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AAU STATEMENT ON APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM ADAMS AS CHAIR OF NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES

Following is a statement by Hunter Rawlings, President of the Association of American Universities, on President Obama's appointment of William Adams as Chair of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

On behalf of AAU's 60 leading U.S. research universities, I want to express strong support for President Obama's choice of William Adams to head the National Endowment for the Humanities. I am confident that Dr. Adams can help NEH reinvigorate national support for the humanities.

William Adams has demonstrated throughout his academic career the importance of federal support for the humanities and the role that the humanities play in cultivating a broadly educated workforce ready to compete in the knowledge-based, global economy of the 21st century.

AAU members and hundreds of other colleges and universities work with NEH every day to advance these goals. The humanities are a fundamental element of the research, the learning, and the creative work that take place on all of our campuses, and NEH programs and grants enrich these efforts. We hope for Dr. Adams' swift confirmation.

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