

“ANIMAL CITY: REMAKING HUMAN AND ANIMAL LIFE IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY AMERICA”

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AMERICAN CITIES WERE ONCE FULL OF ANIMAL LIFE: CATTLE DRIVEN THROUGH CITY STREETS; PIGS FEEDING ON TRASH IN PUBLIC ALLEYS AND BASEMENTS; COWS CRAMMED INTO URBAN FEEDLOTS; HORSES WORKED TO DEATH IN THE HARNESS; DOGS PULLING CARTS AND POWERING SMALL MACHINES; AND WILD ANIMALS PEERING OUT AT HUMAN SPECTATORS FROM BEHIND BARS. IN THIS TALK, ANDREW ROBICHAUD WILL PRESENT FINDINGS AND METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES FROM HIS NEW BOOK: *ANIMAL CITY: THE DOMESTICATION OF AMERICA*, WHICH RECONSTRUCTS THIS EVOLVING WORLD OF NINETEENTH-CENTURY URBAN ANIMAL LIFE AND REVEALS ITS IMPORTANCE, BOTH THEN AND NOW.



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