



## Philosophy Department Colloquium Series

### **How to be an Animal Liberationist and an Environmentalist**

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“Environmentalists cannot be animal liberationists. Animal liberationists cannot be environmentalists” - Mark Sagoff

Do moral agents have to choose between embracing environmentalism and embracing an animal liberation ethic? Some influential accounts argue to the affirmative. I criticize such accounts for inflating the significance of what turn out to be routine moral dilemmas characteristic of moral life. I then take a step back to look at the assumptions motivating some of the influential discussion of the question. Specifically, I implicate an understanding of the relationship between individuals and environments in influential accounts and explain why it is outdated. I then propose an alternative account of that relationship which, I conclude, grounds prima facie duties to environments out of a moral concern for non-human animals.

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**4:00 p.m.**

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**Everyone Welcome**