

Damon Taylor

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Social Entrepreneur | Community-Led Development | Cross-Sector Impact

RECENT EXPERIENCE

Center for Sustained Prosperity, Cleveland, OH

Co-Founder (2025-Present)

- Co-developing a cross-sector [framework](#) for post-industrial inequality through ground-up "hidden economy" research, citizen-led pilots, and outside-in AI-sector [funding strategy](#), under active consideration by NE Ohio philanthropic and civic leadership.
- Launched [Salon Cultivar](#) (2025), an attention-activism convening of NE Ohio civic and professional leaders around cognitive independence and belonging; outreach initiated to journalists for coverage.

Embroidering Life (Bordando Vida), Mexico City, Mexico & Cleveland

Executive Producer (2023-Present)

- Translating Mexico community-led development into global [documentary](#) on identity, belonging, and women leadership, mobilizing six-figure investment and global partnerships

Psicología y Derechos Humanos PSYDEH A.C. Mexico City & Cleveland

Senior Advisor - Social Entrepreneur (2013-2025)

Partnerships & Resource Development

- Developed global partnership strategy yielding 20+ relationships valued at 7+ figures with Fortune 500 brands ([3M](#), [HSBC](#), [Johnson & Johnson](#), [Viasat](#), [Zoom](#)), resulting in digital inclusion ecosystem, [award](#)-winning initiatives, 1000s of volunteer hours, and multi-year 6-7 figure contributions.
- Built network of 440 professionals from 44 countries and established volunteer [program](#), increasing organization capacity by 70% and producing events (35-250 attendees) yielding global [coverage](#).

Sustainability Frameworks & Impact Measurement

- Pioneered [needed](#) frameworks for community-led development (UN 2030 SDGs)—[democracy](#), women [economic](#) development, [digital inclusion](#), adopted by 9 orgs benefiting 1000s of people.
- Reshaped single-person CSO into globally recognized [paradigm-changing](#) NGO achieving 19x financial and 62x total contribution growth despite sector contraction, establishing 8 digital centers, 12+ paid/volunteer Mexican/global staff (with 30 alumni), and 15+ resource streams.

Strategic Consulting & Thought Leadership

- Advised global outfits ([Adobe](#), [GlobalGiving](#), [PopSockets](#), [Team4Tech](#), [Viasat](#)), resulting in new \$522k grant fund and novel approaches for democratizing giving, ethical dilemmas, labor rights, nonprofit design software, and transformative ESG/CSR partnerships.
- Led teams working with [Dentsu](#) to produce [Fast Company](#)/[Adobe](#)-recognized impact, implemented digital strategy that increased traffic by 4000%, generated six-figure crowdfunding, earned corp. [promotion](#), and won LATAM rep for Gates-funded [Ethos](#) and [Top 10 Impact Nonprofits](#) globally.

Colectivo Cine Social, Mexico City

Co-Founder & Director of Creativity (2017-2020)

- Developed globally recognized, social impact [venture](#) connecting 1000+ citizens and Mexican civil society through large-scale events, forging partnerships with national cultural institutions.

EARLIER EXPERIENCE

Adult Education Project, Grace Episcopal Church, Washington, DC

Senior Advisor (2012-2013)

- Innovated curriculum (faith, management science, leadership), establishing sustainable development frameworks applied in future work.

American University Key Public Sector Executive Leadership Program, Washington, DC

Special Assistant to Director (2011-2012)

- Co-led program reorganization, improving leader development effectiveness by estimated 25% and creating cross-sector frameworks for future sustainable development work.

Self-Directed Sustainable Development Sabbatical, Ecuador, Pittsburgh PA, Washington, DC

Researcher & Leader (2008-2011)

- Conducted research with DC think tanks, Spanish language immersion, caregiving for grandfather, securing growth opportunity at Union Theological Seminary and knowledge for future impact work.

Electric Sheep Company, Washington, DC

Executive Producer (2007-2008)

- Managed cross-functional teams delivering seven-figure, industry-leading virtual reality projects for Fortune 500 [clients](#), developing remote management and tech skills later applied in impact work.

Hunton & Williams | DLA Piper | Verner Liipfert Bernhard McPherson & Hand, Washington, DC

Advisor & Lawyer-Analyst, Int'l Law & Dispute Resolution group, global law firms (2000-2007)

- Advised senior leadership on Firm C-suite outreach and steering committees for USA-Africa Infrastructure Conference and Ethiopian trade mission.
- Built cross-functional initiatives across 17 global offices, mobilizing 100s of staff through new intranet and other systems.
- Pioneered [pro bono](#) engagement model addressing gentrification, mobilizing 60 partners across cutting-edge tech, community, and arts sectors.
- Authored briefs on issues affecting cross-border development and human rights, including before [Ethiopia-Eritrea Claims Commission](#).

EDUCATION

Cleveland State University College of Law, Cleveland, OH

Juris Doctorate, Magna Cum Laude (1997-2000)

- Award-winning law journal author. Certificate in International Organizations and Human Rights and Refugee Law, Geneva, CH. National Dean's List

University of Mount Union, Alliance, OH

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology. Minors: African American Studies, Fine Arts (1991-1995)

- Campus-wide awards, e.g., Black Student Union Man of the Year, SAE DHT Award for Excellence

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

RECOGNITION

- [Sapiens First](#) Fellowship, AI & Common Good, inaugural cohort (2026)
- The Strother School of Radical Attention USA [Organizing](#) Fellowship (2025)
- Tibbles [Fellowship](#), Coleman Cultural Engagement Foundation (2018, 2025-present)
- World of Difference Maker, Int'l Alliance for Women (one of 6 men globally, 2019)

EXAMPLE PUBLICATIONS & THOUGHT-DOING LEADERSHIP

- Attention, Belonging, Civic Agency: Co-Building Sustained Prosperity with AI, [thought piece](#) (2026)
- Transformative public-private partnership LinkedIn series ([one](#), [two](#), [three](#)) & [case study](#) (2025)
- "[Indigenous Communities, Companies & Cultural Appropriation](#)", GG Ethos (2021)
- Featured Expert: [community-led development](#), [design & impact](#), [resource diversification](#), [social entrepreneurship](#), [solar & digital inclusion](#), [storytelling as feedback](#), [women empowerment](#)

SKILLS & INTERESTS

- Languages: Business proficient Spanish
- Cross-sector, attention-building [Supper Club](#), MX/USA (2017-2024)
- Creative & athletics: Award-winning [artist](#) and former world-class ultimate frisbee athlete