

Short bio

Michael Harris, MA '86, PhD '93, is Interim Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Professor in the Department of Public Administration at Tennessee State University. He is an internationally renowned scholar in public policy and higher education administration, an award winning educator, and a widely recognized academic leader. Throughout his career, he has served as a go-to expert for a wide range of media outlets including NPR, Washington Post, The Voice of Israel, and the Detroit Free Press. Prior to becoming the Interim Provost, he served as the Dean of Tennessee State University's College of Public Service at TSU, Chancellor and Professor of Public and Environmental Affairs, Business, and Education at Indiana University Kokomo. Dean Harris previously had a distinguished career at Kettering University (Provost & Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs, Professor of Public Policy), Ferris State University (Vice President for Academic Affairs, Professor of Public Policy), Eastern Michigan University (Associate Provost, Professor of Political Science), and Tel Aviv University. He has published 5 books, over 50 articles and book chapters, and has been directly involved with facilitating over \$23.5 million in appropriations, grants, and institutional gifts. In addition to his work as a higher education administrator, Dr. Harris is a Consultant for the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation (TBI) and serves on the Board of Directors for the Nashville Downtown Partnership. The Dean has a master's in public policy from Tel Aviv University and a doctoral degree in public policy from Indiana University Bloomington.