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M. PAIGE POWELL, PhD, MHA, NAMED 2022 JOHN D. THOMPSON PRIZE RECIPIENT

Washington, DC, April 29, 2022 – The John D. Thompson Prize Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of M. Paige Powell, PhD, MHA, Associate Professor, Division of Health Systems Management and Policy, School of Public Health at The University of Memphis, as the 2022 Prize recipient.

The Prize recognizes faculty based on their overall contributions to the field of health administration education, broadly defined. This includes scholarly and practice-oriented research, teaching accomplishments, and other relevant experiences and achievements in areas such as curriculum and program building; student mentoring; and leadership in the health administration education field. Mid-career faculty, e.g. those who are at the Associate Professor level and/or have been in an academic position for an appropriate length of time, allowing for the building of a strong, multi-faceted record, are the desired focus for this award. Dr. Powell was nominated by Paula H. Song, PhD, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Aram Dobalian, PhD, JD, MPH, The Ohio State University.

“The Thompson Prize Committee is so pleased to recognize Paige Powell for her contributions to the field of health administration education. Her extensive record of leadership, at her university and within the broader field, is matched by many achievements as a researcher and teacher,” said Sharon B. Schweikhart, PhD, MBA, The Ohio State University and Chair of the Thompson Prize Selection Committee. “Dr. Powell is a role model as an engaged faculty member and passionate leader in the field of health administration education.”

“I am incredibly humbled and honored to receive the 2022 John D. Thompson Prize,” said Powell. “AUPHA is such a special professional organization, devoted to improving the field of healthcare management education and developing the next generation of healthcare leaders. It has played an integral role in my career development and I am thankful to my colleagues for this honor.”

M. Paige Powell, PhD, is an Associate Professor of Health Systems Management and Policy and MHA Program Director at The University of Memphis School of Public Health. In addition to her appointment at the University of Memphis, Dr. Powell is a Research Fellow for the Methodist Le Bonheur Center for Healthcare Economics. Dr. Powell received a national competitive Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award from the Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute in 2015. Her work focuses on building the capacity for patient and family caregivers to work as a team with researchers and providers to improve the care of African American cancer patients in Memphis. Dr. Powell teaches courses in Health Policy Theory and Methods and Healthcare Quality and Outcomes Management. She also coaches Master of Health Administration students in several national case competitions where the teams have often made the semi-final and final rounds. Dr. Powell holds a PhD from The Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Health Administration and Bachelor of Professional Studies, Health Policy and Administration, both from The University of Memphis.

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