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George C. Hill, Ph.D. is the Levi Watkins Jr. M.D. Professor Emeritus and Distinguished Professor Emeritus (tenured) in Pathology, Microbiology and Immunology and Medical Education and Administration at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He also served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Multicultural Affairs and Special Assistant to the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs. From 2002-2011, he served as Associate Dean for Diversity in Medical Education. He is also a past President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases.

Dr. Hill was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academies in 1998 and a Fellow of the Academy of Microbiology in 2002. He was elected a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) in 2011 for distinguished contributions to tropical diseases research, leadership as President of the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases (NFID), and for fostering a diverse research and healthcare workforce. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Nairobi, in Nairobi, Kenya and a NIH Research Fellow at the University of Cambridge in Great Britain.

Dr. Hill has trained doctoral students, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. In 1999, Dr. Hill was recognized as a “Giant in Science” by the Quality Education for Minorities Network for his commitment to motivating minority students to pursue the sciences. He also chaired the National Science Foundation Committee for Equal Opportunity in Science and Engineering.

Before joining Vanderbilt, Dr. Hill held a Professorship in Microbiology and served as Vice President for Sponsored Research at Meharry Medical College, where he also served as Dean of the Graduate School, Director of the Division of Biomedical Sciences, and Associate Vice President for International Programs. Dr. Hill obtained his B.S. from Rutgers University, M.S. from Howard University, and Ph.D. from NYU. Additionally, Dr. Hill served at Colorado State University teaching and conducting research in the Department of Pathology and established a mentoring program for minority students in 1974, the CSU Science Motivation Program, bringing minority high school students to the campus for the summer.

He has served on numerous governmental advisory committees focusing on biomedical sciences research and graduate education including serving as a member of the NIH Advisory Council for NIGMS as well as a member of the NIH Board of Scientific Counselors for NIAID. He also served on the CDC Scientific Advisory Board of the National Center for Infectious Diseases. He currently serves on the NIH Fogarty International Center Scientific Advisory Board.

Dr. Hill is a researcher in the field of molecular biology and biochemistry of African trypanosomiasis. His laboratory was the first to grow the *Trypanosoma rhodesiense* in culture, the causative agent of African trypanosomiasis. He has received extensive research support from NIH, NSF and other federal agencies. For his research accomplishments, he received the Seymour Hutner Prize for Research from the Society for Protozoologists.

He is a member of the American Society of Molecular Biology and Biochemistry, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society for Microbiology and other

scientific societies. He also works throughout the country to advance opportunities for underrepresented minority students in medicine and the biomedical sciences.

Dr. Hill received the Rutgers Hall of Distinguished Alumni Award from the Rutgers University Alumni Association in May, 2012.