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**DAVID R. WILLIAMS, Ph.D., MHA, NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE  
2022 WILLIAM B. GRAHAM PRIZE FOR HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH**

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 3, 2022 – David R. Williams, Ph.D., MHA, the Florence Sprague Norman and Laura Smart Norman Professor of Public Health and chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, has been named the 2022 recipient of the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research. The Baxter International Foundation and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA) will present the prize to Dr. Williams on June 8, 2022, during AUPHA's 2022 Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The Prize, which has been awarded since 1986, recognizes individuals who have significantly increased the quality of or access to health services delivery worldwide through the development of insights or innovation that have (a) eliminated barriers to the education and prevention of noncommunicable diseases; (b) highlighted the importance of proper nutrition in underserved communities; (c) removed barriers to accessing clean water; and/or (d) produced innovative health solutions and technologies that increase access to quality care. An independent committee of past winners, distinguished academics, and internationally recognized researchers selects the recipient each year.

"David R. Williams is an outstanding thought leader in the field with regard to the relationship between race, socioeconomic status, and health. His tremendous body of work has influenced our understanding of how social characteristics such as race, discrimination, stress, and religious involvement impact physical and mental health," said Julie Sakowski, Ph.D., Appalachian State University and Chair of the 2022 William B. Graham Prize Selection Committee. "Dr. Williams has had

a profound impact on our understanding of the social determinants of health, how healthcare is delivered, and health policy. I am thrilled the Graham Prize is recognizing his contributions.”

“I am truly humbled by this award and I am pleased to accept it in honor of the many disenfranchised populations and individuals, locally and globally, who encounter barriers in access to care and the quality of care and experience elevated rates of disease and disability,” said Dr. Williams. “I hope that this acknowledgement of my research will inspire others to continue to push the boundaries of research, practice, and policy to create a healthier future for all.”

“We’re proud to recognize Dr. Williams with this year’s Graham Prize, an honor that celebrates those dedicated to making a meaningful difference in improving access to and the quality of healthcare,” said Verónica Arroyave, Ph.D., executive director of the Baxter International Foundation. “We thank Dr. Williams for his accomplished research – from analyzing healthcare disparities to exploring health policy reform, his contributions to the health services industry are exceptional.”

Dr. Williams is an internationally recognized social scientist focused on social influences of health. His research has enhanced our understanding of the complex ways in which socioeconomic status, race, stress, racism, health behavior, and religious involvement can affect health. With funding from the National Institutes of Health and the sponsorship of the World Health Organization, he directed the South African Stress and Health Study, the first nationally representative study of the prevalence and correlates of mental disorders in sub-Saharan Africa. He has also worked on ethnic inequities with the Toronto Public Health Department, the National Health Services in the U.K., and the Pan American Health Organization. Dr. Williams has been involved in the development of health policy at the national level in the U.S., serving on the National Committee on Vital and Health Statistics and on nine committees for the National Academy of Medicine.

### **About the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research**

Since 1986, the Baxter International Foundation and the Association of University Programs in Health Administration have awarded the William B. Graham Prize for Health Services Research to recognize researchers who have made major contributions to the health of the public through innovative research in health services. The Prize honors the late William B. Graham, longtime chairman and CEO of Baxter International Inc., and is internationally regarded as the premier recognition for individuals conducting health services research. The Prize includes an award of \$26,000 to the individual, \$26,000 to a non-profit institution that supports the winner’s work, and \$26,000 to a non-profit organization in the city where AUPHA’s Annual Meeting will be held. Past

recipients have included William Hsiao, Ph.D., Peter Pronovost, M.D., Elizabeth Bradley, Ph.D., David Blumenthal, M.D., and Uwe Reinhardt, Ph.D.

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