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A leading global authority on international finance, Dean Taylor began his career as a foreign exchange trader in the City of London. As a managing director at BlackRock, the world's largest asset manager, he led the European arm of the Global Market Strategies Group, a large global macro investment fund.

He is also the author or co-author of a number of books, including two of the leading European textbooks in economics and macroeconomics, and has held faculty positions at London's Cass Business School, Oxford University and New York University's Stern School of Business. Taylor joined WashU Olin after six years as dean at Warwick Business School.

Taylor holds masters and doctoral degrees from Oxford University, London University and University College, London. In 2012, the University of Warwick recognized him with a higher doctorate for his lifetime contributions to the field of finance.

Dean Taylor serves on the board of directors for Shakespeare Festival St. Louis, as a research fellow at the St. Louis Federal Reserve Bank, as a research fellow at the Centre for Economic Policy Research and as a senior fellow of the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. Taylor has also served on the AACSB board. A skilled horologist, he owns a collection of fine antique English clocks, all of which he has restored himself.