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Education

<i>M.Div. in Theology</i> , Vanderbilt Divinity School, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee	2002-2005
<i>B.A. in Theater/Playwriting</i> , Columbia College, Chicago, Illinois	1989-1993

Positions Held

<i>Associate Director of Communications and Dissemination</i> , Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, Nashville, Tennessee	2007 to present
<i>Coordinator of Disabilities, Religion, and Spirituality Program</i> , Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, Nashville, Tennessee	2009 to present
<i>Coordinator of Tennessee Kindred Stories of Disability</i> , Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, Nashville, Tennessee	2009 to present
<i>Communications Coordinator</i> , Vanderbilt Kennedy Center, Nashville, Tennessee	2006-2007

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. Carter, E.W., Boehm, T. L., Annandale, N., & **Taylor, C. E.** (in press). Supporting Congregational Inclusion for Children and Youth with Intellectual Disability or Autism and Their Families. *Exceptional Children*.
2. Liu, E. X., Carter, E. W., Boehm, T. L., Annandale, N., & **Taylor, C. E.** (2014). In their own words: The place of faith in the lives of young people with intellectual disability and autism. *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*, 52, 388-404.
3. Griffin, M., Wingo Kane, L., **Taylor, C.**, Francis, S., & Hodapp, R. (2012). Characteristics of inclusive faith communities: a preliminary survey of inclusive practices in the United States. *Journal of Applied Research in Intellectual Disabilities*, Jul; 25(4):383-91.

Other Publications

1. Jenkins, R., & **Taylor, C.** (2014). Holding High Expectations from an Early Age. *TASH Connections*, 40(1), 15-19.

2. Cone, A., Day, T., Whitmore, M., & **Taylor, C.** (2014). Promoting Employment Outcomes Through Postsecondary Education Programs. *TASH Connections*, 40(1), 26-32.
3. **Taylor, C. E.**, Carter, E. W., Annandale, N. H., Boehm, T. L., & Logeman, A. K. (2014). *Welcoming people with developmental disabilities and their families: A practical guide for congregations*. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt Kennedy Center.
4. **Taylor, C.** (2013). Letting Go: Parents Sending Students With Intellectual Disabilities to College. *Exceptional Parent*, 43(3), 17-19.
5. **Taylor, C.**, & Carter, E. W. (2013). Known for my strengths: Rethinking our introductions. *Breaking Ground*, 71, 10-11.
6. Carter, E. W., **Taylor, C. E.**, Ault, M., Collins, B., Kleinert, H., & Tyree, M. (2012). Recent research on spiritual supports: What we know and where we might go. *TASH Connections*, 38(1), 31-34.
Taylor, C. (2013, May).

Presentations

1. **Taylor, C.** (2015, April). *Disabilities, Religion, and Flourishing*. Cultural Impact of Race, Religion, & Language on Disability Conference of Tennessee Disability Pathfinder, Nashville, TN.
2. **Taylor, C.** (2013, May). *Sharing Your Stories: Advocacy Through Personal Storytelling*. Tennessee Disability MegaConference, Nashville, TN.
3. **Taylor, C.** (2013, April). *Sharing Your Stories: Advocacy Through Personal Storytelling*. 4th Annual Autism Conference Autism: Life Transitions, Chattanooga, TN.
4. **Taylor, C.** (2013, April) *Faith & Flourishing: Is it really better to give than receive?* 5th Annual Tennessee Adult Brothers and Sisters Conference, Nashville, TN.
5. Carter, E. W., **Taylor, C.**, & Boehm, T. (2012, December). *Strengths and well-being among individuals with significant disabilities: Helping young people flourish*. Poster presentation. Association of University Centers on Disabilities Conference. Washington, DC.
6. **Taylor, C.** (2009, November). *Training Future Religious and Spiritual Leaders*. Annual Meeting of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, Washington, DC.
7. **Taylor, C.** (2008, March). *Disability, Religion, and Family Quality of Life*. Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.
8. **Taylor, C.** (2007, November). *Launching a Disability, Religion, and Spirituality Initiative*. Annual Meeting of the Association of University Centers on Disabilities, Washington, DC.

Webinars

Taylor, C. (2015, April). *Strategies for Congregations to Use in Building Awareness and Commitment Within Congregations*. National Collaborative on Faith and Disability (NCFD).

Grants and Research

Carter, E.W., Amado, A., Gaventa, W., Nord, D., Seay, P., Tyree, M., **Taylor, C.** (2014-2016). *Putting Faith to Work*. Kessler Foundation.

Carter, E.W., **Taylor, C.** (2012-2013). *Strengths, Spirituality, and Well-Being Among Young People with Autism or Intellectual Disabilities*. Vanderbilt Kennedy Center Discovery Grant in Positive Psychology.

Urbano, M.T., **Taylor, C.** (2008-2009) *Individuals With Disabilities and Full Participation in Communities of Faith: A Means to Health and Well-Being*. Vanderbilt Center for Medicine, Health, and Society

Special Honors or Awards

Integrity Award, *The Arc Tennessee*, (2013)

Service, Boards, and Alliances

National Collaborative on Faith and Disabilities

Dissemination Coordinator (2013-present)

The Arc Tennessee

Board Member and Chair of Public Awareness Committee (2014-present)

Next Chapter Book Club

Reading Facilitator (2013 to present)

Tennessee Alliance for Postsecondary Education Opportunities for Students With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Dissemination and member (2011-present)

Vanderbilt University Staff Advisory Committee

Member (2009-2011)

East Nashville Hope Exchange

Reading Instructor (2008)