

## Arctic and Antarctic Explorers

You no doubt know about the expeditions of Scott and Shackleton, but there are so many more exciting polar exploration stories to captivate you. Here's your chance to learn of several others.

<b>Moderator:</b>	Gail Gaustad
<b>Co-moderator</b>	John Gaustad
<b>Date and Time:</b>	Wednesday 1:30-3:30 PM 10 weeks, starting February 21, 2018
<b>Format:</b>	Seminar
<b>Location:</b>	Smith College, Dewey Common

**Description:** Oh, but there are marvelous adventure stories about Arctic and Antarctic exploration. They tell of shipwrecks, murder, fraud, cannibalism, amazing courage, and survival against all odds. These stories are best read while safely under a snuggly quilt.

Each participant will recount one of these stories. By the end of the seminar we may well have answers to such questions as: What happened to the Franklin expedition? What was "The Worst Journey in the World"? Was Dr. Cook a scoundrel? How did Mawson, the sole survivor from his expedition, survive from dangling in a crevasse? What were Scott's mistakes? Was Captain Hall murdered?

**Role of participants:** Each participant will choose an expedition or individual explorer and tell what is important and memorable. The moderators will provide a list of examples from which to choose; participants may select others with the moderators' approval.

**Resources:** Gail has many books to lend out including: *Ghosts of Cape Sabine*, Leonard F. Guttridge; *Fatal Passage*, Ken McGoogan; *Shackleton's Forgotten Expedition*, Beau Riffenburg; and *Fatal North*, Bruce Henderson.

**About the Moderator:** Gail got hooked on polar exploration stories after reading *Mawson's Will*. She has moderated or co-moderated 7 seminars. John, a retired astronomy professor, has moderated or co-moderated 5 seminars.

**Maximum number of participants:** 18

**Emeriti accepted:** yes

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