

Appendix 1: Jerome Taylor, PhD

Jerome Taylor, PhD, formerly faculty member in clinical psychology, director of the Clinical Psychology Center, Chair of the graduate program in social psychology, chair of psychology's racial justice committee, and chair of the Department of Africana Studies; currently faculty member in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh and founder and president of The Center for Family Excellence, Inc.

Achievement profile:

- University Chancellor's Distinguished Public Service Award;
- University of Pittsburgh Black Alumni Pioneer in Civil Rights Award;
- Alan Lesgold Award for Excellence in Urban Education;
- College of General Studies Students' Choice Award;
- Men of Excellence Award, *The New Pittsburgh Courier*;
- Certificate of Recognition, Allegheny County Office of County Council;
- National Archived HistoryMaker Award;
- NEED Lifetime Achievement Award;
- Highest award given for research and development by the international Association of Black Psychologists;
- Invitations from universities predominately Black (e.g., Howard, Hampton, Morgan State) and predominately White (e.g., Princeton, Yale, Oxford) to share results of his research and development activities; and
- Three different invitations from President Barack Obama to offer advice to commissions and advisory teams focusing on educational justice and community wellbeing.
- Letter of commendation from President Bill Clinton recognizing contributions to family, community, and society.
- Recent appointment to editorial board of the *Negro Educational Review: An International Journal*.

In Taylor's prior role as faculty member in Pitt's Department of Psychology, he chaired more than 25 dissertation committees of black students—the record number of black PhD's supervised and graduated by any faculty member in the history of the department. These former students now serve as tenured professors, department chairs, college deans, provosts, and presidents and as successful civic leaders, elected politicians, agency heads, and clinical practitioners.

The Center for Family Excellence Inc. which Taylor founded has received:

- The Alfred W. Wishart Jr. Award which acknowledges the Center as best-managed nonprofit organizations in Western Pennsylvania;
- Visits by social service organizations within the USA and from two foreign countries;
- Recognition by former Governor Tom Ridge who identified our *Values for Life* program as the best violence prevention program in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Center developed interventions have been implemented on black, white, Latino, Indian, and immigrant families of low-to-middle income in 81 municipalities of Pennsylvania's Allegheny County, in Pennsylvania's Greene and Washington counties, in Chicago, IL and Tallahassee, FL.

Beyond U.S. borders, Taylor and his colleagues have conducted sponsored research in seven nations in the Caribbean (Aruba, Barbados, Dominican Republic, St. Croix, St. Johns, St. Thomas, and US Virgin

Islands) and four nations in Africa (Botswana, Namibia, South Africa, and Zimbabwe). Also, his doctoral and postdoctoral students have completed sponsored research in nine states of the USA (California, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee).

Ecosystemically, we have worked with children, their parents, parent surrogates, and relatives (Microsystem); with educational systems, human services, training and employment agencies, juvenile delinquency, criminal justice, child welfare systems, faith-based, and justice-minded organizations (Mesosystem); with initiatives that decrease negative impacts of public and social media (Exosystem); and with a broad range of policy makers from the White House and State House to Municipal Governments (Macrosystem).

Finally, we note that policies and practices linked to *Justice Works* in particular have received political support from elected officials. Examples: (1) Pittsburgh's Mayor William Peduto, three members of Pittsburgh City Council, and all winners of the 2017 election for the Pittsburgh School Board support *Justice Works* and (2) an earlier version of *Justice Works* was well received by current Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and member of his cabinet that included Pennsylvania Secretary of Education Pedro Rivera and Secretary of Human Services Ted Dallas. We are thankful to Pennsylvania State Legislator Jake Wheatley who arranged this meeting and to the Pennsylvania Legislative Black Caucus who many years ago helped launch our journey with a research and development award of \$500,000. The full list of 21 local, state, and federal sponsors that also have supported our journey over the years is available on request.

Classes now taught in Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh

- Sex and Racism
- Learning Paradigms
- Black Families
- Directed Research