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Donald L. Zimmerman, Ph.D. has served as the Co-Chair of the Board of Director at the International Commission for Dalit Rights (ICDR) since 2013 and had served as a Board's Member. He is a Professor and Director of the Graduate Health Care Administration Program at the University of Maryland University College. Prior to joining UMUC, Dr. Zimmerman spent the prior 15 years as a faculty member and a senior academic leader at Walden University, Farleigh Dickinson University, and the University of Sciences in Philadelphia. Before turning to full-time academic work, Don was actively engaged in national and state health policy development for 18 years as a lead researcher and policy analyst at Research Triangle Institute International, George Washington University's National Health Policy Forum and Intergovernmental Health Policy Project, and the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council. He has also served as a researcher and policy consultant to the US Congress, international, federal, and state agencies, national associations, and publically traded healthcare organizations. In addition, Dr. Zimmerman he has led major grants from groups like the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, the MacArthur Foundation, and the John A. Hartford Foundation, among others.

Dr. Zimmerman currently serves as the Chair of the Working Group of Online Program Leaders of the *Association of University Programs in Healthcare Administration (AUPHA)* and as a member of the Select Task Force on Online Accreditation for the *Commission for the Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education (CAHME)*. In addition, he has recently presented findings from his report on "Sudanese Victims of Organ Trafficking in Egypt" (with Debra Budiani) as a Panel Discussant on Human Trafficking to the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Don earned his doctorate and masters at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and his undergraduate degree (with Distinction) at the University of Washington – all in Sociology.