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Education

2006	Ph.D.	University of Arizona, Anthropology
2000	M.A.	Texas A&M University, English
1995	B.A.	Texas State University, English

Research Specializations

- Language, gender, culture, and identity
- Youth and social media
- Teasing and gossip practices
- Childhood obesity and body image
- Adolescent and emerging adult health
- Ethnographic and applied research methods
- Contemporary U.S. and educational settings

Employment/Professional Experience

2016 –	Associate Professor , Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX
2011-16	Director of Scholar Programs , The School for Advanced Research, Santa Fe, NM
2015-16	Adjunct Faculty Member , Department of Anthropology, The University of New Mexico
2008-11	Research Associate , RMC Research, Portland, OR
2007-08	Program Advisor , Education Northwest, Portland, OR
2006-07	Program Evaluator , Luz Social Services, Tucson, AZ
1995-98	English Teacher , Hays High School, Buda, TX

Publications

Books

- 2016 Taylor, Nicole. [*Schooled on Fat: What Teens Tell Us About Gender, Body Image, and Obesity*](#). New York: Routledge (Innovative Ethnographies Series).
- Best Non-fiction Book of the Year, Reviewer's Choice Award, [2016-17 Reader Views Literary Awards](#)
 - First place, Societal Issues, [2016-17 Reader Views Literary Awards](#)
 - Finalist, [New Mexico-Arizona Book Awards](#), Anthropology/Archaeology category, November 2016.

Refereed Articles and Chapters

- 2019 Tamir, Orit, and Nicole Taylor. Nontraditional Students: Understanding and Meeting their Needs in the Anthropology Classroom. *Teaching & Learning Anthropology* (Special Issue) 2(2):25-40.
- 2019 Morey, Taylor, and Nicole Taylor. Understanding How Undergraduate Students Experience and Manage Stress. Implications for Teaching and Learning Anthropology. *Teaching & Learning Anthropology* (Special Issue) 2(2):41-61.
- 2017 Taylor, Nicole. Fat is a Linguistic Issue: Discursive Negotiation of Power, Identity, and the Gendered Body among Youth. In *Fat Planet: Obesity, Culture, and Symbolic Body Capital*. Eileen Anderson-Fye and Alexandra Brewis, eds. Pp. 125-147. Santa Fe, NM; Albuquerque, NM: SAR Press; University of New Mexico Press.
- 2017 Taylor, Nicole, and Mimi Nichter. Studying Body Image and Food Consumption Practices. In *Research Methods in the Anthropology of Food and Nutrition*. John A. Brett and Janet Chrzan, eds. Pp. 58-69. Oxford, UK: Berghahn Books.
- 2017 Taylor, Nicole, and Mimi Nichter. Body Image: Supporting Healthy Behaviors on College Campuses. In *Further Wellness Issues for Higher Education: How to Promote Student Health During and After College*. David S. Anderson, ed. Pp. 19-37. New York: Routledge.
- 2012 Merrill, Marina, Nicole Taylor, Alison Martin, Lauren Maxim, Ryan D'Ambrosio, Roy Gabriel, Stacy Wendt, Danyelle Mannix, and Michael Wells. A Mixed-Method Exploration of Functioning in Safe Schools/Healthy Students Partnerships. *Evaluation and Program Planning* (Special Issue) 35(2):280-286.

- 2019 How to Talk to Your Kids about Weight, [NBC Better](#) (Sept 8)
- 2017 Author interview, [Inside Scoop Live](#) (July 12)
- 2016 [How Teens Experience Fat Teasing and Body Image During a Time of Heightened Obesity Stigma](#). Huffington Post Blog (July 21).

Under Review

Taylor, Nicole, Louie Dean Valencia, Alejandro Allen, and Ashley Stinnett. Images and Ethics in Social Media Research. *Human Organization*.

In Preparation - Journal Articles

Taylor, Nicole, and Mimi Nichter. #No Filters: Body Image and Beauty Production in Social Media. *American Ethnologist*.

Taylor, Nicole, and Mimi Nichter. "Do it for the "Gram": Daily Social Media Practices among College Students." *Emerging Adulthood*.

Allen, Alejandro, and Nicole Taylor. Study More, Eat Less: How College Students Experience Food Insecurity. *Practicing Anthropology*.

