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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Date: October 30, 2017  
Contact: Mary Coté, Customer Service Specialist  
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Re: The Long Haul: Stories of Human Migration  
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This November, the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) will partner with Humanities Washington to host conversations about human migration presented by David Fenner, a lecturer with the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau. Fenner will lead these engaging presentations at the Port Angeles Main Library on Monday, November 13 at 6pm, and again at the Sequim Branch Library on Tuesday, November 14, at 6pm.

### ***The Long Haul: Stories of Human Migration***

For more than 200,000 years, *Homo sapiens* have been moving around the planet, sometimes drawn and sometimes driven by a host of natural and manmade forces: drought, floods, crop failure, war, the quest for survival, or the hope of a better future.

Examine the roots and the routes of human migration from our beginnings in Africa, and trace our oft-branching journey into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What happens when vast numbers of our fellow humans are on the move? Led by scholar David Fenner, this talk explores the push and pull factors that cause human migration, which in turn can help us understand more fully events in the headlines and better know the mosaic of peoples who have settled in the Pacific Northwest.

### **About David Fenner**

David Fenner is an affiliate faculty member at the Jackson School of International Studies. Fenner taught “Perspectives on Muslim Immigration in Europe” at the University of Washington’s Rome Center in 2016. He is also the lead presenter for the federally-funded *Bridging Cultures* program, a series of professional development workshops for K-12 teachers in districts with large immigrant populations. He was the founding director of the World Learning Center in Muscat, Oman and served as the assistant vice provost for international education at the University of Washington from 2000 to 2007, a career that included establishing exchange programs with universities in Egypt, Morocco, Uzbekistan, Turkey, and Pakistan.

### **About Humanities Washington**

Humanities Washington sparks conversation and critical thinking using story as a catalyst, nurturing thoughtful and engaged communities across the state. Speakers Bureau is one of Humanities Washington’s oldest and most popular programs. A roster of 31 cultural experts and scholars provides low-cost, high-quality public presentations across the state, encouraging audiences to think, learn and engage in conversation. For more about Speakers Bureau, visit [www.humanities.org/programs/speakers](http://www.humanities.org/programs/speakers).

### **More information**

For additional information about this program, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org) and select “Events,” call 360.417.8500, or send an email to [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org). Programs like these are offered free to the public with the generous support of the Port Angeles Friends of the Library and the Friends of Sequim Library. The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street. The Sequim Branch Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue.



[www.humanities.org](http://www.humanities.org)



*The Long Haul: Stories of Human Migration to be presented November 13 and 14.*



*David Fenner*

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