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Professor Harold W. Stanley is currently serving as Vice President for Executive Affairs at SMU. Previously he served as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Earlier, as Associate Provost at SMU he oversaw the International Center, SMU-in-Taos, the Altshuler Learning Enhancement Center, the Center for the Academic Development of Student Athletes, and the President's Scholars.

Professor Stanley came to SMU in Fall 2003 from the University of Rochester where he had served as the Chair of the Political Science department. He began his career at Rochester in 1979 and served as a Visiting Research Professor at the University of Alabama (1987–1988) and SMU (2000–2001). In 2000-2001 he served as president of the Southern Political Science Association. Professor Stanley began teaching at Yale University in 1979, serving as a Prize Teaching Fellow there.

Professor Stanley holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Yale, a Masters degree in Politics from Oxford, and a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from Yale, where he graduated *magna cum laude*. He received a Rhodes Scholarship for study at Oxford from 1972–1975.

He has published three books, *Vital Statistics on American Politics 2015–2016* (CQ Press, fifteenth edition), *Voter Mobilization and the Politics of Race: The South and Universal Suffrage, 1952–1984* (Praeger, 1987), and *Senate vs. Governor, Alabama 1971: Referents for Opposition in a One-Party Legislature* (University of Alabama Press, 1975). He has also published numerous journal articles, book chapters, and reviews.

Professor Stanley was selected as a Phi Beta Kappa Visiting Scholar for 2015-2016.

In 2010 Professor Stanley received the "M" Award, the most highly prized recognition bestowed upon students, faculty, staff and administrators on the SMU Campus. In 2013 Professor Stanley received SMU's Outstanding Administrator Award.

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