

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

UNIVERSITY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

UDC Resolution No. 2016-15

SUBJECT: Conferral of Honorary Degree upon David Levering Lewis, Ph.D., Julius Silver University Professor and Professor of History, New York University

WHEREAS, pursuant to D.C. Code §38-1202.06(3), the Board of Trustees has authority to award degrees and to establish policy with respect to the award of degrees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.2, the President, upon consultation with the Faculty Senate, has recommended that David Levering Lewis be awarded an honorary degree for his outstanding scholarship and significant accomplishments over 50 years as a teacher, historian and author of 11 books and whose research and excellence in writing have earned him innumerable honors and prestige, including two Pulitzer Prizes for the history of noted Black intellectual and social activist W.E. DuBois, as well as the National Humanities Medal awarded by President Obama in 2009; and for his dedication to higher education and teaching, accomplished at various universities across the nation, including the University of the District of Columbia (1970 – 1980); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 8 DCMR §315.3, the Board of Trustees must approve the recommendation of David Levering Lewis by an affirmative vote of three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the members present at the meeting of the Board following the meeting at which the recommendation was made;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the University of the District of Columbia hereby approves the recommendation of the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, with all the honors, privileges, and duties pertaining thereto.

Approved by the Executive Committee:

March 22, 2016

Ratified by the Board of Trustees:

May 5, 2016



Elaine A. Crider
Chairperson of the Board