



Conference Schedule

As of April 25, 2023

Program and times are subject to change.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

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| 7:45am | Bus pick-up at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Danbury, CT
Drop-off at Green Chimneys in Brewster, NY |
| 8:00am | Registration Opens |
| 8:00-8:45am | Continental Breakfast Available |
| 8:45am | Conference Welcome
Green Chimneys, University of Denver Institute for Human-Animal Connection (IHAC)
<i>Conference Overview & Intent, Program, Sponsor Introduction</i> |
| 9:00am | OPENING KEYNOTE
Mutually Beneficial? When Animals Interact with Us
Marie Suthers, DVM
<u>Gym</u> |
| 10:00-11:00am | Guided Tour of Green Chimneys – Tour the campus, farm, equine program, wildlife rehabilitation center, and the school and gardens to see our model of experiential education in action |
| 11:15am-12:15pm | BREAKOUT SESSION 1 – Choose from one of the following:

<div style="margin-left: 20px;"> A. Dogs in Human Services: Working with Subtle Behaviors
 Jane Kopelman
 <u>Gym</u> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> B. Horses: Stress Behaviors and Wellbeing in Human Services
 Nina Ekholm Fry
 <u>Indoor Riding Arena</u> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> C. Camels in Human-Animal Services? 10 Years of Learning at Green Chimneys
 Samantha Arevalo; Valerie Parody; Skyler Opromolla; Maggie Pasquarella
 <u>Outdoor Arena</u> </div> <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> D. Keeping the Animal Safe: Tips for Therapists
 Denise Luft, LMHC; Lisa Caspari, LMSW
 <u>Teaching Barn</u> </div> |
| 12:15-1:15pm | Networking Lunch
Pick up lunch, choose a designated interest area and meet new people.
<u>Gym</u> |



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- 1:15-2:00pm **KEYNOTE**
The Intersections Between Animal Welfare and Wider Community Health
 Kevin Morris, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
- 2:15-3:15pm **BREAKOUT SESSION 2 – Choose from one of the following:**
- A. Dogs in Human Services: Working with Subtle Behaviors**
 Jane Kopelman
[Gym](#)
 - B. Horses: Stress Behaviors and Wellbeing in Human Services**
 Nina Ekholm Fry
[Indoor Riding Arena](#)
 - C. Camels in Human-Animal Services? 10 Years of Learning at Green Chimneys**
 Samantha Arevalo; Valerie Parody; Skyler Opromolla; Maggie Pasquarella
[Outdoor Arena](#)
 - D. Keeping the Animal Safe: Tips for Therapists**
 Denise Luft, LMHC; Lisa Caspari, LMSW
[Teaching Barn](#)
- 3:15pm **Break**
- 3:30pm **Open Farm** – Green Chimneys animal caretakers, teachers, program facilitators, therapists and interns explain/demo different nature-based program areas in detail, in an informal and informative fashion. A map illustrating designated areas will be provided. Visit one, two or more areas. Meet, mingle, ask questions and engage in dialogue.
- 4:30pm: **Cocktails, Snacks, Share Time** (literature table)
- 6:00pm **Dinner**
 VIP/Sponsor Greetings
[Gym](#)
- KEYNOTE
Animals and the Stories We Tell
 Michael Yellow Bird, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
- 8:00pm **Bus pick-up at Green Chimneys** in Brewster, NY
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SATURDAY, APRIL 29

- 7:45am **Bus pick-up at Hilton Garden Inn Hotel** in Danbury, CT
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- 8:00-8:45am **Continental Breakfast Available**
- 8:45-9:30am KEYNOTE
Understanding Animal Behavior: How Conditioning and Training Can Improve Quality of Life
Rebecca Husted, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
- 9:30am **Introduction of Animal Ethics** *Prelude to the discussion planned for today's lunch.*
Sarah Bexell, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
- 10:00-11:00am BREAKOUT SESSION 3 – Choose from one of the following:
- A. **Large Animal Euthanasia/End of Life: Navigating a Medical and Social Decision**
Jennifer Enger, DVM; Miyako Kinoshita; Michael Kaufmann
[Indoor Riding Arena](#)
 - B. **Sheep as Human-Service Partners**
Danielle Zalewski; Maggie Pasquarella
[Teaching Barn](#)
 - C. **The Green Chimneys Research Project in Partnership with IHAC**
Kevin Morris, Ph.D.; Brian Bello; Marisa Motiff; and Megan Kiely-Mueller, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
 - D. **Lessons from the Green Chimneys Staff Owned Dog Program**
Maureen Doherty; Heidi Duelfer; Debbie Moore
[Dining Hall](#)
- 11:00am **Break**



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- 11:15am-12:15pm BREAKOUT SESSION 4 – Choose from one of the following:
- A. Large Animal Euthanasia/End of Life: Navigating a Medical and Social Decision**
Jennifer Enger, DVM; Miyako Kinoshita; Michael Kaufmann
[Indoor Riding Arena](#)
 - B. Sheep as Human-Service Partners**
Danielle Zalewski; Maggie Pasquarella
[Teaching Barn](#)
 - C. The Green Chimneys Research Project in Partnership with IHAC**
Brian Bello; Marisa Motiff; and Megan Kiely-Mueller; Ph.D., Kevin Morris, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
 - D. Lessons from the Green Chimneys Staff Owned Dog Program**
Maureen Doherty; Heidi Duelfer; Debbie Moore
[Dining Hall](#)
- 12:15-12:25pm Pick up lunch and find the topic table of your choice
- 12:25 -1:15pm DISCUSSION LUNCH
Ethics in Human-Animal Interaction
Sarah Bexell, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
- 1:15pm **Debrief of Animal Ethics Lunch**
Sarah Bexell, Ph.D.
[Gym](#)
- 1:40-2:15pm KEYNOTE
Reimagining the Future State of Animal-Assisted Interventions
Aubrey Fine, Ed.D.
[Gym](#)



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- 2:30-3:30pm BREAKOUT SESSION 5 – Choose from one of the following:
- A. Structuring Mounted Lessons with an Eye on Equine Welfare**
 Claire Oestreich; Valerie Parody
[Indoor Riding Arena](#)
 - B. Animal Rescue Demo**
 Rebecca Husted, Ph.D.
[Outdoor Arena, Rain Location TBD](#)
 - C. Stabilizing and Caring for Wild Bird Rescues**
 Dave Spillo
[Wildlife Center](#)
 - D. Through the Years: Taking Clinical Rounds**
 Aubrey Fine, Ed.D.
[Gym](#)
- 3:30- 4:15pm CLOSING KEYNOTE
Mutually Beneficial? When Animals Interact with Us
 Marie Suthers, DVM
[Gym](#)
- 4:15pm **Closing**
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