

**“Save the Whales”?  
The more accurate  
statement is, “Whales save  
us!”**

**Wednesday, October 11, 2017**

**12:30 - 1:45 pm**

**Crowe Room**

The 1970s saw the launch of the Save the Whales slogan as conservation groups began pushing for the end of global whaling. Yet, as large scale whaling subsided, other man made threats including entanglements in fishing gear, ship strikes, pollution, captivity and habitat degradation increased.



**Regina Asmutis-Silvia and a whale calf**

Fast forward to 2017 where Save the Whales is no longer just a slogan but a global necessity as a growing body of research shows that the human race and planet earth are inextricably linked to the health of whale populations.

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