This course examines travel writings that focus on “New World” exploration, expansion, and colonization. It explores the technologies, both real and imagined, used by early modern travel writers to colonize the Americas and imagine “new worlds” on earth and in outer space. We will read the travel writings of “worldmakers” — that is, explorers, colonists, pirates, “scientists,” and captives. We will circumnavigate the globe with these “worldmakers” and even fly to the moon to examine how “New Worlds” were being simultaneously created and destroyed in fiction and in real life.

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**Summer Session 2: M/W 2-4:50pm**