“Story structure” is an information delivery system powerhouse, evolutionarily hardwired into human brains. Applying the science of story is the key to the art of effective communication for anyone who needs to inform, inspire, or educate.

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ABSTRACT
Whenever we teach, present a seminar, or write about our discipline, we are in every case sharing a story; a point of view we do not always keep in mind. Professional storyteller, musician, and educator Paul Taylor, will present a mixed sampling of his work aiming to inspire the storyteller and artist within to apply new pathways in the engagement of your students and colleagues. He will tell us a short story. We will then discuss the importance of story, delve briefly into the evolutionary basis for our being wired for story, and then consider the art and craft of story-telling (what strategies were used in Paul’s story-telling?), in order to better understand how we can bring that craft to benefit our daily work.

Paul's work is deeply rooted in indigenous wisdom which he applies to arts in education residencies all over the US. He has been mentored for over 20 years by Aboriginal Wardaman Elder Bill Harney, has been awarded a PhD in the Bush University, and was a State finalist in Australian of the Year 2013.