

William Darity

- SOPHE President – 1969
- He earned his baccalaureate degree from Shaw University, his MSPH degree from North Carolina Central University, and his DrPH from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where in 1964 he was the first African American to earn a doctorate at the university
- After working in antipoverty programs in North Carolina, in 1965 Dr. Darity accepted a faculty appointment at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he conducted research on smoking and cancer in Blacks.
- In 1973, he became the founding dean of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst School of Health Sciences
- World Health Organization (WHO) for 10 years as a WHO regional advisor to 17 countries

