

DAVID V. TAYLOR

David Taylor was born in St. Paul, Minnesota July 13, 1945. He was raised in St. Paul and attended Maxfield Elementary School, Marshall Junior High and Central High Schools. He is the son of Eula T. Murphy and the late John E. Murphy. His siblings include Clarence E. Taylor, Vant Washington and Edgar Murphy. He is a life long member of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, St. Paul. He currently resides in Plymouth, Minnesota.



He has been very active over the years in community related programs; former chairperson of the Penumbra Theater Board, member of the vestry St. Philip's Church, treasurer of the Jean Covington Foundation, member HealthEast Board and Hope Community Board.

He has written and lectured extensively of the migration and settlement of African Americans in Minnesota. His works include *Cap Wigington; Architectural Legacy in Ice and Stone*, (MHS Press 2002), *African Americans in Minnesota* (MHS Press, 2002), an article in *African American Architects 1865-1945: A Biographical Dictionary* (Routledge Press, 2002), a chapter on "Blacks" in *They Chose Minnesota* (St. Paul, MN Historical Society, 1981), articles in Ramsey County History, Roots, and Minnesota History. He is also the guest curator of the "Our Gathering Places" exhibit that opened January, 1998, in the Minnesota Historical Society.

David Taylor has been Dean of the General College at the University of Minnesota since 1989. As chief academic officer, he provides leadership and supervision to the faculty, academic professionals, civil service and graduate teaching assistants who provide instruction and academic counseling services to 1800 students.

His studied field of interest is History, with his M.A. from the University of Nebraska, and both his B.A. and Ph.D. (History of African People) from the University of Minnesota. He is a native of Minnesota, born and raised in St. Paul where he graduated from Central High School.

Prior to assuming the Associate Vice Chancellorship in 1986, Dr. Taylor held a number of faculty and administrative positions, including: Dean of Undergraduate Studies and Associate Professor of History at the College of Charleston in Charleston, South Carolina; Director of Minority/Special Services Programs at Macalester College in St. Paul; Chairperson and Associate Professor of Black Studies Program at State University of New York at New Paltz; and Director of the Office of Minority Affairs at St. Olaf College.

He was Curator for the Hubert H. Humphrey Collection of the Minnesota Historical Society as well as Editor of the Hubert H. Humphrey Oral History Project; Director of the Minnesota Black History Project of the Minnesota Historical Society; Curator of the "Our Gathering Places: African American History in Minnesota, MHS.

Dr. Taylor is married to Josephine Reed-Taylor who is Senior Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs at Minneapolis Community and Technical College.