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Robert S. Harris is the C. Stewart Sheppard Professor at the University of Virginia's Darden School of Business in Charlottesville, Virginia (USA). An expert in private equity and corporate finance, Bob has published widely, taught in a range of university and executive education programs and been advisor to corporate and not-for-profit organizations. He has served as Darden's Dean and as chief learning officer and vice president of United Technologies Corporation.

EDUCATION

B.A. *summa cum laude*, Economics, Davidson College, Davidson, NC, 1971;
Ph.D., Economics, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 1977

POSITIONS

Faculty	Darden School, University of Virginia	1988-present
Dean	Darden School, University of Virginia	2001-2005
Vice-President, Chief Learning Officer	United Technologies Corporation	1998-2001
Associate Dean for Faculty	Darden School, University of Virginia	1990-1993
Faculty	Business School, University of North Carolina	1978-1988
Faculty	Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania	1975-1978
Teaching Assistant	Princeton University	1973-1975
Visiting Scholar	London Business School, Oxford University (England), University of Otago (New Zealand)	

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SELECTED PROFESSIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND HONORS

Serve as

- Chairman of the Board Williamsburg Investment Trust (also serve as Audit Committee's designated financial expert for SEC/regulatory purposes),
- Founding Director of the Advisory Board for Private Equity Research Consortium
- Senior Faculty Fellow Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise

Consultant and advisor to organizations including AES, ATT, Bell Atlantic, Duke Power, IBM, TVA, First Union, CSX Corporation, Burroughs Wellcome, Malaysian Securities Commission, Federal Trade Commission, RTZ Pillar, Small Business Administration, Association for Investment Management and Research, Leverhulme Trust, Kenan Institute, Carolina Power and Light, GMAC, United Technologies Corporation, CIGNA, RGC Resources, Dominion Resources, Sorin Angel Capital Funds

Active member of professional associations including Trustee of Financial Management Association (FMA), Vice President for Financial Education - FMA, Associate Editor for Financial Management, Journal of Financial Research, Financial Review, Journal of Applied Finance,

Seminar Director for FMA's National Advanced Doctoral Student Seminar,
Reaccreditation team for review of Tuck Business School (Dartmouth),
Outside Examiner for Davidson College Economics Department

Extensive Committee and task force leadership in university and professional society settings, board member Shannon Foundation for Academic Excellence and member CIGNA External Thought Leader Council, Vice President Program for Eastern Finance Association,

U. S. Army-retired captain.

Davidson College: 1st honor graduate, summa cum laude, Sloan Scholar, Phi Beta Kappa, A.K. Phieffer Award (granted to the outstanding economics major) Omicron Delta Epsilon (President of Economics Honorary), Phi Eta Sigma, Distinguished Military Graduate

Princeton University: National Science Foundation Scholarship, Sloan Foundation research grant

University of North Carolina: Beta Gamma Sigma, E. E. Maddrey Award for Excellence in teaching in the MBA program, Pogue Research Leave, Award for Contribution to the Ph.D. program

University of Virginia: ODK , Wachovia Award for Research Excellence, Wachovia Award for Excellence in Teaching Materials, Business Week recognition as one of Darden's outstanding faculty
Who's Who in America, Who's Who in the World

ARTICLES AND MONOGRAPHS

"Paying Managers of Complex Portfolios: Evidence on Compensation and Performance from Endowments" with Matteo Binfare (2024), Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis.

"Has Persistence Persisted in Private Equity? Evidence from Buyout and Venture Capital Funds" with Tim Jenkinson, Steve Kaplan and Rudi Stucke, Journal of Corporate Finance (Volume 81, 2023, article 102361)

"How Does Human Capital Affect Investing? Evidence from University Endowments" with Matteo Binfare, Greg Brown and Christian Lundblad, Review of Finance (Volume 27, Issue 1, 2023), 2023 IQAM Award for the best investment paper published in the Review of Finance and Two Sigma Award for best paper in investment management from Western Finance Association

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"Capital Structure and Leverage in Private Equity Buyouts", with Greg Brown and Shawn Munday, Journal of Applied Corporate Finance (Volume 33, No.3, Summer 2021)

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"Private Equity: Accomplishments and Challenges" with Greg Brown, Tim Jenkinson, Steve Kaplan and David Robinson, Journal of Applied Corporate Finance (Volume 32, No.3, Summer 2020)

"Debt and Leverage in Private Equity: A Survey of Existing Results and New Findings" contributor with other consortium authors 2021, Private Equity Research Consortium White paper.

"Private equity portfolio companies: A first look at Burgiss holdings data," 2019 with Gregory Brown, Wendy Y. Hu, Tim Jenkinson, Steve Kaplan, and David T. Robinson. (https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3532444)

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“Company Valuation in Mergers and Acquisitions: How is Discounted Cash Flow Applied by Leading Practitioners (with T. Brotherson, K. Eades and R. Higgins), Journal of Applied Finance, (Volume 24, No. 1, 2014).

“Has Persistence Persisted in Private Equity? Evidence from Buyout and Venture Capital Funds” with Tim Jenkinson, Steve Kaplan, and Rudi Stucke, 2014.
(http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=2304808),

“Best Practices in Estimating the Cost of Capital: An Update,” (with T. Brotherson, K. Eades, and R. Higgins) Journal of Applied Finance, (Volume 23, No. 1, 2013)

“Changes in the Market Risk Premium and the Cost of Capital: Implications for Practice,” (with Felicia Marston) Journal of Applied Finance, (Volume 23, No. 1, 2013).

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International Paper (UVA-F-0920) plus teaching note reprinted in International Corporate Finance, Dryden 1996.

Koppers (UVA-F-0921) plus teaching note

WPP Group PLC (UVA-F-0922) plus teaching note

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Required Returns, The Market Risk Premium, and Historical Data (UVA-F-1022)

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