

ALAN TAYLOR

Born in Portland, Maine on June 17, 1955, Alan Taylor attended Colby College, graduating in 1977. After serving as a researcher for historic preservation in the United States Virgin Islands (1977-79), he pursued graduate study at Brandeis University, receiving his Ph.d in American History in 1986. After a postdoctoral fellowship at the Institute of Early American History and Culture (Williamsburg, Virginia), he taught in the history department at Boston University from 1987 to 1994. Since 1994, he has been a professor at the University of California at Davis, where he teaches courses in early American history, the history of the American West, and the history of Canada. Starting in August 2014, he will hold the Thomas Jefferson Foundation Chair in the Corcoran History Department of the University of Virginia.

He long served as the faculty advisor for the California State Social Science and History Project, which provides curriculum support and professional development for K-12 teachers in history and social studies. In 2002 he won the University of California at Davis Award for Teaching and Scholarly Achievement and the Phi Beta Kappa, Northern California Association, Teaching Excellence Award.

Taylor has published seven books: *Liberty Men and Great Proprietors: The Revolutionary Settlement on the Maine Frontier, 1760-1820* (1990); *William Cooper's Town: Power and Persuasion on the Frontier of the Early Republic*, (1995); *American Colonies* (2001); *Writing Early American History* (2005); *The Divided Ground: Indians, Settlers, and the Northern Borderland of the American Revolution* (2006); *The Civil War of 1812: American Citizens, British Subjects, Irish Rebels, & Indian Allies* (2010); *The Internal Enemy: Slavery and War in Virginia* (2013). He will publish an eighth book, *American Revolutions: A Continental History* in September 2016.

William Cooper's Town won the Pulitzer Prize for American history in addition to the Bancroft and Beveridge prizes. *The Internal Enemy* won the Pulitzer Prize for American history and the Merle Curti Prize for Social History (OAH). *American Colonies* won the 2001 Gold Medal for Non-Fiction from the Commonwealth Club of California. *The Divided Ground* won the 2007 Society for Historians of the Early Republic book prize and the 2004-7 Society of the Cincinnati triennial book prize. *The Civil War of 1812* won the Empire State History Prize and was a finalist for the George Washington Prize.