

## Welcome to the 2017 Leelanau Summinars!

We are pleased to present an array of inspiring, educational, informative and thought-provoking seminars for your pleasure and enlightenment.

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We appreciate your participation in the Leelanau Summinars program and encourage you to gather your friends and family, and come to those seminars that you find appealing. See you in the classroom!

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### **SUMMINAR LOCATIONS**

- Old Art Building, Leland
- Munnecke Room, Leland Township Public Library

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## The Crib Shines On! The Plan to Restore a Local Off-shore Lighthouse with The North Manitou Light Keepers

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Wednesday, July 5  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Old Art Building  
\$15



“Have you heard about those people who are buying the North Manitou Shoal Light (‘the Crib’)? I wonder what they are planning to do with it!” If a thought like this has crossed your mind, or maybe you want to hear a fun story about a cool local lighthouse restoration project, come meet with the North Manitou Light Keepers!

The North Manitou Shoal Light is the offshore lighthouse that sits eight miles from Leland and one mile from North Manitou Island. Built in 1935, it was occupied by members of the United States Coast Guard until 1980. While its navigational equipment remains in service, the federal government has rendered the property obsolete. In the summer of 2016, the lighthouse was offered at auction. The North Manitou Light Keepers won that auction and are now working on exciting plans for the lighthouse. Their presentation will tell the story of how their group was formed, how it won the auction, what they have planned for the North Manitou Shoal Light, and how you can be part of the action and the team!

### THE NORTH MANITOU LIGHT KEEPERS

The North Manitou Light Keepers is a non-profit organization dedicated to the restoration and appreciation of the North Manitou Shoal Light. The organization was founded by Daniel and Anna Oginsky, David and Sherry McWilliam, Todd and Natalie Buckley, and Jake and Suzanne Kaberle. These four couples of dreamers and doers fell in love with the idea of bringing back to life a piece of Michigan maritime history in the middle of some of the nation’s most gorgeous landscape. They look forward to sharing their story and mission with you!

## 9 Bean Rows

with Jen and Nic Welty

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Thursday, July 6  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Old Art Building  
\$15



Jen and Nic, owners of 9 Bean Rows, will give a brief history of the business and share its goals for the future. They will also discuss the broader significance of local agriculture and tourism to the Leelanau region's overall health. Finally, they will speak to the importance of creating food- and farming-based jobs.

Nic will give a farm tour during the afternoon of July 6, delving deeper into the production side of sustainable agriculture and what 9 Bean Rows is trying to do with farm-to-school initiatives and hoop houses across the state. The tour is free of charge to Summinar participants.

### JEN WELTY

Prior to co-founding 9 Bean Rows, LLC, Jen was farm market manager at Black Star Farms (Suttons Bay, MI). Now called the "Hearth and Vine Cafe," she introduced the first commercial wood-fired oven to Leelanau County in 2007. Under the tutelage of a French family from 2001-2004, Jen learned the art and science of bread baking, and has been working in the food and hospitality industry to perfect her craft for the last 13 years. She has an AAS degree (Culinary Arts) from Hocking College and a BS degree (Crops Science/Agribusiness) from Ohio State University.

### NIC WELTY

Farmer, entrepreneur, and scientist, Nic Welty has been a leader in Northern Michigan's local food movement for nine years. Working with key players in non-profits, government, and agribusiness, Nic helped make the farm-to-school initiative a reality. Nic has two BS degrees (Economics and Biology) from Carnegie Mellon University and an MS from the Ohio State University (Plant Genetics). He is co-founder and owner of 9 Bean Rows, LLC, and co-partner of Megalos, LLC, (a seed genetics company). Two years ago he helped form the MI Farm Cooperative, for which he is a current board member.

