Ramona Ilea will deliver the keynote for the April 13, 2013, Minnesota Philosophical Society Undergraduate Conference!

Ramona Ilea is a tenured professor at Pacific University, where she teaches courses on animal ethics, environmental ethics, biomedical ethics, civic engagement, and logic. She has many publications and over 40 presentations on her research, which includes animal ethics, environmental issues, sympathy and empathy, civic engagement, and the link between philosophy and social change.

Professor Ilea's talk is titled "Philosophy and Activism: Compatible or In Tension?"

Here's an abstract:

I analyze the way in which being a philosopher is compatible and in tension with being an activist. I focus on animal rights as a case study, but my analysis is applicable to other types of activism and philosophical writing, especially in the area of applied ethics.