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FROM: Jean Morrison, University Provost and Chief Academic Officer

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SUBJECT: Initial Appointment of Jonathon Simon as the Robert A. Knox Professor

I am delighted to announce that Professor Jonathon Simon has been named the first holder of the newly created Robert A. Knox Professorship.

This endowed professorship has been established as a result of the generosity and vision of businessman, philanthropist, and BU Board of Trustees Chair Robert Knox (CAS '74, GSM '75). The Robert and Jeanne Knox Foundation has awarded the University a remarkable gift of $2.5 million to establish the Robert A. Knox Professorship, which is designated to support impactful scholarship, research and teaching in the broad areas of management and public health.

Professor Simon, a renowned child health and infectious diseases researcher in the Department of International Health in BU's School of Public Heath, is the ideal choice as the inaugural Robert A. Knox Professor in recognition of his leadership and ongoing contributions to the field of public health. He has worked in more than 20 developing countries, with a focus on Africa and South Asia, evaluating the social and economic impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic and addressing the challenges of child survival and capacity strengthening. Professor Simon has been an accomplished researcher, a respected teacher and a passionate advocate on behalf of child health issues since his arrival at BU in 2001. He also serves as Director of BU's Center for Global Health & Development.

Professor Simon's appointment is a significant milestone both for the University's continued advancement as a research leader and for the BU School of Public Health, which is each day innovating and discovering life-changing solutions to some of the greatest health challenges facing communities around the world.

Please join me in congratulating Professor Simon and wishing him well in this new appointment. We are excited for what the future holds and will look forward to tracking the important research and practical discoveries of Professor Simon and his students.

Cc: Robert A. Brown
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