## World War II Through the Eyes of Those who Fought and Survived with Scott Craig

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Friday, July 7  
 10:00am – 12:00pm  
 Munnecke Room  
 \$15



Twenty years ago, I made a documentary for my public television station entitled, “Remembering Chicago and World War II.” I recall remarking to the technicians in the control room as we were mixing the elements, “Guys, we are putting together a story that will be replayed for many years to come.” That’s because the participants were supplying stories that only they could tell—and they were an aging lot. As you watch this documentary, you will meet a man who survived the Bataan Death March, a sailor who outlasted the sharks after the sinking of the U.S.S. Indianapolis, the pilot of the plane that dropped the second atomic bomb on Japan, a University of Chicago physicist who participated in the creation of the first nuclear chain reaction, and many others. It is my goal to have as many World War II veterans as possible at this Summinar to react to the documentary and to tell their stories. I would like older members of the audience to share their remembrances as well. For example, I was eleven when the V-J Day was announced and have vivid memories of the war years. I want to hear yours. Finally, I’d like us to discuss the seemingly contradictory phrase, “Good War.”

### SCOTT CRAIG

Scott is a retired television documentary producer. His programs have appeared on CBS, NBC, Turner, Fox, and others. He produced two series for the Home and Garden Network, *The Good Life* and *Extreme Homes*. His productions for PBS total more than 20 titles. His work has won more than 100 prestigious awards including a George Foster Peabody Award, a National Emmy, and 32 Emmys from the Chicago Chapter of the Television Academy, more Emmys than any other individual in the history of Chicago television. His programs were honored by the Chicago, New York, San Francisco, and Atlanta Film Festivals, as well as the Film Festival of Italy. Scott holds a BA from the College of Wooster and an MA and PhD from the University of Illinois. He is married to Carol Bawden, owner of the Painted Bird in Suttons Bay.

## Islands of the Great Lakes

with Loreen Niewenhuis

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Monday, July 10  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



In this presentation, Loreen Niewenhuis will take us to islands in each of the five Great Lakes and their connecting waters. In words, photos, and video, we'll explore the geology of the largest system of fresh water lakes in the world and the reason there are tens of thousands of islands in the Great Lakes basin. Loreen will reveal how these islands are diverse in both their geological underpinnings and in the life forms existing on the islands. She will also explore with us some of the scientific research with which she assisted during her island odyssey. From the wolf-moose study on Isle Royale to the conservation of the endangered piping plover on the Manitou Islands, Loreen will open our eyes and minds to the complexity of life on our Great Lakes islands.

### LOREEN NIEWENHUIS

With an M.S. degree in the biological sciences, Loreen speaks with the authority of an expert. She raises important questions about preserving our wild places and protecting the fragile ecosystems on which we all depend. In 2009, she walked all the way around Lake Michigan and wrote a book about the adventure, *A 1000-Mile Walk on the Beach*, which was a Heartland Indie Bestseller. In 2012, she undertook another 1000-mile hike, this time along the shores of all five Great Lakes. The book about this second adventure, *A 1000-Mile Great Lakes Walk*, was published in 2013 and received the Great Lakes Great Reads Award. In late 2014, Loreen completed her third Great Lakes Adventure, this time exploring the islands of the Great Lakes. The book about this journey, *A 1000-Mile Great Lakes Island Adventure*, was released in 2015.

All of her books are available at Leelanau Books. More information about her travels and writing can be found at her website: [LakeTrek.com](http://LakeTrek.com).

## Dialogues & Improvisations: The Many Lives of Harry – A Story To Tell with Harry Goldson

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Wednesday, July 12  
5:00pm – 7:00pm  
Old Art Building  
\$15

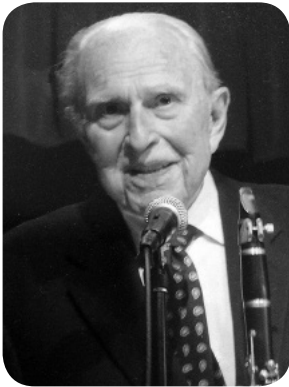


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From walking the mean streets of Chicago's West Side, to becoming a jazz musician at age fifteen, to performing on the road with nationally recognized bands during the 1940s' "Golden Age of Big Band," to working in military intelligence during the Korean conflict, to pursuing a career in finance and banking, and then returning to music—Harry, indeed, has a story to tell.

His induction into the Army in 1950 was a life-changing event. A professional musician without a college degree, Harry was somehow selected to join one of the US Army's most elite intelligence agencies. Later, upon reentering civilian life, he finished college in two years and embarked upon a successful adventure in the world of finance. As a junior loan officer in Chicago, he solicited and then structured the financing for the Playboy empire, turning his bank from a mid-market-player into a major LaSalle Street institution.

