

# Curriculum Vitae

## Robin K. Taylor

### Personal Details

Robin Klingender Taylor  
British  
Born 9.6.64, Hanover, Germany

### Education

Jan 1978 - Jun 1982 Haileybury College, Hertford Heath, Hertfordshire, UK.

Oct 1983 - Jun 1987 BSc. (Hons.) Zoology - Dundee University upper second class (including three years of the BSc psychology program). Dundee, Scotland, UK.

Oct 1988 - Feb 1993 PhD. Psychology - Edinburgh University. Enhancing Athletic and Psychic Performances Through the Use of Imagery Based Mental Strategies. Edinburgh, Scotland, UK.

Jan - Sept 2007 Postgraduate Certificate in Online and Distance Education. Open University, Milton Keynes, UK.

Feb - Sept 2009 Enrolled in the Postgraduate Diploma in Online and Distance Education. Open University, Milton Keynes, UK.

### Employment

Jan 2008 - present Established and co-founded a private primary school in Fiji called the [Multiple Intelligence Centre](#). I am part of the management team that runs the school and have the title of 'Curriculum Director'.

Sept 2003 - present Private Scientific Behavioural Research Advisor for. Work involving private and public sectors, ranging from government & non government to commercial organisations. Established and am director of a limited company [Oceanik Psi Ltd](#).

Jan 1994 - Jan 2003 Lecturer in Psychology at the Department of Education and Psychology, University of the South Pacific, Suva Fiji.

Feb 1993 - Jan 1994 Consultant researcher, at the Koestler Chair of Parapsychology, Edinburgh University.

Oct 1991 - Jun 1992 Undergraduate software consultant. Implementation of software for data manipulation and analysis for undergraduate students, including advice on experimental design, interpretation of results and write up of their work.

- Oct 1990 - Jun 1991 Undergraduate psychology practical demonstrator. Advised students on how to conduct their experiments, enter the data onto a local area network computer, run and interpret the statistics output, mark the written up experiments.
- Oct 1987 - Jun 1992 Undergraduate psychology tutor. Innovative tutorial content for instance, writing and using 'Hypertext' applications to illustrate neural electrical transmission, or using games to help exam revision. Marked set essays that the students wrote during the year.
- Jul 1987 - Sept 1988 Postgraduate worker, Psychology Department, Edinburgh University.

## Previous University Employment

Duties include teaching, research, administration and consultancies.

### Administration

For the academic year of 1995, co-ordinated the psychology section in the Department of Education and Psychology at USP. In effect the head of psychology, although there is no official title for this (since there is no independent department). Responsibilities included being a manager of the psychology staff and continuing to develop the new psychology program to USP.

Organizer of an annual university wide leadership simulation exercise. Students take on a large variety of roles to simulate the Pacific Island Conferences of Leaders, that normally takes place every three years at the East West Centre at the University of Hawai'i. It is one of the University's most original and exciting educational yearly event. Some information can be found at: <http://www.usp.ac.fj/spicol/index.htm>.

Other administrative responsibilities aside from running courses have been:

- member of: the school's postgraduate committee,
- university discipline committee
- university and faculty computing committee,
- the faculty ethics committee
- faculty research committee.
- departmental liaison person with the university's distance learning unit

### Teaching

Writing and teaching campus units for the new psychology program at the University include:

- first year research methodology
- first year introductory psychology
- first year developmental psychology
- second year research methodology
- third year personality
- third year cross cultural psychology
- fourth year (postgraduate) cross cultural psychology.

Writing and teaching distance learning units for a second year research methodology course. This has employed many innovative approaches in the delivery of this course to make this traditionally avoided course more accessible.

Postgraduate supervision for masters students in the department.

## Consultancies in the Community

Fiji Government Advisor to the CEO for Women, Social Welfare & Poverty Alleviation on the resource implications of an amendment to the Fiji Prison Bill (2006).

Occupational psychology services advisor to interactive design company (Oceanic Communications Ltd, Suva).

Invited lecturer for a course on 'Quantitative Business Analysis' for USP's MBA programme (2003, 2006).

Market research advisor to Post Fiji (2005).

Research Advisor and workshop co-evaluator for Wan Smolbag Theatre Company, Port Vila, Vanuatu (2005-present).

Sports psychology workshop coordinator for Fiji Rugby Union coaching programme (2004).

Fiji Government Advisor to the CEO for Women, Social Welfare & Poverty Alleviation on the resource implications of the Fiji Family Law Act, 2003.

