

# The Geography of an Obligation

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**4-5pm**

**Room 4-237**

Dr. John Francis' 22 year abstinence from the use of motorized vehicles is an expression of his personal commitment to creating a sustainable world. He has walked across the US; he had sailed and walked through the Caribbean and Venezuela, Brazil, Bolivia, Argentina, and Chile. John uses his own journey as a metaphor to explore the miracle of the ordinary journey – with its moments of obligation and of passage.

Beginning with how he came to be on this journey, John will explain the meaning of the experience and the concept that a pilgrimage has for him and society. His Journey is a geographic and interior one, characterized by humorous anecdotes and misadventures as well as circumstances of tragedy, death and realization.

*To learn more about Dr. Francis*  
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