

Over the course of her 25-year career, award-winning journalist and opinion writer **Goldie Taylor** has emerged as one of the most powerful voices in public discourse. Today, she is a political analyst and on-air contributor at MSNBC where she focuses principally on public policy issues. Best known for her take-no-prisoners style, Taylor has become one of the nation's preeminent thought leaders on gun control, domestic violence, human trafficking, public health, poverty and environmental justice. Then too, as a former Marine, she often addresses foreign affairs and military issues.

Taylor got her start as an *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* staff writer and since has contributed hard-hitting opinion columns to the *St. Louis Post Dispatch, Ebony Magazine, Creative Loafing*, CNN.com, MSNBC.com, and theGrio.com, among others. Most notably, she penned EbonyJet.com's "A Woman's Worth" and "Show Me Your Papers," which debuted on MSNBC's The Rachel Maddow Show—its title came to dominate the lexicon around racial profiling and immigration reform. As a sought after political strategist, Taylor was communications director for Atlanta mayor Kasim Reed and guided field outreach and GOTV efforts for a myriad of candidates across the South. After a life on the campaign trail, Taylor became a featured political analyst at WXIA 11 Alive NBC News—a role she continues today.

In 2005, Taylor added the title of "author" to her many roles with the self-published release of In My Father's House, a fictionalized autobiography. Her second novel, The January Girl, was published in 2007 by Grand Central/Hachette. Taylor is currently working on a political thriller, Paper Gods, and her first non-fiction title, The Devil And Missouri Daniel—a ...

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