

HUMAN-ANIMAL CONNECTION

Much research is currently being done on how humans and animals communicate and interact with one another. There are institutes at universities, books to read, as well as articles online about what your dog's facial expression means or what your cat's scratching behavior might indicate. Researchers such as Jane Goodall and Temple Grandin (to name just a few) live with and can tell us how animals experience the same emotions and what their thoughts might be. The perceived intelligence level of animals has repeatedly increased as the research continues, and we are able to learn more about animals and their life practices. Ethical farming practices, as well as everyday training for our domestic animals reflect that animals have many of the same basic needs and wants that we as humans have. The interesting practice is how that comes out in our everyday lives – all the way from what we eat to how we interact with our household pets. In this course, we will talk about and understand the latest research, what that means for human beings, and how this will continue to affect our co-existence in the future.



This course will have a heavy student discussion component, coupled with lecture and media.

YOUR INSTRUCTOR: JEN BAKER, PHD



Jennifer (Jen) Baker's expertise is in the interdependence of communication theory and practice, where she strives to help others find true self-awareness and confidence in their communication and interaction with others. She has been teaching communication courses for over 20 years, starting at the University of Texas at Austin, moving onto the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and now at Columbia College Chicago and Northwestern University. Baker has worked at a marketing company, an engineering firm, and a variety of educational institutions. Additionally, she has founded an inner-city high school speech and debate team, assisted with photography and animation in independent films, and produced a radio show on communication. In her workspace, she has been awarded the SPS Distinguished Teaching Award and has been called the happiest professor that a student has ever known.

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 10TH THROUGH MAY 15TH

3PM ALASKA | 4PM PACIFIC | 5PM MOUNTAIN | 6PM CENTRAL | 7PM EASTERN

- Live Lecture 1, Wednesday, April 10
- Live Lecture 2, Wednesday, April 17
- Live Lecture 3, Wednesday, April 24
- Live Lecture 4, Wednesday, May 01
- Live Lecture 5, Wednesday, May 08
- Live Lecture 6, Wednesday, May 15

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