Harry's Chicago successes led to an offer he couldn't refuse from Union Bank in Los Angeles, nationally renowned for its innovative and aggressive banking culture. In flight to his new job in California, he read about a little car rental startup in LA called Budget Rent-A-Car. As he had with Playboy, Harry cold-called Budget, and the rest is history. He got the account, and his bank became the nation's premier financier of auto-rental-leasing companies. Harry was then instrumental in establishing the bank's very successful Venture Capital and Entertainment Divisions. Along the way, he met film legends, sports heroes, Hollywood moguls, international entrepreneurs, and many fascinating characters who resonate throughout the "dialogues" of his life.

Come hear about Harry's return to his Chicago roots as a banker/CPA and how a trip to Michigan in 1986 with Piper led to their establishing Suttons Bay Galleries and founding Suttons Bay JazzFest—bringing Harry back into the world of classic jazz to perform and record the music that has endured the test of time.

## The Gill's Pier Ranch Experience

with Chris Butz

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Monday, July 17  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



At this Summarin, you will learn about the Gill's Pier Experience, which includes a working yak ranch and accompanying agritourism events. We will discuss the raising of yaks—both the rationale behind it and the process—as well as the benefits of eating yak over other types of meat. We will then talk about some of the other activities offered at the ranch, from shooting sporting clays to hunting on our gamebird preserve to going out on a guided flyfishing or waterfowl hunting adventure— but it always comes full circle to the yak!

Chris will give a tour of Gill's Pier Ranch at 5:00pm on July 17. The tour will be discounted to \$12 for Summarin participants. Gill's Pier Ranch is a working Tibetan yak ranch with 80 head of yak that focuses on selling yak breedstock, meat, and fiber goods. The ranch's goal is to offer one of the healthiest red meats in the world along with a group of experiences that show others the importance and benefits of local agriculture. On the tour, you will learn about our little corner of the world and especially our yaks; and you will have the opportunity to taste their juicy, sweet, and delicious meat!

### CHRIS BUTZ

Chris, his wife Angie, and their five children moved to the area in 2007 from Indianapolis. Chris's family has had a summer home here since the 1970s, and he first came up to Leland in utero. Although a lifelong lover of animals, Chris never thought Angie's request 14 years ago to "someday have alpacas" would turn into the operation that Gill's Pier Ranch has become. It seems that a Zoology/Ecology degree from Michigan State has paid off!

Later this year, Chris, Angie, and the kids will finally be moving onto the property, where they can even more fully live out their calling to return to the simplicity of ranch life and share the possibilities and fruits of that life with others.

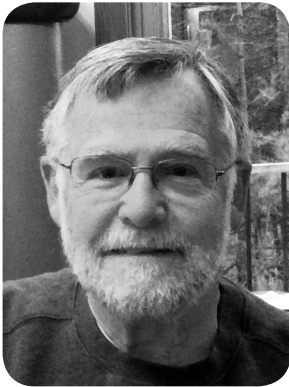


## Our Broken Politics

with Phil Mikesell

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Thursday, July 20  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



So, what's going on? For many of us whose expectations about politics and government formed in the 1960s to 1980s, the current state of affairs is both dismaying and bewildering. And we aren't alone. A whole cottage industry of studies and books has grown up to explain the political scene. This Summinar will take a step back from the heat of the moment to sort through and evaluate some of the leading accounts and diagnoses of politics and government. And you won't be left with just bad news. The session will conclude with some proposals and discussion of "what we might do."

### PHIL MIKESELL

Phil taught political science for over 40 years at Wabash College, Indiana. Since his move to Leelanau County, he has regularly offered short courses on issues of contemporary interest in the Extended Education Program at Northwestern Michigan College.

Phil is also a trustee of the Village of Northport and an avid recreational bicyclist.

