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HORT 2150
Coffee, Cloves, & Chocolate:
Plant Explorers & Thieves

Instructor: Don Rakow
M/W 8:40-9:55 AM (3 credits)

Did you know that pepper was a major player in Europe’s “discovery” of the Americas? Or that coffee is the world’s most widely used psychotropic drug? Learn more about these and other amazing stories as we examine a botanical treasure-trove of important culinary, medicinal, industrial, and ornamental crops over time. Discover the critical roles plants have played throughout history—from saving lives, to enslaving multitudes, to pitting nation against nation.