

## **Richard Robb**

### **COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY – SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

**Professor of Professional Practice (full-time) 2002 – present**

Teach Economics of Finance, International Capital Markets, Advanced Structured Credit, and Foundations of Individual Choice

**Adjunct Professor 2001 – 2002**

Taught year-long sequence on microeconomics.

**Director, Concentration in Int'l Finance & Economic Policy 2007 - present**

### **BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

**Christofferson, Robb & Company (CRC) 2002 – present**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

Located in New York and London, CRC manages approx. \$5 billion for public pension plans, sovereign wealth funds and university endowments. CRC has an estimated 32% market share in risk sharing/capital release transactions with Eurozone banks.

**The Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank (DBK) 1992 – 2001**

**DKB Financial Products, Inc. 1995 – 2001**

**Executive Vice President, Global Head and Director**

**DKB International PLC (DKBI) 1998 – 2001**

**Managing Director**

Managed trading, marketing, legal, research and systems departments of DKB's global derivatives and securities subsidiaries in New York, London and Hong Kong. (DKB, predecessor of Mizuho Bank, was the world's largest bank.)

**DKB Financial Products, Inc. 1992 – 1995**

**Senior Vice President/Head Trader**

Ran global trading of USD swaps and options.

**Chicago Corporation (UBS Securities) 1985 – 1992**

Bond sales (1985–1987). Bond and options trader (1987–1990). Head of Risk Management Committee supervising risk of 70 traders (1990–1992).

## ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Seven articles co-authored with James J. Heckman from 1985-1996 including “Alternative methods for evaluating the impact of interventions” (*Journal of Econometrics*, 1985) Most recently, “Heterogeneity versus duration dependence with competing risks: an application to the labor market” (2017) with Halina Frydman and Andrew Robertson in *Applied Stochastic Models in Business and Industry*.

*Willful: How We Choose What We Do*, Yale University Press, November 2019

Recent Podcast: [EconTalk with Russ Roberts](#) February 24, 2020

Recent Interview: *Los Angeles Review of Books* [Beyond Explanations for All Choice: Talking to Richard Robb](#) December 20, 2019

## EDUCATION

**University of Chicago**  
**PhD, Department of Economics**

**March 1985**

National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship in Economics. Co-principal Investigator (with James Heckman) in three-year grant from Department of Labor to study impact of training programs on participant earnings.

**Duke University**

**September 1981**

BA Economics, *Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*. Completed requirements for BA in Mathematics.

**Other:** Co-editor with Edmund Phelps of *Journal on Capitalism and Society*. (2008-present)