

Jon Kukla – Tour Guide for March 14th Bus Tour!

Jon Kukla completed his undergraduate studies at Carthage College and his Ph.D. at the University of Toronto, where he focused on early American, British, and Canadian history. Former director of Red Hill–The Patrick Henry National Memorial in Charlotte County, Kukla has published dozens of articles and reviews in professional journals during the past half century, and his recent books aspire to make first-rate historical scholarship accessible for general readers.

Kukla's most recent book, *Patrick Henry: Champion of Liberty* (Simon & Schuster, 2017) is both the definitive biography of Henry and a sweeping narrative about the Revolution in Virginia. It won the Slatten Award for Biography from the Virginia Museum of History and Culture and was a finalist for the George Washington Prize as well as the Library of Virginia's People's Choice Award. His previous books include *Mr. Jefferson's Women* (Knopf, 2007) and *A Wilderness So Immense: The Louisiana Purchase and the Destiny of America* (Knopf, 2003) – both were Book-of-the-Month and History Book Club selections. He is currently reassessing the origins of the American Revolution in a book entitled *Rehearsal for Revolution: The Stamp Act Rebellion, 1764-1766*.