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In 1818, a new edition of sea captain Amasa Delano’s *A Narrative of Voyages and Travels, in the Northern and Southern Hemispheres* greeted readers in the United States, marketed as especially relevant to southern readers. Delano had repeatedly set out from Boston and traversed the Pacific, Indian, and Atlantic Oceans. In their lecture, Drs. Braun and Fagan use Delano’s *Narrative* to trace the ways in which science and slavery helped create the trans-oceanic routes that defined the early Americas.

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