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People and Other Animals in New York’s Central Park

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In her lecture, Dawn Biehler will discuss how policies and practices in Central Park have shaped urban animal/human interactions. Since Central Park’s conception in the 1840s, authorities have envisioned it as a place for city-dwellers to encounter animals, despite facing the struggle over which animals ought to live in the park and how people should interact with them. This talk will highlight the difficulty of creating a democratic landscape that also nurtures animal life.