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***Walking To Listen* Talk Kicks Off**
**Marine Biological Laboratory Falmouth Forum Season, November 3**
*How would our world change if we all listened first? Where do we begin? Andrew Forsthoefel speaks to these questions in an evening of storytelling and discussion*

**Woods Hole, MA** -- Author and adventurer Andrew Forsthoefel will present a talk on living to listen at the Marine Biological Laboratory’s first [Falmouth Forum](http://www.mbl.edu/falmouth-forum) of the new season, Friday November 3.  Forsthoefel’s lecture, titled “Walking to Listen: 4,000 Miles Across America, One Story at a Time” will be held at 7:30 PM in the MBL’s Lillie Auditorium, 7 MBL Street, Woods Hole.  The free series is presented by the [MBL Associates](http://www.mbl.edu/associates). Free parking is available in any MBL lot.

At the age of 23, Forsthoefel walked out the back door of his home in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania, with a backpack, an audio recorder, his copies of Whitman and Rilke, and a sign that read “Walking to Listen.” He had just graduated from Middlebury College and was ready to begin his adult life, but he didn’t know how. So he decided he’d walk. And listen. It would be a cross-country quest for guidance, and everyone he met would be his guide.

Forsthoefel will speak to these questions in an evening of storytelling and discussion, drawing from his 2011 walk across America, the beginning of his apprenticeship to the discipline of listening.

Forsthoefel’s narrative work has appeared on *This American Life* and *The Moth*.  He teaches walking and listening as practices in connective presence, personal transformation, and conflict resolution.  His book [*Walking to Listen: 4,000 Miles Across America, One Story at a Time*](http://livingtolisten.com) (Bloomsbury, 2017) was recently selected for all school reads by both Berkshire and Holderness High Schools and he now devotes his time to taking this listening work into schools with programming on the discipline and art of listening.

The 2017-2018 season continues with the following presentations.  Visit [**mbl.edu/falmouth-forum**](http://www.mbl.edu/falmouth-forum) for details and updated information.

**December 1, 2017 \***
***Iceland, an Ambassador's Perspective***
Robert Cushman Barber, (Former) U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland and Partner at Price Lobel

**March 2, 2018 \***
***Visiting Russia over Half a Century***
Loren Graham, Professor Emeritus of the History of Science Program, MIT

**April 6, 2018**
***Antarctica: Glacial History and the Future of Sea Level***
Mark Kurz, Senior Scientist and NOSAMS Director, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution

\* This season the MBLWHOI Library will offer open houses of the [**MBL Rare Books Collection**](http://www.mblwhoilibrary.org/collections/rare-books-and-mbl-archives) on December 1 and March 2 from 5:45 to 7:15 PM in the Grass Reference Room, Lillie Building 2nd floor, located at 7 MBL Street. The Library staff will display books and artifacts including *An Account of the Voyages Undertaken by the order of His Present Majesty for Making Discoveries in the Southern Hemisphere*, by  John Hawkesworth and Captain James Cook 1773 as well as T.H. Morgan’s Nobel Prize.

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