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In her presentations, Taylor draws on years of experience covering elections and breaking news to provide a detailed look at the key dynamics and factors that will impact upcoming key Presidential, House, Senate, and gubernatorial races. Exclusively represented by [Leading Authorities speakers bureau](#), she takes a look back at past precedents, analyzes current events and polling numbers, and highlights the critical trends to watch that will shape the future political landscape.

Before joining Cook, Taylor was a political reporter for National Public Radio for five years, where she covered elections and breaking news, ranging from the White House to both chambers of Congress and statewide elections. She was also a contributing author to the 2020 edition of *The Almanac of American Politics*.

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A Tennessee native, she graduated magna cum laude in 2007 with a B.A. in political science from Furman University in South Carolina.
