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**Leonard H. Friedman, PhD, MPH, FACHE, Named Recipient of the  
2021 Gary L. Filerman Prize for Educational Leadership**

Washington, DC, April 8, 2021 – The Gary L. Filerman Prize for Educational Leadership Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Leonard H. Friedman, PhD, MPH, FACHE, Professor and Director of the Executive MHA programs in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the George Washington University.

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. Friedman was nominated by 2020 Filerman Prize recipient Diane M. Howard, PhD, MPH, FACHE, Chair of the Department of Health Systems Management at Rush University, Chicago, and Dean G. Smith, PhD, Dean, School of Public Health, Louisiana State University in New Orleans. “I am thrilled and can think of no better person to receive the Filerman Prize than Len Friedman,” said Dr. Howard. “I met Len during an Undergraduate Review Panel meeting for Oregon State University in 2007. Len was then and now the kindest and most generous person in the room. Over the years, he has served in numerous leadership roles for AUPHA, including Board Chair, and now as editor of the *Journal of Health Administration Education*. He is the finest example of faculty, mentor and colleague. AUPHA is fortunate to have his continued commitment.”

“Professor Friedman has been a mentor and role model to faculty who teach and lead health administration programs,” said Dr. Smith. “This honor is richly deserved.”

“I am honored and humbled to be named the 2021 recipient of the prize named after my esteemed colleague and good friend, Dr. Gary Filerman. I can scarcely believe that I have been selected to join the ranks of many of the best known and most respected faculty in North America who have previously won the Filerman Prize,” said Friedman. “Thank you to the past and present students, faculty, and healthcare leaders who inspire me to always give my very best.”

Prior to joining George Washington, Friedman was a faculty member at Oregon State University. He earned his PhD at the University of Southern California, School of Public Administration. Dr. Friedman’s scholarly work concentrates on the mechanisms of organizational change and strategic decision-making in healthcare delivery organizations. His work is published in a variety of journals including *Advances in Health Care Management*, *Health Care Management Review*, *Frontiers of Health Services Management*, *Journal of Health Administration Education*, *Managed Care Quarterly*, *Journal of Healthcare Management*, *Hospital Topics*, *Physician Executive* and the *International Journal of Technology Assessment in Health*. Dr. Friedman is a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives and is Past President of the National Capital Healthcare Executives chapter of the American College of Healthcare Executives. Dr. Friedman has been the Editor of the *Journal of Health Administration Education* since 2019.

Nominations for the 2022 Filerman Prize will be solicited in the fall and winter of 2021 for submissions by March of 2022. For additional information, visit [AUPHA’s website](#).

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