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**Walter E. Williams,
Economist, Commentator and Scholar
Wins 2017 Bradley Prize®**

Washington, D.C. Awards Ceremony to be held April 6

Milwaukee, WI – Walter E. Williams, Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University, is one of four recipients of the 2017 Bradley Prize. The honor recognizes individuals of extraordinary talent and dedication who have made contributions in areas consistent with the mission of [The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation](#). Dr. Williams is also a well-known commentator and scholar, who has authored numerous influential books. He holds a B.A. in economics from California State University, and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in economics from UCLA.

The Bradley Prize will be awarded to Dr. Williams at a ceremony to be held on April 6, 2017 at Sidney Harman Hall, Shakespeare Theatre Company in Washington, D.C. Each award carries a stipend of \$250,000.

“Walter E. Williams, a tireless defender of personal liberty, economic freedom and limited government, speaks the truth even at personal cost,” said Richard Graber, President and CEO of the Bradley Foundation. “Dr. Williams is a formidable advocate for economic liberty and individual rights.”

The selection was based on nominations submitted by more than 200 prominent individuals across the country and chosen by the Bradley Prizes Selection Committee.

“Through the Bradley Prizes, we recognize individuals like Dr. Williams, who, through his personal and intellectual courage, has inspired his students to become active in support of freedom and free markets,” stated Graber.

Founded in 1985, The Lynde and Harry Bradley Foundation is devoted to strengthening American democratic capitalism and the institutions, principles and values that sustain and nurture it. Its programs support limited, competent government; a dynamic marketplace for economic, intellectual and cultural activity; and a vigorous defense, at home and abroad, of American ideas and institutions. Recognizing that responsible self-government depends on enlightened citizens and informed public opinion, the Foundation supports scholarly studies and academic achievement.

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