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TEACHING & MENTORSHIP PHILOSOPHY

- I believe that helping students become **LIFE-LONG LEARNERS** is crucial. It is important to encourage students to recognize that upon college graduation, their education is not finished; it will, hopefully, continue throughout their personal and professional lives.
- I believe it is important for students to **APPLY FAMILY THEORIES AND CONCEPTS TO THEIR PERSONAL LIVES**. If assignments and discussions are built around students' past, current, and future relationships, the principles come to life and become more applicable.
- I believe that students must be given **OPPORTUNITIES FOR "HAND-ON" EXPERIENCES** that help them see, experience and better understand multicultural societies. Students must leave the classroom at times in order to experience real life issues and people. Since 2013, nearly 600 ECU students have participated in my Study Abroad programs.
- I believe students must learn how to **COLLABORATE WITH OTHERS** and learn from one another. Upon graduation, students will likely be situated in work place settings requiring collaboration and cooperation among co-workers. Learning teamwork skills and how to cooperate with others will greatly enhance students' future careers.

RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP



FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION:

- Co-edited 3 books regarding family life education
- Co-authored 13 journal articles/chapters related to FLE practices

GRANDFATHER-GRANDCHILD RELATIONSHIPS:

- Co-authored 12 journal articles/chapters related to grandparenting

YOUNG ADULT RELATIONSHIPS:

- Co-authored 7 journal articles related to young adult relationships

FAMILY THEORIES:

- Co-authored 4 journal articles related to family theories

RECENT PUBLICATIONS CO-AUTHORED WITH STUDENTS (GRAD=Red; UG=Orange)

- Almond, L. L., Rodriguez-Vongsavanh, Y. & Taylor, A. C. (2021). Racial and ethnic influence in online dating perceptions. *Sexuality & Culture*. 25(2), 152-166 <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12119-020-09763-z>
- Almond, L. L., Harcourt, K. T., & Taylor, A. C. (2019). On-line dating: Is hooking up the goal? *Psychology Research and Applications*. 1(4), 81-88.
- Melowski, J. E., Brimhall, A. S., Booth, J. G., Jorgensen, B. L. & Taylor, A. C. (2016). Livin' la vida pura: Exploring student experiences of happiness while studying abroad in Costa Rica. *Journal of Education and Human Development*
- Taylor, A. C., Schweichler, J. T., Jorgensen, B. L., McKown, E. H., & Teresak, M. (2014). Parental support behaviors for children participating in community soccer programs. *The Sport Journal*, 17.
- Taylor, A. C., Fisackerly, B. L., Maurer, E. R., & Taylor, K.D. (2013). Grandma, tell me another story: Family narratives and their impact on young adult development. *Marriage & Family Review*. 49, 367-390



AWARDS & HONORS

- Recipient of the 2021 Cognella Innovations in Teaching Family Science Award (Awarded at the 2021 Annual Conference of the National Council on Family Relations, November 2021)
- Recipient of the 2019 HDFS Global Education Award, ECU.
- Recipient of the 2016 HDFS Outstanding Administrator Award, ECU.
- Recipient of the 2014 CDFR Annual Research Award, ECU.
- Recipient of the 2012 Robert L. Jones Award for Outstanding Teaching/ East Carolina Alumni Association's Outstanding Teaching Award.
- Recipient of the 2011 CDFR Annual Outstanding Teacher Award, ECU.

STUDENT FEEDBACK...

"Dr. Taylor is someone who I feel is a role model that is driven not only by what research can do for the field, but more importantly by what the field can gain from those he mentors and educates. Through compassion, respect, humor, wisdom, and a strong work ethic he is able to motivate students to do anything that they put their minds to." -- HDFS UG Student

STUDY ABROAD LOCATIONS (2013-2022)

-- 15 Different Programs going to 18 Countries

- Italy & Spain (2013)
- Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland & France (2014; 2022)
- South Africa (2017)
- Italy, Turkey & Greece (2016; 2019)
- Italy, France, Monaco & Spain (2015; 2018)
- Australia, New Zealand & Cook Islands (2015; 2017; 2019)
- Costa Rica (2014; 2017)
- Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland & England (2016; 2022)



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"I truly believe that participating in study abroad can be life changing. It opens students' eyes to the world they live in."

Alan Taylor, Faculty
Human Development and Family Science