

## **IN MEMORIAM**

### **JOSEPH A. TAYLOR**

Joseph A. Taylor's journalism and scholarship created a network of knowledge that defied national borders. Professor Taylor was born in Independence, Missouri, on April 26, 1929. He married Lucille G. Pierlot in 1965 and had one child, Emily Lucille Pierlot Taylor. After years of striving to cultivate journalistic excellence in inter-American reporting, he passed away on April 20, 2013.

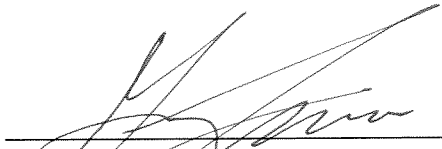
Professor Taylor received his M.S. at the University of Kansas in 1952. His professional experience involved a number of United Press domestic and international assignments. For example, he served as a state house correspondent in Topeka, Kansas, and in Santa Fe, New Mexico. He also served as a correspondent in Rio de Janeiro, Caracas, Havana, and Buenos Aires. The quality and nature of his journalism attracted well-deserved praise. For covering the Venezuelan Revolution, he received the George Polk Memorial Award of the Overseas Press Club of America for "the best reporting requiring exceptional courage and enterprise abroad during 1958." He reported on such major news stories in Latin America as Fidel Castro and the Cuban revolution; the legacy of dictator General Juan D. Peron in Argentina; efforts sponsored by the U.S. and Latin American leadership to promote economic and social reforms; and the crumbling dictatorship of General Rafael Trujillo in the Dominican Republic.

Professor Taylor's teaching and research leave a legacy just as important as his reporting. After almost seven years with United Press International, he joined the journalism faculty at Boston University in 1964 and completed his doctorate at Syracuse University. He moved to UT Austin in 1969 as an Associate Professor of Journalism with an expertise in international

communication. At UT Austin, Professor Taylor helped organize and direct the University's Latin American Communications Program. He also coordinated "Media 3 Americas," a series of annual, inter-American mass communication seminars. He received the 1977 Maria Moors Cabot Prize given by Columbia University for "distinguished journalistic contributions to the advancement of inter-American understanding."

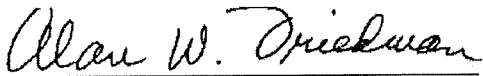
His teaching involved training North American students for mass media careers in Latin America, the training of Latin American students in U.S. journalism techniques, and connecting journalists across the Americas.

Despite struggling with personal tragedies, Professor Taylor served the Department of Journalism at UT Austin until 1980. His legacy of inter-American communication lives on, and he is missed by his scholarly community.



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