

The University of British Columbia's Pre-Veterinary
and Animal Welfare Club Presents the



2017 UBC

Animal Welfare Conference

The 2017 UBC Animal Welfare Conference (AWC) aims to provide students and members of the public with a comprehensive introduction to current animal welfare issues surrounding animals within our food industry. Conference topics will be presented by experts representing academic, policy, industry, and consumer perspective.

AMS Student Nest, UBC

Lev Bukhman Performance Theatre

MARCH 17, 2017 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM



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SPEAKERS



Professor David Mellor BSc (Hons), PhD, HonAssocRCVS, ONZM

David Mellor is Professor of Applied Physiology and Bioethics, Professor of Animal Welfare Science, and Foundation Director of the Animal Welfare Science and Bioethics Centre at Massey University in New Zealand. His research and scholarly interests include: fetal and neonatal physiology, stress physiology, pain assessment and management, livestock slaughter, conceptual frameworks in animal welfare science, and bioethics as it applies to animal welfare. David has wide experience of integrating scientific, veterinary, industry, consumer, animal welfare, legal, cultural and other interests during the development of national animal welfare standards, regulations and legislation in New Zealand and internationally.



Jennifer Walker DVM, PhD, Dip. ACVPM

A California Native, Jennifer earned her Bachelor's in Animal Science (1994) and her DVM (2000) from the University of California at Davis. As an associate veterinarian in a California practice specializing in dairy herd health she developed her interests in on-farm education, udder health and animal welfare. Jennifer joined Dean Foods as their Director of Dairy Stewardship in July of 2010. In this role she has been putting to use her expertise in on farm milk quality and passion for animal welfare by working with customers, suppliers, dairy farmers to develop an industry wide standard that promotes the good welfare of dairy cattle. Over the last five years she has had a firsthand view of the intersection between politics, policy, profit and people and how it can drive positive change in animal welfare as much as it can hinder it.



Leanne McConnell MSc

Leanne completed her MSc in 2007 from UBC's graduate program in Animal Welfare. From 2008-2015, Leanne was the Director of Farm Animal Programs for the Vancouver Humane Society. She was responsible for Chicken OUT! – an initiative that aimed to phase out the use of battery cages to house egg laying hens. She encouraged many universities, municipalities and restaurants to adopt cage-free egg purchasing policies. She also spearheaded an in-store, egg-shelf labelling program that included signage stating 'eggs from caged hens – some behaviours restricted'. A first in North America, the labels are now in over 150 stores across Western Canada.