

HAROLD TAFLER SHAPIRO
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Harold T. Shapiro served as Princeton University's 18th president. Elected at a special Board of Trustees meeting on April 27, 1987, he was installed on January 8, 1988, and served in that capacity until June 2001.

Shapiro, who received his Ph.D. in economics from Princeton in 1964, holds a faculty appointment as a professor of economics and public affairs. He came to Princeton from the University of Michigan where he served on the faculty for twenty-four years as professor of economics and public policy and as president from 1980-1988.

He serves as the chair of the Board of Directors of DeVry, Inc., and is a director of The Hastings Center, the Institute for Advanced Study, the Knight Foundation Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics, Merck Vaccine Advisory Board, Princeton HealthCare Systems, the National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research, and is a member of the Board of Overseers of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He is also a member of Johnson & Johnson's Advisory Committee on Stem Cell Initiatives, the National Academy of Science's Policy and Global Affairs Committee, the National Academy of Science's Committee on America's Energy Future, the National Institute of Health's Council of Councils, the Stem Cell Institute of New Jersey Joint Board of Managers, and a member of the National Research Council's Embryonic Stem Cell Research Advisory Committee. He is a Trustee of the American Jewish Committee and the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology. He served as chair of the National Academies of Sciences Committee on the Organizational Structure of the National Institute of Health from July 2002-July 2003. He recently served as chair of the InterAcademy Council Committee on the Review of the International Panel on Climate Change.

From July 1996 to October 2001 Shapiro served as chair of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission, which issued six major reports in the period 1996-2001. From 1990 to 1992, Shapiro served as a member and vice chair of President Bush's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology. Along with William G. Bowen, his predecessor as President of Princeton, Shapiro edited Universities and Their Leadership (Princeton University Press, 1998), a compilation of papers presented at Princeton's 250th Anniversary Conference on Higher Education in March 1996. His latest book, A Larger Sense of Purpose, is based on the 2003 Clark Kerr lectures (Princeton University Press, 2005). He is an elected member of the National Academy's Institute of Medicine, the American Philosophical Society, a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the European Academy of Sciences and Arts, the College of Physicians of Philadelphia, and The American Association for the Advancement of Science. He received the Council of Scientific Society Presidents 2000 Citation for Outstanding Leadership, the William D. Carey Lectureship Award for Leadership in Science Policy in 2006, and the Clark Kerr Award

for Lifetime Achievement in Higher Education from the University of California Berkeley in 2009.

Born June 8, 1935, Shapiro is a native of Montreal with dual American and Canadian citizenship. Shapiro received his bachelor's degree from McGill University in 1956. A student of McGill's Faculty of Commerce, he was awarded the Lieutenant Governor's Medal. Then, after five years in business, he enrolled in the Graduate School at Princeton and earned his Ph.D. in three years. As a graduate student at Princeton he was named first a Harold Helm Fellow and then a Harold Dodds Senior Fellow. His fields of special interest included econometrics, mathematical economics, science policy, the evolution of higher education as a social institution, and, more recently, bioethics.

Shapiro was a member of the Michigan faculty in the department of economics from 1964 to 1988 and served as a research scientist at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations and at the Institute of Public Policy Studies. In 1977 he was named vice president for academic affairs and chairman of the Committee on Budget Administration. He also served as chairman of the executive board of the University of Michigan Hospitals from 1977-1988. In 1980 he was elected president of the University of Michigan and chairman of its Board of Regents.

His wife, Vivian, received a Ph.D. from the Smith College School of Social Work and is a practicing clinician and researcher. The Shapiros have four daughters and eleven grandchildren.