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## Discover Global Ocean Issues through Sea Education Association's Fall Lecture Series

*Topics include past and present human impacts on Pacific islands, the vast ecosystems that inhabit Caribbean and Atlantic seaweed, and plastic pollution in the marine environment*

**WOODS HOLE, MASS.** — You're invited to take a virtual sailing research voyage—and learn more about lesser-known aspects of the world's oceans from our well-traveled SEA Semester faculty—during Sea Education Association's fall lecture series.

- **Sunday, September 20 at 1 p.m.** | *The Pacific World* by Dr. Mary Malloy
- **Sunday, October 18 at 1 p.m.** | *What's the Story with Sargassum?* by Drs. Deb Goodwin, Jeff Schell and Amy Siuda
- **Sunday, November 15 at 1 p.m.** | *Plastics in the Ocean: Impacts on the Marine Environment* by Dr. Erik Zettler

*All lectures are free and open to the public and will be held at:*

Sea Education Association, James L. Madden Center Lecture Hall  
171 Woods Hole Road, Falmouth, Massachusetts

### **About the September Lecture:** *The Pacific World* by Dr. Mary Malloy

For more than a century, scholars have described an "Atlantic World," where ships connected Europe and Africa to the Americas and Caribbean, creating a web of commerce, cultural exchange, resource exploitation and devastating population loss in the New World. Because it is so much more vast than the Atlantic, it is only recently that the same kind of scrutiny is being given to the Pacific.

In this illustrated lecture, Dr. Mary Malloy will describe new ways of looking at the "Pacific World." Starting with the voyages of Polynesians, Dr. Malloy will discuss how human populations have effected and managed island environments. She will examine the impact of Europeans and Americans on cultures and ecosystems, including the collapse of indigenous populations to disease, and the decimation of a number of species that had economic value either back in the Atlantic world or in Asia, including whales, tortoises and sea otters. She will draw connections, both ancient and modern, between various destinations around the Pacific Rim and among Oceanic islands.

As Professor of Maritime Studies and Program Director of SEA Semester: The Global Ocean, Mary Malloy has traveled aboard SEA's Pacific ship, the SSV *Robert C. Seamans*, along the Northwest Coast of North America, from Hawaii to French Polynesia, and in the waters of New Zealand. She has a PhD from Brown University and has written numerous books and articles on trans-Pacific trade.

### **About Sea Education Association/SEA Semester®**

Sea Education Association (SEA) is an internationally recognized leader in undergraduate ocean education. For nearly 45 years and more than one million nautical miles sailed, SEA has educated students about the world's oceans through its Boston University accredited study abroad program, SEA Semester. SEA/SEA Semester is based on Cape Cod in the oceanographic research community of Woods Hole, Massachusetts and has two research vessels: the SSV *Corwith Cramer*, operating in the Atlantic Ocean, and the SSV *Robert C. Seamans*, operating in the Pacific.

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