STEVEN DELLER

Dr. Steven Deller is one of the two 2018 recipients of the Walter Isard Award for distinguished scholarly achievement.

Steven Deller is Professor of Agricultural and Applied Economic at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he is also Interim Director of the Center for Community and Economic Development. He is also an affiliated faculty member of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an affiliated faculty member of the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies at the same University.

As one of his letter of nominations rightly stated Prof. Deller is a modern-day “renaissance scholar” who applies regional science concepts and spatial methods across disciplines and on a wide range of topics.

Professor Deller made a substantial and important contribution to regional science. He is a prolific researcher whose research program demonstrates both breadth and depth. He published in leading journals not only in regional science, but also in agricultural economics, rural sociology, public finance and public administration.

He contributed greatly to the development of several research fields including entrepreneurship, infrastructures, social capital, public finance and management, and the role of amenities in economic development. On the latter topic, Dr. Deller has written an influential set of papers contributing to the theoretical and empirical understanding of natural amenities, amenity-led migration, and the amenity-rural growth nexus. Work on this topic alone includes over a dozen journal articles, a co-edited book (*Amenities and Rural Development: Theory, Methods and Public Policy*, 2005), and an *AJAE* [*American Journal of Agricultural Economics*] article with almost 800 citations in Google Scholar. He has over 6,000 Google Scholar citations and h-index of 36 and has co-authored over 100 articles with at least 10 citations.

Prof. Deller served in leadership positions for the North American Regional Science Council, the Southern Regional Science Association and the Mid-Continent Regional Science Association. He was co-editor of the *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy* and serves on the editorial boards of *Review of Regional Studies, Journal of Regional Science, Economic Development Quarterly* and *American Journal of Agricultural Economics.*

The North American Regional Science Council is therefore pleased to present the 2018 Walter Isard Award for distinguished scholarly achievement to Steven Deller.