What was the discovery of America really like?

LITR 040S
Colonial Latin America and its New World (W)

A completely new understanding of the world resulted from the conquest and colonization of Latin America by the Europeans, particularly the Spanish, during the Renaissance (1500 and 1600s). We will explore colonial Latin America and its New World in a global context through texts written by Europeans who encountered others and thereby changed the image of the world for all involved, but also through texts where the defeated tell their side of the story. In addition to works by Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, Shakespeare or the Maya from Guatemala, we will pay special attention to subjects in between different worlds, from Florida and Peru to Mozambique and Japan, and trace the emergence of the Latin American voice. As a writing course, we will emphasize skills in literary and cultural analysis, seminar-style discussion and academic writing.

Writing Course in English eligible for the Spanish major or minor and Latin American Studies credit.

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