**Bio for Dr. William T. Hoston**

**DR. WILLIAM T. HOSTON Sr., Ph.D.,** is Professor of Political Science, the Inaugural Director of the Mellon Center for Faculty Excellence, and also serves as an Interim Associate Dean in the Marvin D. and June Samuel Brailsford College of Arts and Sciences at Prairie View A&M University (PVAMU).

Prior to joining PVAMU, he held professorships at the University of Houston-Clear Lake (UHCL) and Wichita State University (WSU).  He spent over a decade at UHCL, where he was an Associate Professor of Political Science and Chair of the Political Science Program. At WSU, he co-founded the African-American Faculty and Staff Association, which worked to foster progress in diversity and inclusion across the University.

He holds teaching and research interests in the areas of minority voting behavior, political behavior of Black politicians, race and minority group behavior, Black masculinity, sexualities and gender, race and crime, and theories and dynamics of racism and oppression. An award-winning teacher and scholar, Dr. Hoston is the recipient of many teaching awards, including the *National Society of Leadership and Success* excellence in teaching award, and at the university level, the *Minnie Stevens Piper Professor* award, which recognizes superior teaching at Texas higher education institutions.

Dr. Hoston’s written work traverses multiple genres, including editorials, essays, fiction, and poetry.  He is the author or editor of seven academic books. His book *Toxic Silence: Race, Black Gender Identity, and Addressing the Violence against Black Transgender Women in Houston* won the 2019 Lambda Literary Award in the ‘LGBTQ studies’ category and was nominated for the Sylvia Rivera Award in Transgender Studies. His latest co-edited book *Contemporary Debates in Social Justice: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Exploring the Lives of Black and Brown Americans* (2021) is a collection that encourages a multi-discipline approach to examining the existing societal injustices affecting Black and Brown communities.

He earned his PhD in Political Science at the University of New Orleans and MS in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Florida State University. His BGS in General Studies is also from the University of New Orleans.