## Making Waves: Michigan's Boat-Building Industry, 1865-2000 with Scott Peters

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Friday, July 21  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



Michigan will always be known as the automobile capital of the world, but the state boasts a similarly rich heritage in the development of boat building in America. By the late nineteenth century, Michigan had emerged as the industry's hub, drawing together the most talented designers, builders, and engine makers to produce some of the most innovative boats ever created. Gifted Michigan entrepreneurs like Christopher Columbus Smith, John L. Hacker, and Gar Wood established some of the nation's top boat brands and brought the prospect of boat ownership within reach for American consumers of all incomes. More than just revolutionizing boating, Michigan boat builders left their mark on history—from developing the speedy runabouts favored by illicit rum-runners during the Prohibition era to creating the landing craft that carried Allied forces to shores in Europe and the Pacific in WWII. In "Making Waves," Scott explores this intriguing story of people, processes, and products—of an industry that evolved in Michigan, but would change boating across the world.

### SCOTT PETERS

Scott holds degrees in history from the University of Michigan-Flint and museum studies from Case Western Reserve University. He has worked as Curator of the International Center for Artificial Organs and Transplantation in Cleveland, Curator of Collections at the Sloan Museum in Flint, and Curator of Collections at the Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing.

Scott became interested in the history of small craft when he came across a toy boat marked 'Miss America' while working at the Sloan Museum and, upon researching it, discovered the racing career of Gar Wood. That research eventually led to a broader study of Michigan boat builders, which became his book *Making Waves: Michigan's Boat-Building Industry, 1865-2000* (University of Michigan Press, 2015).

Scott lives in Flint with his wife Mary, who teaches at the Valley School in Swartz Creek.

## What Good is Feminism?

with Kathryn Fleishman

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Monday, July 24  
2:00pm–4:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



Would you proudly refer to yourself as a feminist, or would you recoil from that label? Do you have strong associations, positive or negative, with the word? Could you define it clearly if asked? Whether you're at one end of the spectrum or the other, or maybe somewhere in between, this Summinar is for you.

The purpose of this course is for men and women alike to engage in discussion about the value of feminism during a moment of renewed interest in gender equality in our nation and around the world. We will interrogate the ethical and practical values of the term. Is feminism a useful word? Does it promote good values? Does it represent a coherent set of ideas? Are its adherents of a particular generation or type?

We will also learn about some key movements in the history of feminism, including how the term has evolved and become more complex since the Women's Liberation movement of the 1970s. We will then analyze clips from TV shows like *Mad Men* and from the news in order to assess the value of feminism in our current era. By the end, I hope you will feel more comfortable reading about gender equity, more confident discussing these issues with your friends, and more prepared to determine for yourself whether you think the concept of feminism is any "good."

### KATHRYN FLEISHMAN

Katie Fleishman is in her final year of a PhD program in English and Film & Media Studies at UC Berkeley, where she has been teaching fiction and writing since 2012. Her dissertation explores the connections between feminism, aesthetics, and reading in postmodern America, and particularly in novels and films since 1950. She is a former high school English teacher, an outdoor enthusiast, and an amateur cook. She is the daughter of Mary and Michael Fleishman of Leland. Katie and her husband, Dr. Jeff Blevins, will be moving to Princeton, New Jersey, later this summer with their one-year-old daughter, Isabel.

## Living and Learning in the Digital Age: Do Smart Devices Make You Smarter...or Dumber? with John Fitzpatrick

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Thursday and Friday,  
July 27-28  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$25

From primary schoolers to grandparents, many of us are far too attached to our digital devices. Ever had dinner or sat in a meeting with someone who made eye contact only with their phone? Fear that your children or grandchildren are texting while driving... and maybe while sleeping? Constantly checking email and Facebook to see what you've missed... only to find that it's usually nothing? Seen enough cat and dog videos?

We'll explore the research on the impact of digital media on our thinking, especially that of students. If you want to prepare in depth, *The Shallows, What the Internet is Doing to Our Brains* by Nicholas Carr will be useful. You can Google "Resist the Internet" by Ross Douthat in the 3/12/17 edition of *The New York Times* and that article's link on the phrase "no good evidence" to a BBC piece on the efficacy of computers in schools worldwide.

We'll consider strategies for dealing with obsessive behavior and information overload. Bring your phones and tablets. We can share the catharsis of turning them all off at once so we can actually talk to each other!