Research consultant for the AIDS Task Force Fiji, a 'non government organisation' dedicated to implementing effective community education on AIDS awareness.

Research consultant for Fiji's National Road Safety Council, monitoring the effectiveness of their education program for primary school children.

## Current Research

Evaluating Vanuatu's Theatre for Development Company Wan Smolbag on how they manage to achieve their effectiveness in the Pacific Communities. With a co-researcher we have currently done a selection of research techniques including qualitative (interviews and focus groups) and quantitative research.

## Other Employment Experience

### Teaching

Previously taught topics at University level include: neuropsychology and neuroanatomy, sport psychology, consciousness, sociobiology and comparative psychology.

### Previous Research

Post-doctoral research with the Koestler Chair of Parapsychology, Edinburgh University. This job entailed considerable analogue audio-visual editing along with software skills required for a computer to control the experimental protocol. Intimate involvement in the experimental design and construction of the experimental protocol.

A collaborative research project involved collecting basic physiological data (galvanic skin response, basal skin response, heart rate and blood volume)

and correlating this with various self reported psychological states of an operator.

Joint research project at the Virtual Reality Lab at Edinburgh University looking at the psychological correlates of immersion in 'virtual reality'.

## Previous Administrative Experience

Attended in 1992 an international diving meet at Amersfoort in Holland, as the Scottish diving team manager and coach.

Led an undergraduate expedition to Arctic Norway in 1986, where seven undergraduates conducted field surveys mainly biological in nature but also including a psychological project. Sponsorship arrangement, logistical planning and organisation was carried out entirely by the undergraduate expeditioners. An expedition report is available on request.

## Previous Research/Consultancies

Part of a multi-disciplinary, inter-institution research team on the personal ecology of alcoholism and an epidemiological survey on substance abuse, suicide and violence in the Pacific region (organised through the University of Hawai'i).

Sport psychologist to the Scottish 1994 Commonwealth Smallbore Rifle Squad. Worked on a customised mental training program including increasing concentration skills and 'mental toughness', relaxation and mental rehearsal abilities.

Sport psychologist for individual women gymnasts in the Scottish 1994 Commonwealth Women's Gymnastic Squad. Set up similar mental training programs to the Smallbore Rifle squad although these programs were unique for gymnastics.

## Publications

### Book Chapters

Taylor, R. (2005) Chapter 5, Fiji's Move into the 21st Century. In *Social Change and Psychosocial Adaptation in the Pacific Islands: Cultures in Transition*, (Eds, Marsella, A., Aukahi Austin, A. & Grant, B.) Springer, New York, pp. 107-131.

Taylor, R. K. (2005). Chapter 17. Imagery. In J. Henry (Ed.), *A-Z of Parapsychology*. (pp. 204-12). London: Routledge.

### Journal Articles

Taylor, R. (1996) Training Imagery Skills for Enhanced Psychic Functioning: Two Experiments with Athletes. *European Journal of Parapsychology*, **12**, 1-22.

Taylor, R. (1999) Conducting Parapsychological Research in Different Ethnic Cultures: Prospects, Problems and Solutions in Fiji. *International Journal of Parapsychology*, **11**, 43-67.

- Taylor, R. (2000) La teoría de la evolución y psi: Una revisión de algunos de los (modelos que satisfacen las necesidades) en el funcionamiento Extrasensorial. *Revista Argentina de Psicología Paranormal*, **11**, 173-196.
- Taylor, R. K. (2003). Evolutionary Theory and Psi: Reviewing and revising some need-serving models in psychic functioning. *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*, **67**, 1-17.
- Taylor, R., Gaskell, I., (2007) Turning up the volume: A study of the Wan Smolbag Theatre Company, 3L *Journal of Language Teaching, Linguistics and Literature*, **13**, 13-28.
- Taylor, R., Rushton S. (1993) The Psychology of 'Immersion' in Virtual Worlds. *Intermedia*, 1993, **21**, 40-41.
- Taylor, R., Yavalanavanua S., (1997) Linguistic relativity in Fiji: A preliminary study. *South Pacific Journal of Psychology*, **9**, 69-74.
- Gaskell, I. & Taylor, R. (2004). Getting the Message: Measuring Audience Response to Theatre for Development. *IDEA Journal/Applied Theatre Researcher*, **5**. <http://www.gu.edu.au/centre/cpci/atrl/>
- Radin, D., Taylor R. and Braud W. (1995) Remote Mental Influence of Human Electrodermal Activity: an pilot replication. *European Journal of Parapsychology*, **11**, 19-34.

