

# Tech Tuesday March 5, 2024 2:00 pm Central Time (Zoom) Women's History Month Series

# Theme: Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity and Inclusion



Dr. Taylor has worked extensively in higher education for over 35 years holding positions as a tenured faculty member, university administrator, Assistant Athletic Director of Academic Affairs/Senior Woman Administrator, and Chief Academic Officer.

In addition, Dr. Taylor is a life long advocate for the deaf and is an American Sign Language interpreter in all sectors, including government, education, corporate, medical, legal, and the entertainment industry for four decades.

Dr. Taylor has interpreted for notable individuals such as President Barack Obama, Joe Biden, and close to 200 celebrities including Ellen DeGeneres, Whoopi Goldberg, Samuel L. Jackson, Oprah Winfrey, Lee Daniels, and was the Official Interpreter for the annual Savannah Children's Book Festival, 2001-2017.

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### Dr. Dana L. Taylor

#### Biography

Dr. Dana L. Taylor is a practicing psychotherapist, licensed professional counselor, national certified counselor, certified professional counselor supervisor, board certified tele-mental health counselor, certified sex therapy informed professional, and a registered mediator with the Georgia Office of Dispute Resolution. She is a member of the National Center for Crisis Management in collaboration with the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress, American Counseling Association, and Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.

She is the founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Elijah Agency, LLC, developed in 1993. The agency provides a variety of professional services: mental health counseling, corporate training, professional development on a myriad of topics, grant writing, executive consulting, mediation, and interpreting for the deaf.

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As an experienced grant writer, Dr. Taylor has prepared, formulated, and composed grants and proposals, while seeking appropriate grant makers. She has obtained grants for non-profit community agencies, such as Deaf Community Services-San Diego, Lamar University, and others. As a former board member, serving as Vice President of Grants for the Beaumont Civic Ballet, she successfully contributed to fundraising for their annual events.

In addition, Dr. Taylor is an American Sign Language interpreter for the deaf and has interpreted in all sectors, including government, educational, corporate, medical, legal, and the entertainment industry for four decades. She has interpreted for notable individuals such as President Barack Obama, Vice President Joe Biden, Ellen DeGeneres, Whoopi Goldberg, Samuel L. Jackson, and many others.

Dr. Taylor earned a Doctor of Education in Pastoral Community Counseling and has completed post graduate courses in Behavior Analysis. She holds a Master of Arts in Forensic Psychology and a Master of Science in Education, specializing in School Psychology. She obtained her Bachelor of Science in Education, Elementary Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Education. In addition, Dr. Taylor completed a Professional-in-Residence at the Betty Ford Center in Palm Desert, California.