### JOHN FITZPATRICK

John received his BA from Denison and MBA from Stanford. He has been a marketing executive at two large corporations and headed two entrepreneurial ventures in the travel industry. He has also been an adjunct professor at four colleges, most recently at NMC in Traverse City for the past 11 years.

## Revisiting *The Angry Silence* – A Movie About Factory Unrest with Steve Lindo

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Monday, July 31  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



The British film industry received international acclaim for its socially conscious movies of the 1960s. One of them, *The Angry Silence*, tells of a young factory worker who refuses to participate in an unofficial strike. Braving vicious, calculated violence designed to coerce “scabs” (strike-breakers), he is “sent to Coventry” (given the silent treatment) by his fellow workers. Steve Lindo, who was a child actor in this stirring, thought-provoking movie, will share clips from the film and talk about his experience making it. He will also speak to what it was like growing up in England in the 1960s and how the movie’s themes played in other countries, particularly the USA. He will then lead a discussion about how these issues still resonate today.

### STEVE LINDO

Steve lives in Leland. He’s a reformed banker who grew up in England and now consults on financial risk management. When not teaching a Master’s class at Columbia University, he is an amateur musician and proud grandpa.

## What is Happening in Europe and Why?

with David Lyon

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Thursday, August 3  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



David Lyon will attempt—given the pace of almost daily change—to provide an overview of the current political, economic, demographic, security, and cultural changes in and adjacent to Europe, before leading a discussion of their implications.

### DAVID LYON

David Lyon spent 35 years working in a variety of manufacturing industries, with operations in the United States, Europe, and Asia. After early military service with UK Special Forces, he was, in retirement, the non-executive member of the UK Field Army Command Group for 10 years.

David is married to Lillis, a U.S. citizen. They are based in Amberley, England, and have a cottage on Lake Leelanau.

## **GOAT MANIA!!**

with Amy Spitznagel & Idyll Farms

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Friday, August 4  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke Room  
\$15



Goats have become the viral darlings of the nation... from screaming goats, goat yoga, to trending goat cheese. Amy Spitznagel from Northport's award-winning farmstead goat creamery, Idyll Farms, will explain why goats deserve to be the "it" animal of our time.

Summinar participants may sign up to tour Idyll Farms on August 5 at 2:30pm or 4:30pm for \$20. The tour will visit the pasture-based, sustainable goat farm and then sample world-class cheeses.

### **AMY SPITZNAGEL**

Amy, along with her husband, Mark, are the founding owners of Idyll Farms. Idyll Farms is a pasture-fed, certified humane goat farmstead and creamery located in Northport, Michigan.

## Contralto Stirs Populace

with Meredith Parsons McComb

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Sunday, August 6  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Old Art Building  
\$15



“Contralto Stirs Populace” is a good story told by one eerily well-suited to its telling, enhanced by performances of opera arias and classical art songs. American contralto, Louise Homer (1871-1947) will perform via recordings, and Metropolitan Opera artist Meredith Parsons McComb will play piano and sing live, including compositions by Louise’s husband, Sidney Homer. Among the many images shown will be some from private Homer family archives.

Louise was a stenographer and church soloist. Sidney wrote unpublished songs and gave music lessons. Once they married, he gave her a chance to “get her voice right,” and with a settled home life she sang over 700 performances in leading roles at the Metropolitan Opera, was a civic leader (the program title is from a WWI “Buy a Bond” rally), popularized her husband’s compositions, and—uniquely among female opera singers of her stature—raised six children who adored her.

### MEREDITH PARSONS MCCOMB

Meredith is a product of Traverse City Public Schools, NMC at Interlochen, Middlebury College, University of Michigan School of Music, and her parents, John and Betty Parsons.

Meredith was a Thomas J. Watson Traveling Fellow and received a Grammy for the D.G.G./Metropolitan Opera recording of “Die Walkure.” She was a soloist with dozens of symphony orchestras and opera companies across the US and in France, Germany, Canada, Israel, and Holland, and has been presented in recital in New York, London, and Paris. With her husband, David McComb, who died in 2014, she was three times national champion in a two-man keelboat, the International Tempest.

In 2015, she relocated to Traverse City after twenty-five years in the village of Bolton Landing, New York, where Sidney and Louise summered—and where she learned their extraordinary story.