In Preparation - Books

Taylor, Nicole, and Mimi Nichter. *A Filtered Life: Constructing Identities, Communities, and Perceptions in Social Media*. NYU Press or Routledge.

Grants, Scholarships, and Fellowships

External - Funded

- 2018 Primary Investigator (co-PI, Alejandro Allen, BA), National Science Foundation, Research Experience for Graduates (REG) Grant, "Food for Thought: Understanding the Experiences of College Students Living with Food Insecurity" (Supplemental Request), Texas State University (\$6,000).
- 2017 Primary Investigator, National Science Foundation, Early-concept Grant for Exploratory Research (EAGER), "Ethical and Methodological Challenges in Social Media Research," Texas State University (\$29,851).
- 2016 Primary Investigator, National Science Foundation, Senior Research Program, "Support for Research Team Seminars," School for Advanced Research. (\$136,424). Led the development of grant proposal.

- 2015 Primary Investigator, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, “Mellon Doctoral and Postdoctoral Research Fellowships for Underrepresented Minority Scholars,” School for Advanced Research. Co-authored grant proposal with SAR president and chief financial officer (\$350,000).
- 2014 Interim Primary Investigator, Anne Ray Charitable Trust, three proposals applied for and awarded: (1) “Promoting Intellectual Training for Museum Professionals”; (2) “Howells Property Acquisition”; (3) “IARC Conservation and Outreach Programming,” School for Advanced Research (\$689,908). Led the development of grant proposals and served as interim PI for one year.
- 2013 Co-Primary Investigator (with John Kantner), National Science Foundation, “Support for Research Team Seminars,” School for Advanced Research. Co-authored grant proposal with SAR vice president (\$99,500).
- 2008 Co-Primary Investigator (with Raul Bueno), U.S. Department of Education, “Raza Alcohol Reduction Education Project,” Grants to Reduce Alcohol, Luz Social Services, (\$313,758). Co-authored grant proposal with program team.
- 2007 Co-Primary Investigator (with Nastia Snider-Simon), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, “Cariño y Salud HIV/AIDS Prevention Project,” Discretionary Grant Program, Luz Social Services (\$749,647). Co-authored grant proposal with coalition director.
- 2004 American Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women (\$20,000).
- 2002 Datatel Scholars Foundation Scholarship, Datatel Inc. (\$1,000).

Internal - Funded

- 2005 Graduate Trust Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$1,000).
- 2003 Edward H. Spicer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$1,000).
- 2002 Women’s Studies Advisory Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona (\$500).
- Graduate Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute, University of Arizona (\$1,000).
- Edward H. Spicer Research Grant, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona (\$1,000).

2000 Women's Studies Advisory Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona (\$500).

Department of Women's Studies Travel Grant, Texas A&M University (\$500).

Center for Humanities Research Travel Grant, Texas A&M University (\$1,000).

Research Experience

2017-19 **Ethical and Methodological Challenges in Social Media Research**, Primary Investigator, Texas State University. An ethnographic study exploring how college students construct identities and experience body image in social media. Designed study and led research team in data collection, which included individual interviews, focus groups, and participant observation in popular social media sites. Funded by the National Science Foundation.

2008-11 **Alliance for a Healthier Generation's Healthy Schools Program**, Member of cross-site evaluation team, RMC Research, Portland, OR. A national initiative to reduce the incidence of childhood obesity, founded by the American Heart Association and the Clinton Foundation, and funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Contributed to qualitative data collection, analysis, and presentation of findings.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative, Member of cross-site evaluation team, RMC Research, Portland, OR. A national program to promote mental health among students and create safe learning environments, jointly funded by the U.S. Departments of Education, Health and Human Services, and Justice. Contributed to qualitative data collection, analysis, and presentation of findings.

2007-08 **Montana and Oregon GEAR UP**, Member of state evaluation teams, Education Northwest, Portland, OR. State programs to help students in low-income secondary schools prepare for and succeed in postsecondary education, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Contributed to qualitative and quantitative data collection, analysis, presentation of findings, and consultation with program staff.

STEP UP, Lead evaluator, Education Northwest, Portland, OR. A locally funded program designed to facilitate students' transition from middle to high school and reduce dropout rates in Portland Public Schools. Designed and conducted evaluation, including all data collection, analysis, presentation of findings, and consultation with program staff.

