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**Diane M. Howard, PhD, MPH, FACHE, Named Recipient of the
2020 Gary L. Filerman Prize for Educational Leadership**

Washington, DC, May 29, 2020 – The Gary L. Filerman Prize for Educational Leadership Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Diane M. Howard, PhD, MPH, FACHE, currently associate professor and director of student development in the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush University, Chicago. Dr. Howard will become Chair of the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush effective July 1, 2020, and will be recognized virtually at the AUPHA Annual Meeting’s Awards Presentation on Friday, July 17, at 11:00am eastern time.

The Filerman Prize recognizes individuals from AUPHA member programs who have made outstanding contributions to the field of healthcare management education, who have exhibited leadership in their field, and who have enriched their institutions, their students, and healthcare management through their work.

Dr. Howard was nominated by 2016 Filerman Prize recipient Peter W. Butler, Professor and Chairman, Department of Health Systems Management, Rush University, and Mark S. Roberts, MD, MPP, Professor and Chair, Department of Health Policy and Management and Director, Public Health Dynamics Laboratory, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health.

Prior to joining Rush, Dr. Howard served as a hospital, association, and insurance executive. She holds a BA from Hampton Institute, MPH from the University of Pittsburgh, and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She is an ACHE fellow, a member of AUPHA, and a National Association of Health Services Executives member.

“Maybe most important is that Diane has made a career of being a positive voice, a voice of inclusion, a voice of humbleness, and a voice that has forever tried to shine a light on others rather than herself,” said Butler.

“From her industry experience as a practitioner in healthcare delivery, professional associations, and insurance, to her academic experience helping develop thousands of current and future industry executives,” said Roberts. “Diane has exhibited strong leadership in the health industry. Furthermore, her success over 40 years in academia has enriched the university environment, its students, and the broader field of health administration education.”

“I’d like to thank the Filerman Prize Committee for this prestigious award. Gary Filerman is one of my heroes,” said Dr. Howard upon receiving the news. “In 1984, I read his American Hospital Association Oral History and was captivated by his interest in global health, inter-professional communication, and health care management collaboration. I took the lessons learned in his oral history and incorporated the principles into my career.”

Nominations for the 2020 Filerman Prize will be solicited in the fall and winter for submissions by early 2021. For additional information, visit [AUPHA’s website](#).

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