## Combating Swimmer's Itch

with Nick Fleezanis, Wayne Swallow, and Ron Reimink

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Monday, August 7  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
Munnecke  
\$15



Swimmer's itch is an emerging public health problem in many Northern Michigan lakes. The Lake Leelanau Lake Association (LLLA) has made it a priority to control this public health menace. This summer, we have contracted with Freshwater Solutions, LLC, to battle the problem with measures that include trapping and relocating the common mergansers, the primary definitive host for the schistosome parasite in our lake.

### NICK FLEEZANIS

Nick is the President of the LLLA.

### WAYNE SWALLOW

Wayne holds a B.S. in fisheries biology, an M.S. in aquatic biology, and an MBA. He was involved for several years with the LLLA and the Leelanau Conservancy as a stream and lake sampling volunteer. He also served as the LLLA water quality chair, as well as a lead instructor with the Inland Seas Educational Association. He now works part-time as LLLA's watershed biologist, coordinating water quality studies and technical aspects of swimmers itch. For the last seven years he has been busy trying to develop a swimmer's itch repellent.

### RON REIMINK

Ron began working on parasites responsible for causing swimmer's itch in 1977 and, in 1983, began 25 years of summer fieldwork with Dr. Harvey Blankespoor, in a partnership focused on education, research, and control of swimmer's itch on lakes in Wisconsin, Maine, and Michigan. Ron was a professional biology educator at Hudsonville High School from 1983-2015, directed the Summer Science Institute in the Rocky Mountains, and taught at the American Wilderness Leadership School in Jackson, WY. He currently volunteers at Hope College Campus Ministries during the academic year, while focusing all of his attention during the summer on innovative swimmer's itch strategies for lakes in Michigan with Freshwater Solutions, LLC.

## Is America In Retreat?

with Kip Perry and Tom Skinner

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Tuesday, August 8  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Old Art Building  
\$15

This Summinar is based on the popular documentary of the same name, produced for public television by Free To Choose Media in 2015 and broadcast nationally in the spring of 2017. Filmed in Estonia, Ukraine, Israel, Germany, and the South China Sea, the film features Brett Stephens, Bureau Chief at *The Wall Street Journal*, and is based on his book, *America in Retreat*. The issues addressed in 2015 remain amazingly relevant in 2017.



### **KIP PERRY – Producer/Director/Writer**

For over 30 years, Kip, a graduate of Northwestern University, has been producing thousands of hours of documentaries and other television program formats for NBC, CBS, ESPN, FOX, A&E, and others. He is founder and president of Parking Lot Productions, which is now engaged in a three-hour public television documentary project on American Foreign Policy for Free To Choose Media.



### **ELAN BENTOV – Producer/Director/Writer**

Elan has been producing documentary and lifestyle programming for television, online, and commercial clients for over 10 years. A close associate of Kip, Elan is currently writing and co-directing the three-part public television documentary on American Foreign Policy for Free To Choose Media.



### **TOM SKINNER – Executive Producer**

Tom is currently Senior Executive Producer for Free To Choose Media. Honors during his 50 year career in commercial and public broadcasting include: four national Emmy Awards, three Peabody Awards, a Columbia, DuPont Award, and an Academy Award as Director of the documentary feature, *Journey Into Self*.

## Let's Talk, USA

with Chris Andrews

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Wednesday, August 9  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
Old Art Building  
\$15



Chris will be speaking about his recently completed journey on foot across the United States—3,000 miles, eight months, and over 10,000 conversations along the way. The purpose of his journey was to highlight the value of face-to-face conversation in our digital age. During his talk, he will discuss how he made his way across the country and how certain interactions changed the way he understood others and himself. Additionally, he will share takeaways from his journey about how to use our digital devices as tools for life, instead of distractions from life.

### CHRIS ANDREWS

Chris Andrews was born in Buenos Aires, Argentina in 1993 and spent most of his early years in South America. After moving around until he was 15, Chris went to high school in Lancaster, PA. He attended the University of St. Andrews in Scotland for four years where he studied Spanish and Management. In his third year of study he founded the Let's Talk project and finished his journey across the United States in the spring of 2017.

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