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**CHRIS LOUIS, PhD, MHA, NAMED RECIPIENT OF THE 2021  
JOHN D. THOMPSON PRIZE**

WASHINGTON, DC, April 8, 2021 – The John D. Thompson Prize Selection Committee is pleased to announce the selection of Chris Louis, PhD, Boston University School of Public Health, as the 2021 John D. Thompson 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. Louis was nominated by Michael Stein, MD, Professor and Chair, Health Law, Policy & Management, Boston University School of Public Health. “In this difficult online year, Chris kept his screen door open, always ready to assist, even-keeled. Chris is an unfailing advocate for students and for improved ways to teach them,” said Dr. Stein. “Along the way, he remained a clear-eyed administrator, a gracefully productive researcher, and a caring colleague.”

Chris Louis, PhD, MHA, is Clinical Associate Professor of Health Law, Policy & Management at the Boston University School of Public Health (BUSPH). Here, he is the Director of the CAHME-accredited Health Care Management program and Director of BUSPH Dual Degree programs. His primary research interests reside in health care organization and delivery, Medicaid innovation programs, program evaluation, and cancer care. He is currently a Principal

Investigator (PI) on multiple state-based program evaluations focusing on the Medicaid program and children with medical complexity. Dr. Louis is also the Co-PI on an American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grant that examines the influence of organizational policies and practices on mammography screening rates in Appalachia. He has published recently on breast cancer care delivery, Medicaid reform, and accountable care in journals such as the *Journal of Rural Health*, *Journal of Health Policy, Politics, and Law*, *Health Care Management Review*, and the *American Journal of Accountable Care*. Dr. Louis also has nearly a decade of healthcare industry experience in strategy, operations, and project management. His past experience includes serving as a consultant and hospital administrator in Connecticut, Florida, and New Jersey. Dr. Louis earned his PhD in Health Policy and Administration from Penn State University and holds a Master of Health Administration (MHA) from the University of Florida and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Sacred Heart University.

“I am truly honored and thankful to be recognized with this year’s AUPHA Thompson Prize,” said Dr. Louis. “AUPHA has played such an important role in the development of my career and I am proud to be a part of an organization that shares a commitment to developing leaders who are responsible for the future of healthcare.”

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

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