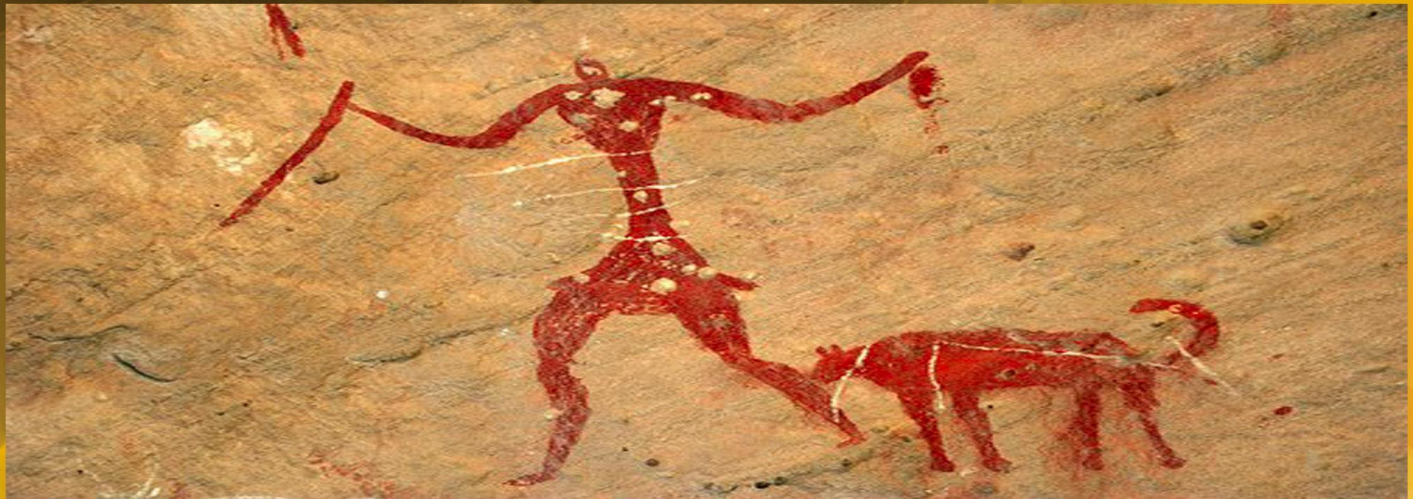


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Program in the Study of Spirituality



Becoming Human and Dog Together Lecture by Laura Hobgood, Southwestern University

Wednesday, January 27, 2016 | 6:30 PM | FIU MMC | Wertheim Conservatory (WC) 130

In her lecture, Dr. Hobgood examines the history of the complex, cross-species, mutually beneficial relationship of dogs and humans. For thousands of years these two species have walked side-by-side and, as she contends, they have shaped each other's journeys in such powerful ways that it is hard to imagine humans without canines. Drawing on ancient evidence of dogs as spiritual guides, guardians, agents in the enterprise of domestication and more, Hobgood suggests that humans need to rethink how we became who we are.



Dr. Laura Hobgood is holder of the Paden Chair and Professor of Religion and Environmental Studies at Southwestern University in Texas where she has served on the faculty since 1998. She is the author of several books on critical animal studies including *A Dog's History of the World: Canines and the Domestication of Humans* (2014), *The Friends We Keep: Unleashing Christianity's Compassion for Animals* (2010), and *Holy Dogs and Asses: Animals in the Christian Tradition* (2008). Dr. Hobgood served as President of the International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture (2011-2014) and as founding co-chair of the Animals and Religion Research Group of the American Academy of Religion. Her research and teaching interests continue to focus on critical animal studies and environmental humanities.

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