

# Taylor Michelle Cook

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## Education

### Master of Public Administration, Fall 2008

University of Montana, Missoula, Montana  
Concentration in International Development

### Master of Arts, Economics, Summer 2008

University of Montana, Missoula, Montana  
Thesis: *Untapped Resources: How Underdeveloped Gender Empowerment Constrains the Potential of Microfinance Programs in Bangladesh*  
Awards: JHT Ryman Scholarship

### Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Political Science, Spring 2004

Hollins University, Roanoke, VA  
Awards: Mary Kennedy Chance Award for Excellence in Economics  
Honors: Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Economics Honor Society  
Pi Sigma Alpha, National Political Science Honor Society

### Emergency Medical Services

Certified National EMS First Responder, expires 9/30/2013  
Texas Department of State Health Services certified Emergency Care Attendant, expires 4/30/2015

## Professional Experience

### Policy Analyst, Office of e-Health Coordination

April 2010 – Present

*Texas Health and Human Services Commission, Austin, Texas*

- Work with Texas' Health Information Technology Coordinator to bring together health IT initiatives within the state's health and human services agencies and facilitate collaboration with other health IT efforts in the state.
- Assist in the planning process for statewide health information exchange and Medicaid health information technology.
- Coordinate ongoing research and monitoring of public opinion, healthcare provider technology utilization, and hospital adoption of health information technology.
- Manage procurements, contracts, and grants for the Office of e-Health Coordination.

### Health Care Policy Analyst and Governor's Advisor

December 2008 – April 2010

*Texas Health Care Policy Council, Office of the Governor, Austin, Texas*

- Served as a policy advisor to the Governor on health-related topics.
- Conduct health care policy research and make recommendations to the Health Care Policy Council Board.
- Develop health information technology policy options and make recommendations to the Texas Health Services Authority.
- Coordinate and contribute to the development of over \$120 million successful grant applications for health information technology initiatives in the State of Texas.

### Texas Governor's Fellow

June 2008 – December 2008

*Texas Health Care Policy Council, Office of the Governor, Austin, Texas*

- Work with members of the Health Care Policy Council to conduct research and data analysis.

### Research and Evaluation Intern

May 2007 – August 2007

*Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC), Dhaka, Bangladesh*

- Conducted qualitative research in rural northwest districts on microfinance and social capital for graduate thesis.
- Conducted qualitative impact analysis of gender empowerment program for the Ultra Poor Program with BRAC Research and Evaluation unit and London School of Economics.

### Graduate Assistant

August 2006 – May 2008

*University of Montana, Economics and Political Science Departments, Missoula, Montana*

- Microeconomics, Fall 2006- Spring 2007
- American Government, Fall 2007
- Comparative Politics, Spring 2008