Adventure is often associated with escaping community, leaving civilization, and "entering nature," in part because of the common view that human beings are separate from nature. In this course we'll assume the contrary, that the environment humans have built—including cities, highways, and even sewers—is part of nature and also a place of adventure and wonder. In addition to reading from books that explore the human built environment (including Looking for America on the New Jersey Turnpike and The George Washington Bridge: Poetry in Steel), we will plan a field trip, perhaps walking the length of the island of Manhattan and crossing the George Washington Bridge on foot, or hiking along the Delaware and Raritan Canal. Beyond following the professor's research agenda, the goal here is to have fun, to engage your imagination in relation to your immediate surroundings and environment, and to see the familiar world differently.