Lecture Series Established

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series has been established at the University of Virginia to bring to the university eminent scholars whose research will provide fresh insights into topics related to Jefferson.

Underwritten by the Thomas Jefferson Foundation, Inc., the lecture series will be launched in October with three noted speakers on the transformation of America and the West that was sparked by the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Presenting the inaugural lectures during the week of Oct. 10-14 will be Alan Taylor, Pulitzer Prize-winning professor of history at the University of California at Davis; Kenneth Prewitt, dean of the Graduate Faculty at the New School University in New York; and David Hurst Thomas, curator of North American archaeology at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

“It is highly fitting that the inaugural lectures in this series be related to the Lewis and Clark Expedition,” said UVa President John T. Casteen III. “The opening of the vast American continent ranks among Thomas Jefferson’s greatest visions and achievements.”

The Thomas Jefferson Foundation Distinguished Lecture Series will be held every two years, in part to allow time for intensive new research into Jefferson’s life, times and legacy.