



Seminar

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Moral Boundaries of Human/Animal Relations in Highly Experimental Science

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In the Thunberg Lecture Hall
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The seminar is part of the workshop "Sharing Bodies Within and Across Borders" which is held on 21-23 May.
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ABOUT LESLEY A. SHARP

Lesley A. Sharp is Ann Whitney Olin Professor of Anthropology at Barnard College, and Senior Research Scientist in Sociomedical Sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health of Columbia University in New York, NY. A medical anthropologist by training, she is the author of five books, two of which draw from research based in northwest Madagascar on religious healing, the gendered nature of migration, and the political consciousness of school youth. Since the early 1990s her work has focused on organ transplantation and the related domains of cadaveric donation and anonymous donation in the U.S. and, most recently, on scientific desire and longing in highly experimental realms of transplant research. Her book *Strange Harvest: Organ Transplants, Denatured Bodies, and the Transformed Self* (Berkeley & Los Angeles: University of California Press, 2006) was awarded the New Millennium Book Award in 2008 by the Society for Medical Anthropology. Her most recent book, *The Transplant Imaginary: Mechanical Hearts, Animal Parts, and Moral Thinking in Highly Experimental Science* (Berkeley: University of California Press) was released in November 2013. Sharp is also the co-editor of a forthcoming edited volume with Nancy Chen entitled *Bioinsecurity and Vulnerability*, part of the Advanced Seminar Series issued by the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, NM.

ABSTRACT

Presumably valued strictly for their utilitarian value, laboratory animals define unusual categories of commodified creatures who nevertheless inspire a wide range of sentimental responses from the humans engaged in their care, management, and research use. This talk explores, from an anthropological perspective, the moral complexities associated with such creatures and the ways that their human intimates make sense of inter-species relationships in highly experimental contexts.