The lecture will be preceded by a display of materials from the NC State Libraries Special Collections Research Center that highlights selections from the Tom Regan Papers and other collections on animal rights and animal welfare. It will be followed by a reception and a book-signing.

*Abstract:* Animal philosophy and theory not only decenter the human; they also offer ways to question and challenge white privilege, to question masculine privilege and challenge patriarchy; and to question “American exceptionalism” and challenge xenophobia. From recognizing how Western definitions of the “human” came to be understood as white and masculine, to the role of Western colonialism in promoting meat and dairy, to the way misogyny interacts with the use of animals—it is important to understand how mutually reinforcing oppressive systems are linked to animal exploitation. Adams will highlight the insights that arise through a dialogue between being engaged with animal ethics and challenging contemporary political attitudes and actions.

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