- 2006-07 **Drug-Free Communities Coalition**, Lead evaluator, Luz Social Services, Tucson, AZ. A substance abuse prevention program implemented in nine mining communities located north of Tucson, Arizona, funded by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention. Designed and conducted evaluation, including all data collection, analysis, presentation of findings, and consultation with program staff.
- Healthy Community Coalition**, Lead evaluator, Luz Social Services, Tucson, AS. An HIV/AIDS prevention program implemented in Mammoth/San Manuel, Arizona, funded by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. Designed and conducted evaluation, including all data collection, analysis, presentation of findings, and consultation with program staff.
- Youth Mentorship Initiative**, Lead evaluator, Luz Social Services, Tucson, AZ. An adult-to-youth mentoring program for youth in Tucson, Arizona, funded by the U.S. Department of Education. Designed and conducted evaluation, including all data collection, analysis, presentation of findings, and consultation with program staff.
- Peer Mentorship Initiative**, Lead evaluator, Luz Social Services, Tucson, AZ. A peer-to-peer mentoring program for youth in Mammoth/San Manuel, AZ, funded by the Arizona Governor's Office. Designed and conducted evaluation, including all data collection, analysis, presentation of findings, and consultation with program staff.
- 2003-04 **Constructing Gendered Identities through Discourse: Body Image, Exercise, Food Consumption, and Teasing Practices among Adolescents**, Primary Investigator, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona. Dissertation research examining how youth construct gendered, body-conscious identities and negotiate the social hierarchy of a high school through linguistic practices related to body image, fat stigma, food, and exercise. Designed study and conducted yearlong ethnographic research, including individual interviews, focus group interviews, and daily participant observation. Funded by a fellowship from the American Association of University Women and a grant from the University of Arizona Department of Anthropology.
- 2002 **Experiencing Obesity Stigma across Contexts**, Primary Investigator, Rudd Center for Food Policy Research, Yale University. A three-month pilot study focusing on how obese adult women and men have experienced weight-related stigma in medical, educational, and professional settings. Designed research and conducted individual and focus group interviews. Funded by grants from the University of Arizona Department of Women's Studies, Department of Anthropology, and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

2001-03 **Smoking among College Students: An Ethnographic Study**, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona (supervised by co-PIs Professors Mimi Nichter and Mark Nichter). A multiyear study exploring social smoking behaviors of college students. Conducted individual and focus group interviews, assisted with data analysis and training ethnographic researchers, supervised undergraduate research interns, presented findings at 2002 American Anthropological Association Meeting, and co-authored peer-reviewed journal article reporting findings. Funded by Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

Courses Taught

Anthropology 3325: Medical Anthropology (Texas State U)
Anthropology 3303/5373: Applied Cultural Anth/Applied Anth Methods (Texas State U)
Anthropology 3375: Anthropology of Youth (Texas State U)
Anthropology 4304: Language, Culture and Society (Texas State U)
Anthropology 340/3376: Language and the Body (U of New Mexico & Texas State U)
Honors 3398: Language and the Body (Texas State U)
Anthropology 5360: Qualitative Methods (Texas State U)
Anthropology 276: The Nature of Language (U of Arizona)
Anthropology 383: Varieties of English (web-based) (U of Arizona)
English 104: Rhetoric and Composition (Texas A&M)
English 301: Advanced Technical Writing (face-to-face and web-based) (Texas A&M)

Thesis/Dissertation Supervision

Jodi Hill, MA Thesis – *The Permanence of Tattoos: Marked Bodies, Identities, and Symbolism in Emerging Adults*, Department of Anthropology Texas State University, in progress.

Anneke Paterson, Honors BA Thesis – *Visually Re-membering the Eastside: Trajectories of Belonging and Displacement in Austin*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, in progress.

Kayli Lord, Honors BA Thesis – *What Does it Mean to be a Man in the Digital Age: An Ethnographic Study Exploring the Origins of Hegemonic Masculinity*, Department of Psychology, Texas State University, in progress.

Megan McSwain, MA Thesis – *Choose Your Character: Identity Construction in the Liminal Space of Rooster Teeth Fandom*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, in progress.

Alejandro Allen, MA Thesis – *Food for Thought: Understanding the Experiences of College Students Living with Food Insecurity*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, completed in May 2019.

Taylor Roberts, MA Thesis – *Understanding the Major Stressors and Coping Mechanisms of Texas State University Undergraduate Students*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, completed in May 2018.

