

Emeritus Professor Thomas Griffith Taylor

The degree of Doctor of Letters (*honoris causa*) was conferred upon Emeritus Professor Thomas Griffith Taylor, distinguished geographer and explorer, and sometime Professor of Geography at this University, at a special meeting of Senate held on 15 April 1959 in the Great Hall.

Citation

Emeritus Professor Thomas Griffith Taylor joined the Commonwealth Weather Service in 1910 and this laid the basis of his interest in weather and climatology, which has persisted throughout his whole career.

He was appointed Senior Geologist to Scott's last expedition in 1910 and Leader of the Western parties in the Antarctic, 1911-12.

Following a short period as Lecturer in Physicgraphy in the University of Melbourne, he was appointed Associate Professor of Geography to set up a Department of Geography in the University of Sydney.

He left Australia to accept an appointment as Professor of Geography at the University of Chicago, which he held from 1929-35, when he was invited to commence a Department of Geography at the University of Toronto as Professor of Geography. He held this position until 1951 when he retired.

He has many publications and has received recognition as an outstanding geographer. He was appointed President of Section E. (Geography), British Association for the Advancement of Science, President of the Association of American Geographers, and President of the Canadian Geographers.

Since his return to Australia he has been appointed a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Science. He maintained a very active interest in Geography, at the time of the award being President of the Geographical Society of New South Wales.

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