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## CURRICULUM VITA

### BIOGRAPHY

In her position as an assistant professor and basic course director in the Department of Communication at the University of South Alabama, April DuPree Taylor teaches communication courses to undergraduate and graduate students. She also works extensively with graduate students and part-time teaching faculty to develop instruction and assessment material for the basic public speaking course. Her scholarly interests include communication apprehension and its effects on delivering effective public speeches.

### EDUCATION

University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama  
Doctor of Philosophy, Instructional Design and Development  
August 2011

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Master of Science, Communication  
August 1998

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Bachelor of Science, English  
August 1994

### EXPERIENCE

University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama  
Assistant Professor and Public Speaking Course Director  
Department of Communication  
August 1998 to present

Pearl River Community College, Poplarville, Mississippi  
Part-time Instructor  
Department of English Language  
August 1996 to July 1998

University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
Graduate Teaching Assistant  
Department of Communication  
August 1996 to May 1998

Alpha Christian School, Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher  
August 1994 to May 1997

## **SCHOLARLY WORK**

### **Publications**

- Wilson, J., Sparks, M. S., Taylor, A. D. (2014). *Public speaking for success* (3<sup>rd</sup> Ed.). Boston, MA: Pearson.
- Wilson, J., Sparks, M. S., Taylor, A. D. (2013). *Public speaking for success* (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.). New York: New York: Pearson.
- Wilson, J., Sparks, M. S., Taylor, A. D. (2012). *Public speaking for success*. New York: New York: Pearson.

### **Presentations and Panel Discussions**

- "Student-Centered Teaching: Building Relationships, Authentic Learning, and Critical Thinking" Presented with Dr. Phil Carr, at the Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama, May 12, 2021.
- "Teaching FYE: Don't just survive, thrive!" Presented with Dr. Chrystal Thomas at the Conference on Teaching and Learning, University of South Alabama, May 7, 2018.
- "Use of self-and-peer-review to reduce communication apprehension to improve speech performance of undergraduates." Presented with Dr. Gail Davidson-Shivers at the EdMedia World Conference, Montreal, Canada, June 2015.
- "Female to female interactions in an online debate." Presented with Dr. Gail Davidson-Shivers at the Educational Research Association Annual Convention, Montreal, Quebec, April 2005.
- Panelist: "Looking for a deeper content in nonverbal communication: Nonverbal messages in pictorial images." National Communication Association Annual Convention, Chicago, Illinois, November 2000.
- "Media's portrayal of female athletes in the 1996 Olympics." Discussion presented with Dr. Pete Smith at the Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, Texas, 1998.
- "Communication apprehension: A look at its origin and its effects." Poster session with Dr. Susan Siltanen, Southern States Communication Association Annual Convention, San Antonio, Texas, 1998.

### **Workshops**

- "Successful interviewing." Workshop presented at the Mississippi High School Leaders Forum, Hattiesburg High School, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, April 2017.
- "Helping GenEd students succeed." Panel participant at New Faculty Development Day Workshop, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, August 2015.
- "Delivering effective public speeches." Workshop presented at the Mississippi Municipal League Youth Summit, University of Southern Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, February 2013.
- "Strategies for effective communication." Workshop presented at the Michael Figures Leadership Experience, University of South Alabama, Mobile, Alabama, June 2003.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **National**

- Member, National Communication Association (NCA) 1996- present
- Member, American Educational Research Association (AERA) 2003- present

### **State/Regional**

- Member, Southern States Communication Association (SSCA) 1996- present
- Member, Alabama Communication Association (ACA) 1996- present

**Institutional: University of South Alabama**

- Member, University of South Alabama Black Faculty Staff Association, 2017-present
- Member, University of South Alabama Inclusion and Diversity Committee, 2016-present
- University of South Alabama, College of Arts and Sciences, Gender Studies Committee, 2015-present
- University of South Alabama General Education Committee, 2015-2018
- University of South Alabama, College of Arts and Sciences, Support and Development Awards Committee, 2014
- University of South Alabama Admissions and Records Committee, 2013-present
- University of South Alabama Freshman Leadership Scholarship Committee, 2012-present
- University of South Alabama Student Marshall for Commencement Exercises, 2004-2012
- University of South Alabama Student Marshall for Commencement Exercises, Spring 2019
- University of South Alabama President's Advisory Committee on Diversity, 2003-2012
- University of South Alabama Host Committee for Recruiting Diverse Faculty, 2003-2012
- University of South Alabama Faculty Senate, 2003- 2009

**Community Service/Affiliations**

- Leadership Pinebelt Selection Committee, 2004-present
- Alpha Kappa Sorority, Incorporated, (AKA) 1999- present
- National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPCH) 1999- present
- Jack and Jill of America Oratorical Contest Judge, 2015-2018
- Mobile Christian High School Speech Contest Judge, 2002-2006
- Alabama Power High School Speech Contest Judge, 2002-2004
- Miss Southern Mississippi Pageant Interview Coach, 2001-2003