



Damon Taylor co-founded the Center for Sustained Prosperity with Eric Gordon, pairing Eric's regional positioning and strategic guidance with Damon's execution capacity and capital mobilization. The center is an AI and common good model to scale community-led economic mobility solutions via local, Fortune 500, AI sector, and national philanthropic capital streams. It is grounded in a theory of sustainable development tested over decades in Northeast Ohio, Mexico, and DC.

Damon is a 2026 Sapiens First Fellow (AI & Common Good, inaugural cohort), a 2025 Community Organizing Fellow at NYC-based Strother School of Radical Attention (SoRA), and an ongoing Tibbles Fellow with the Coleman Cultural Engagement Foundation. He co-founded Salon Cultivar, a Northeast Ohio initiative that empowers citizens to navigate algorithmic capitalism's effects on work, community, and democratic life. It is part of the national organizing coalition SoRA helps to incubate. He is also lead executive producer of Embroidering Life (Bordando Vida), a character-driven documentary on identity, belonging, forced migration, and female leadership.

From 2013 to 2025, Damon helped to build the grassroots Mexican NGO PSYDEH (psychology and human rights) empowering rural and Indigenous women and their communities through interconnected programming: human development, economic mobility, digital inclusion, and democracy strengthening. He helped transform it from a one-person operation into a globally recognized, paradigm-changing organization: 19x funding growth, 62x total contribution growth, eight digital resource centers, 1000s of local partners, and multi-year partnerships with global brands including 3M, Adobe, Johnson and Johnson, Viasat, and Zoom. The Viasat-PSYDEH partnership won a 2023 Anthem Award, PSYDEH was named a 2022 Adobe Creator to Watch in Fast Company, and the organization received an honorable mention for Top 10 global NGOs committed to impact in 2018 by GlobalGiving.

Before his Mexico chapter, Damon worked in international law and dispute resolution at global law firms Hunton and Williams, DLA Piper, and Verner Liipfert in Washington, D.C. Other DC roles included executive for a virtual reality start-up serving Fortune 500 clients and leadership development consulting for faith and higher education institutions. He began his career as an AmeriCorps VISTA community organizer with the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless.

Damon returned to Northeast Ohio in late 2023 with a conviction built over decades: *lasting solutions emerge when people own their power and have the tools to solve their own problems*. He came back asking a question he had long put to communities: if shared prosperity is the goal, what are the wicked challenges we must confront as opportunities? The work he does with Eric Gordon is his answer.

He holds a J.D. magna cum laude from Cleveland State University College of Law and a B.A. in Psychology (with minors in African American studies and Fine Arts) from the University of Mount Union. He was selected for GlobalGiving's 2020 Gates Foundation-funded Ethos, one of four global NGO leaders and the only one from Latin America. He was named a 2019 World of Difference Maker by The International Alliance for Women, one of six men recognized globally.

See Damon's AI [thought piece](#), the Center's [theory](#) of sustainable development and activation framework [white paper](#), his [Salon Cultivar](#) website, and his documentary's [website](#). Full background, publications, portfolio and [CV](#) at <https://damon-taylor.com/>. He is an award-winning artist ([Studio H](#)).