

Biographical Description for The HistoryMakers® Video Oral History with Tamara Harris

PERSON

Robinson, Tamara Harris, 1967-

Alternative Names: Tamara Harris;

Life Dates: August 13, 1967-

Place of Birth: St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands

Work: Coral Gables, FL

Occupations: Foundation Executive;

Biographical Note

Financial advisor and civic leader Tamara Harris was born on August 13, 1967 in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands to Theresita Shelburn Harris and Earl Harris. Harris graduated from the Philadelphia High School for Girls in 1984, and went on to earn her B.A. degree in economics, with a minor in Spanish, from the University of Pittsburgh in 1988. She then earned her M.B.A. degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1989, and her M.S.W. and E.M.P.A. degrees from New York University in 2012.

From 1990 to 1994, Harris worked as an associate at Prudential Financial in Newark, New Jersey and Scranton, Pennsylvania. Harris then became an equity research analyst at Deutsche Bank in 1996. In 1997, she began working at Salomon, Inc. in Hong Kong. Harris and her then-husband founded the North Jersey Advocates for Education and the Robinson Harris Foundation in 2004, working with the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to provide scholarships for minority students. Harris served as president of the North Jersey Advocates for Education from 2003 to 2009. In 2011, Harris founded the Haramat Group, serving as chief executive officer. Then, in 2013, she founded Tamara Harris LLC, a divorce consultation firm. Harris became an adjunct professor at New York University's Silver School of Social Work in New York City in 2015.

Harris was active in various organizations throughout her career as well. From 2008 to 2013, she served as vice chair of the United Negro College Fund board of directors, and as chair of the UNCF's 2012 "A Mind Is..." Gala. Harris also served as an adjunct professor of public child welfare at Montclair State University and as an adjunct instructor of management and organization practice at New York University Silver School of Social Work. She was a member of the National Association of Professional Women, the Studio Museum in Harlem's Global Council, the Apollo Theater's Women's Committee, and the Davis Museum at Wellesley College's Director's

Council. Harris served on the board of trustees at Second Stage Theatre as well.

Harris has two daughters, Paige Robinson and Simone Robinson.

Tamara Harris was interviewed by The HistoryMakers on December 17, 2016.

Related Entries

New York University Silver School of Social Work [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

MSW

New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

EMPA

University of Pittsburgh [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

MBA

University of Pittsburgh [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

B.A.

Philadelphia High School for Girls [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

H.S. Diploma

Thomas K. Finletter School [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Wesleyan Academy [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Moravian School VI [STUDENTOF]

[from ? to ?]

Tamara Harris LLC [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Founder

Haramat Group [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Social Services

New Jersey Advocates for Education [EMPLOYEEOF]

[from ? to ?]

Founder

Citigroup Inc. [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Analyst - Finance

Prudential Financial Inc. [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

New York University [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Adjunct Professor

WTJX-TV [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Voice Actor

3M [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

Administrative Assistant

Morgan, Grenfell and Co. [EMPLOYEEOf]
[from ? to ?]

American Women's Association of Hong Kong [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

WNET-TV [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board

New Jersey Advocates for Education [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Founder

United Negro College Fund [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Board

Tamara L. Harris Foundation, Inc. [MEMBEROf]
[from ? to ?]

Founder

Second Stage Theatre [MEMBEROf]
[from 201610 to ?]

Trustee

