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DEAN WHITE APPOINTS NEW SOCIOLOGY CHAIR

GREENVILLE, N.C. (Jan. 6, 2009) — Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences at East Carolina University welcomes a new department chair to the college this January. Dean Alan R. White recently appointed Dr. Leon C. Wilson as the new chair of the Department of Sociology.

Prior to joining the faculty at ECU, Wilson spent 18 years at Wayne State University in Detroit, MI, where he taught courses in applied sociology, social psychology, social statistics, and seminars in social psychology and African American families. He most recently served as chair of the sociology department.

Wilson received both his doctoral and master of arts degrees in sociology from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, his master of arts degree in religion from Andrews University, and his bachelor of theology degree from Caribbean Union College in Trinidad.

Throughout his 40 years in academia, Wilson has held appointments and lectureships at the Ministry of Education in Guyana, South America; Caribbean Union College Secondary School in Trinidad; the University of Michigan; and most recently, Wayne State University. He has authored or co-authored more than two dozen book chapters, book reviews, and articles in scholarly publications, and he has been an invited guest lecturer at conferences throughout the United States and abroad.

Among his professional organizations, Wilson is a member of the American Sociological Association, Association of Black Sociologists, and the Caribbean Studies Association.

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