Kyleigh Hoelscher, Honors BA Thesis – *Pass the Gravy: An Ethnographic Study of Food Insecurity during the U. S. Fall and Winter Holiday Season*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, completed in May 2018.

Thesis/Dissertation Committee Member

Courtney Siegert, Phd Dissertation – *A Multifactorial Approach to Estimating Geographic Origin of Hispanics Using Cranial and Dental Data*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, in progress.

Christine Bonagurio, Graduate, MA Thesis – *On the Road: Experience with the Meals on Wheels Program in Central Texas*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, in progress.

Gwendolyn Raynor, Graduate, MA Thesis – *Transgender and Queergender Individuals' Perceptions and Experiences with Menstruation*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, in progress.

Nicole Kinbarovsky, Graduate, MA Thesis – *A Qualitative Study of the Support Network of Those with Loved Ones on Death Row in Texas*, Department of Criminal Justice, Texas State University, in progress.

Zoe Simien, Graduate, MA Thesis – *Stakeholder Collaboration in Archaeological Research: An Examination of Community and Professional Relations*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, in progress.

Mary Catherine Ellis, Honors BA Thesis – *Biopolitics and Necropolitics in Early Modern European Concepts of Witches*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, in progress.

Katherine Shackelford, Graduate, MA Thesis – *Abstinence Discourses, Practices, and Sexual Literacy at a Small, Christian Church in Central Texas*, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University, completed in December 2018.

Charley Henderson, MA Thesis – *From School to Community: Hepatitis C Stigma and the Lack of Sex Education in Rural Schools*, Department of Sociology, Texas State University, completed in December 2018.

Invited Talks

2017 An Engaged Anthropology of Body Image. Department of Anthropology, Pacific University, Anthropology at Work Lecture Series, March 2017.

Putting Your Anthropology Degree to Work. Department of Anthropology, Pacific Univesrity, Undergraduate Workshop, March 2017.

- 2016 Schooled on Fat: What Teens Tell Us About Gender, Body Image, and Obesity. Texas State University, Philosophy Dialogue Series, San Marcos, TX, November 2016.
- 2013 Practicing Anthropology: Ethnography as an Approach to Life. Department of Anthropology, DePaul University, October 2013.
- 2011 Boys' Body Image: Discursive Constructions of Heteronormative Masculinity through Teasing, Gossip, and Verbal Dueling. *An International Symposium Speaks the Unspoken: Masculinities, Bodies, and Body Image in Health Education*, Ottawa, Ontario, June 2011.

Invited Panels:

- 2016 Panelist (with Melinda Chow, Wendy Erisman, Lauren Penny, and Monica Schoch-Spana), Applied Anthropology in the Social Sector. Texas Applied Anthropology Summit, Texas State University, September 2016.
- 2015 Panelist (with Maribel Alvarez, Bill Boelle, Beverly Seckinger, John Sherry, Chris Szuter, and Mimi Nichter), Anthropologists in the Public and Private Sector. School of Anthropology Centennial Colloquium: Reflecting on Our Past and Charting Our Future, University of Arizona, December 2015.

Panels Organized

- 2016 Session Chair. *Preparing Graduate Students for Non-Academic Careers*. Roundtable organized as part of the Higher Education Topical Interest Group, Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, BC, March 2016.
- 2016 Session Co-chair (with Eileen Anderson-Fye). *Fat Matters: Applied Aspects of Obesity Research*. Society for Applied Anthropology, Vancouver, BC, March 2016.

Conference Presentations

- 2019 Co-presented (Nicole Taylor, Alejandro Allen, and Ashley Stinnett), Images and Ethics in Social Media Research. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 2019.
- 2019 Session Co-chair (Nicole Taylor and Emery Rose Eaves), Fat Talk, Lighting Up, and Consuming Identities: Reflecting on the Contributions of Mimi

