

# Ryan Turner

Curriculum Vitae

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## Education:

M.A. 2012                                      University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Sociology

B.A. 2008                                      University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Department of Sociology,  
Cum Laude

## Publications (\*=peer reviewed)

\*Ryan Turner. 2013. "Do Animals Have Selves?" *Studies in Symbolic Interaction* 40: 425-460.

\*Ryan Turner. 2016. "Veganism: Ethics in Everyday Life." Conditionally Accepted at *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*

## Awards

"Animals as Symbolic Actors: The Problem of Animal Selfhood" for Best Literature Review Comps Paper. Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, 2013.

## Grants

2011. Summer Fellowship for First Comprehensive Exam, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts, \$2,500

2013. Summer Prospectus and Dissertation Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$4,000

2016. Summer Article Preparation Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Amherst, \$1,000

## Comprehensive Exams

"Animals as Symbolic Actors: The Problem of Animal Selfhood." Defended September 2011. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Committee: Robert Zussman (chair), Jonathan Wynn, Amy Schalet

“Horse Sense: The Limits of Judgment.” Defended July 2012. University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Committee: Amy Schalet (chair), Robert Zussman, Jonathan Wynn

### **Conferences**

Eastern Sociological Society, February 2012, NYC

“Veganism: Ethics in Everyday Life.” Eastern Sociological Society, February 2015, NYC

### **Research Interests**

Sociology of Culture

Symbolic Interactionism

Sociology of the Self

Sociology of Morality

Human-Animal Relations

### **Teaching Interests**

Culture

Symbolic Interactionism

Self and Society

Animals and Society

Introductory Sociology

Theory

Social Class

### **Teaching Experience**

Teaching Assistantships (University of Massachusetts, Amherst):

Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2008 and Spring 2010)

Self, Society, and Interpersonal Relations (Spring 2009 and Spring 2011)

Elementary Statistics (Fall 2009)

The Family (Fall 2010)

Data Collection and Analysis (Fall 2011, Fall 2015)

Contemporary American Society (Spring 2012 and Spring 2013)

Courses Taught (University of Massachusetts, Amherst):

Sociology of American Culture (Fall 2012)

Social Class and Inequality (Summer 2013)

Social Problems (Fall 2013, Spring 2014)

Gender and the Family (Fall 2014)

Race, Class, Gender, Ethnicity (Spring 2015, Spring 2016)

Urban Sociology (Fall 2016, Spring 2016)

Courses Developed:

Animals, Culture, and Society

## **Service**

Undergraduate Policy Committee. Umass Sociology Department, 2011-2012.

Advisor for Undergraduate Honor Thesis: Larosey Burrill, 2013-2014

## **Research in Progress**

Turner, Ryan. "Weber's Ethics as Identity Displays in the Animal Rights Movement"

Turner, Ryan. "Leading the Mind to Water: Animal Activists' Proselytizing Strategies"

Turner, Ryan. *Vegan Food for Thought: The Moral and Cultural Strategies of the Animal Movement* (Dissertation)

## **References**

Robert Zussman

Professor

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Amy Schalet

Associate Professor

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