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The On the Road with California Humanities series features Pulitzer Prize winners in dialogue with notable thinkers and the community, examining contemporary issues to guide California along the path to a vibrant future.

On the Importance of Historical Literacy: What Good is History?

March 25, 2016 — 7:30pm — Huntington Library, Los Angeles

Two of America's most talented historians, Alan Taylor and Elizabeth "Lil" Fenn join in conversation about the relevance of history and the humanities in today's times, and we should listen to them. Why? Because history matters, because history is the fragile tether that not only connects us to what and who came before us, it is by way of history that "then" has become "now." Asking questions of history brings perspective, knowledge, maybe even lessons.



Alan Taylor

Two-time Pulitzer Prize winner

the Thomas Jefferson Chair in American History at the University of Virginia is the recipient of two Pulitzer Prizes. A renowned scholar of early America, his historical research ranges across questions of belonging, of racial politics and identity in the colonial era, and of the politics and economics of the infant American republic.



Elizabeth "Lil" Fenn

Pulitzer Prize winner

is the Walter and Lucienne Driskill Professor of Western American History and Chair of the History Department at the University of Colorado, Boulder. She won a Pulitzer Prize for her innovative history of the Mandan peoples of the northern Great Plains, and she is also the author of a penetrating study of the role of smallpox in the history of North America.