADVOCACY / CONNECTIONS TO THE PROFESSION / OUTREACH

The Animal Law & Policy Program staff will continue nurturing their deep connections to the profession and advocating for legal reform on behalf of animals. This nexus will be developed even further with the addition of Jon Lovvorn as our new Policy Director.

Chris Green already is scheduled to attend and speak at several conferences and events this coming year, including the American Bar Association Annual Meeting in New York City.

8. COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SCHOOLS AND DEPARTMENTS AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

The Animal Law & Policy Program intends to further develop its project with Harvard’s South Asia Institute examining the laws, policies, and practical experiences related to farming and other agricultural practices in South Asia, the Middle East and Asia.

a. Co-Hosted Events & Projects

In October, the ALPP again will be co-sponsoring the Annual Harvard-UCLA Food Law and Policy Conference, which alternates between HLS and UCLA law school each year. The topic for this 4th annual event is "[Food Innovation and the Law: Navigating the Next Frontier.](#)" For the Conference we are organizing and hosting a panel on cultured cellular alternatives to animal products and may include a Harvard scientist whom several groups are planning to fund to work on developing cultured or "clean" meat.

In January, the ALPP will be partnering with the Petrie-Flom Center for Health Law Policy, Biotechnology, and Bioethics and the Director of Harvard University's Office of Animal Resources to host and co-sponsor a 1-day workshop on U.S. laboratory animal law and regulation. The event will be held as part of the Institute for Laboratory Animal Research's Roundtable on Science and Welfare in Laboratory Animal Use.

Next April, the ALPP will likely play a larger role in the planning and organizing of the 5th annual "Just Food? Conference" (organized by the Harvard Food Law Society, the Harvard Food Literacy Project, and the Harvard Food Law and Policy Clinic) given that those groups again would like animals to be the central focus of the event next year as they were for the inaugural Just Food? Conference.

b. Collaboration with Other Institutions

In July 2017, Chris Green will be helping host a one-week intensive "Animal Studies Summer Institute" at his undergraduate alma mater, the University of Illinois, which recently won a competitive grant from the Animals & Society Institute to lead and host the new initiative. The 2017 event will feature seminars, workshops, and experiential learning for advanced graduate students and early career Ph.D.'s intent on developing their work in human-animal relations.

That same month, the Program again will participate in the "Third Annual Research Roundtable on Animal Law and Regulation" at Northwestern University School of Law's Searle Center for Legal and Regulatory Studies. This year the roundtable participants will more closely examine "Local Food Law, Animal Welfare, and Sustainability." Prof. Kristen Stilt will present her work in progress "Local Lives, Distant Deaths: Long Distance Transport and Export in the Animal Agriculture Industry," and HLS alum, Prof. Justin Marceau '04, will present an element of

his forthcoming book on Criminal Punishment and Animal Protection entitled, “The Other Link: A look at the Empirical Evidence of a link between Factory Farms and Violent Crime.”

In February, both Prof. Stilt and Chris Green will participate in the University of Denver Law Review Symposium on “Animal Law & First Amendment,” which is being co-organized and hosted by Prof. Marceau.

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