- Nichter. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 2019.
- 2019 Co-presented (Nicole Taylor and Alejandro Allen), "Do it for the 'Gram': Identity Work, Interaction, and Emotion in Social Media. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, March 2019.
- 2017 Co-presented (Reyda Taylor, Emily Brunson, and Nicole Taylor), The Texas Applied Anthropology Summit (TAAS): Facilitating the Needs of Both Professional and Applied Anthropologists. Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Santa Fe, NM, March 2017.
- 2016 Schooled on Fat: What Teens Tell Us About Gender, Body Image, and Obesity. The School for Advanced Research, Colloquium Series, Santa Fe, NM, March 2016.
- 2014 Fat is a Linguistic Issue: Discursive Negotiation of Power, Identity, and the Gendered Body among Youth. *Obesity, Upward Mobility and Symbolic Body Capital in a Rapidly Changing World*. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, December 2014.
- 2013 "There's Junk Food Everywhere!" Discourses of Health and Food Consumption Behaviors among Teens in a High School. *Dietary Food Issues* (session chair). Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, March 2013.
- 2012 Obesity and Body Image Concerns among High School Teens. The School for Advanced Research, Colloquium Series, Santa Fe, NM, March 2012.
- 2012 Embodying the Ideal: Social Meanings and Practices of Exercise among Youth. American Anthropological Association's Child and Youth Interest Group Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, February 2012.
- 2011 Language, Gender, and the Body in Risk Society: Discursively Negotiated Power Relations in a High School's Adolescent Hierarchy. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, QC, November 2011.
- 2009 Co-presented (Marina Merrill, Alison Martin, Ryan D'Ambrosio, Nicole Taylor, Lauren Maxim, and Roy Gabriel), Integration of Qualitative and Quantitative Data in the Safe Schools/Healthy Students National Evaluation. American Evaluation Association Annual Conference, Orlando, FL, November 2009.
- 2002 Co-presented (Nicole Taylor, Mimi Nichter, Mark Nichter, and Bryce Coughlin), Gender Differences in Smoking among College Students.

American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, November 2002.

2000 Eating Disorder Chat Events: The Construction of Survivors as Storytellers, Patients, and Therapists. American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November 2000.

2000 Fat is a (Feminist) Linguistic Issue: The Use of Directives in Self-Help Literature for Adolescents with Eating Disorders. International Gender and Language Association Biennial Conference, Stanford University, May 2000.

2000 Fat is a (Feminist) Linguistic Issue: The Use of Directives in Self-Help Literature for Women with Eating Disorders. American Association for Applied Linguistics Annual Conference, Vancouver, BC, March 2000.

Poster Presentations

2018 Co-presented (Nicole Taylor and Alejandro Allen), Social Media and the Self: How College Students Connect and Create Identities Online. Innovation Week: Generational Well-Being, Texas State University, September 2018.

2017 Co-presented (Emily Brunson and Nicole Taylor), Applied Medical Anthropology. Translational Health Research Showcase, Texas State University, February 2017.

Workshops

2011 Co-presenter (with Marina Merrill and Pia Park), Introduction to Qualitative Analysis Software Programs: ATLAS.ti and MaxQDA. RMC Research, January 2011.

2005 Introduction to ATLAS.ti: A Qualitative Software Analysis Program. Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, October 2005.

2004 Teenagers, Body Image, and Mass Media. Luz Academy of Tucson Youth Conference, Tucson, AZ, May 2004.

2003 Co-presenter (with John Mazzeo), Developing and Teaching an Online Class. Graduate Assistant Orientation, Department of Anthropology, University of Arizona, March 2003.

1999 Professional Student-Teacher Communication Strategies. Graduate Assistant Orientation, Department of English, Texas A&M University, September 1999.

Service

Institution/University

- 2018 Panelist, Health Multidisciplinary Internal Research Grant Review, Texas State University.
- 2011-16 Member, Academic and Artistic Affairs Committee, School for Advanced Research.
- 2013-14 Member, Strategic Planning Committee, School for Advanced Research.

Department/School

- 2016 – Media and Marketing Coordinator, Department of Anthropology, Texas State University.
- 2020 Member, Faculty Search Committee – Department of Anthropology, Texas State University.
- 2019 Member, Outstanding MA Student Award Committee, Anthropology Department, Texas State University.
- 2019 Member, John Michael Kilby Edowed Fellowship Committee, Anthropology Department, Texas State University.
- 2016 – 17 Co-organizer (with Emily Brunson and Reyda Taylor) for Texas Applied Anthropology Summit (TAAS), Texas State University.

Professional

- 2017 – Board Member, Anthropology of Higher Education Topical Interest Group, Society for Applied Anthropology.

Reviewer for:

National Science Foundation
American Association of University Women
American Anthropologist
Practicing Anthropology
Current Anthropology
Food, Culture, & Society
Health Education & Behavior

Ethos
Health Education Research
Youth & Society