## Reviews

- Taylor, R. (2000) Rongorongo the Easter Island script: History, Traditions, Texts by Steven Roger Fischer. *South Pacific Journal of Psychology*, **12**, 59-63
- Taylor, R. (2001) Dogs that know when their owners are coming home: And other unexplained powers of animals by Rupert Sheldrake. *Journal of Parapsychology*, **65**, 90-96.

## Conference Presentations

- Taylor, R., & Singh, N. (2005). *Measuring the Effectiveness of Social Marketing of Condom Usage in Fiji*. Paper presented at the 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (7th ICAAP), Kobe, Japan.
- Taylor, R., & Singh, N. (2005). *Establishing More Effective Social Marketing Strategies for Condom Usage in the Pacific*. Paper presented at the 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (7th ICAAP), Kobe, Japan.
- Taylor, R., & Gaskell, I. (2003). *Turning up the Volume*. Paper presented at the Hawai'i International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sheraton Waikiki Hotel, Honolulu, Hawai'i.
- Taylor R. (1996) *Parapsychological Phenomena in the Fiji Islands*. In Proceedings of the 39th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association. August 17-20th 1996, San Diego, California, USA. Pages 161-170.

Taylor, R. (1997) *Parapsychology and Cross Cultural Studies*. In Proceedings of the 40th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association. August 7-10th 1997, The Old Ship Hotel Brighton, United Kingdom. Pages 143-144.

Taylor, R. (1998) *Linguistic Relativity Theory in the Pacific*. Paper presented at the Linguistic Agency University of Duisburg, 1st - 4th April 1998.

Taylor, R.K. (1999) *Evolutionary theory and psi: Reviewing and revising some need serving models in psychic functioning*. Paper presented at the 42nd Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association, Palo Alto, California, USA.

Taylor, R., & Singh, N. (2005). Measuring the Effectiveness of Social Marketing of Condom Usage in Fiji. In 7th International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific (7th ICAAP), Kobe, Japan.

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Morris R.L., Cunningham S., McAlpine and Taylor R. (1993) Toward Replication and Extension of Autoganzfeld Results. In Proceedings of the 36th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association. August 15-19th 1993, Toronto, Canada. Pages 177-192.

Dalton, K.S., Morris, R.L., Delanoy D.L., Radin, D., Taylor, R., Wiseman, R., (1994). Security measures in an automated Ganzfeld. In Proceedings of the 37th Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Convention August 7-10th 1994, University of Amsterdam, Holland. Pages 114-123.

Gaskell, I., & Taylor, R. (2003). Delightful Instruction: Theatre for Development and the Art of Persuasion. Paper presented at the Hawai'i International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sheraton Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

Gaskell, I., & Taylor, R. K. (2003). Getting the Message: Measuring audience response to theatre for development. Paper presented at the Hawai'i International Conference on Arts and Humanities, Sheraton, Waikiki, Honolulu, Hawai'i.

## Reports

Taylor R. (1987) Dundee University Norway Expedition 1986. Lithographic Techniques, Kenley.

Taylor R. (1993) Imagery: Its Role in Mental Rehearsal to Improve Sports Performance. Research Report No. 27, Scottish Sports Council, April 1993.

Taylor R. (1993) Using Imagery in Mental Rehearsal to Improve Athletic Performance. Scottish Sports Council, April 1993.

Taylor, R., Monsell-Davis, M., (1997) Assessing Cultural Tension on Laucala Campus Unpublished internal research report of the University of the South Pacific.

Taylor R. (1997) Monitoring the Educational Effectiveness of the National Road Safety Council. Internal NRSC report. December, 1997.

Taylor, R. (2000) Fiji and Education. Report submitted to Fiji's Education Commission 2000.

## Miscellaneous

### Professional Duties/Organisations

Founding member of the Oceanic Psychology Register (<http://www.oceaniapsychology.org>)

Graduate member of the British Psychological Society

### Computing Skills

Large experience of working with both PC and Macintosh computers. I have used all the major applications to the level of being competent in most areas except high level programming.

- Word processors (major ones since 1980)
- Web Design
- Audio/Video Editing
- Graphics
- Database design (Filemaker)
- Spreadsheets
- Hypertext programming
- BASIC programming
- CAD design
- 3D Design

### Languages

Fluent German speaker.

Rudimentary conversational skills in: spoken Fijian, Bislama (Vanuatu), & Wantok (Solomon Islands).

### Outside Interests

Squash, swimming, sub-aqua diving, skiing, expeditioning.

Keen interest in natural history and conservation issues.

### Referees

Available on request.