**DANIEL MCMILLEN**

Dr. Daniel McMillen is the 2019 recipient of the Walter Isard Award for distinguished scholarly achievement.

Dan McMillen is Professor of Finance at University of Illinois-Chicago and a long-time participant in NARSC meetings. He is a Distinguished Scholar at the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy and a Research Scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He is a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International and a Fellow of the Wiemer School of Advanced Studies at the Homer Hoyt Institute. Dr. McMillen received his Ph.D. in Economics from Northwestern University.

Professor McMillen has contributed a wide range of research in regional science. As of early November 2019, he published 84 peer-reviewed academic journal articles. Dan was a pioneer in bringing non-parametric econometric methods to regional science. He did this in his work on employment subcenter identification, land values, employment density, and hedonic house price functions. A key feature of Dan’s research is demonstrating the importance of spatial heterogeneity and heterogeneity in general. More broadly, Professor McMillen’s work provides a rigorous statistical treatment of spatial data, highlighting potential issues in spatial econometrics and promoting solutions. This includes work on general spatial autocorrelation, spatial autocorrelation applied to Probit models, model misspecification, and application of quantile regression. Dan made further contributions in land valuation, zoning, home price indexing, and environmental hazards.

Professor McMillen is widely cited. As of early November 2019, Professor McMillen has accumulated over 3,400 citations in Scopus and 8,400 in Google Scholar.

Professor McMillen has also produced a trove of influential books, book chapters, and research reports. His textbook, *Urban Economics and Real Estate: Theory and Policy* (with John McDonald) is widely used in undergraduate courses. His book, *A Companion to Urban Economics* (with Richard Arnott) is a broad guide to urban economics. *Quantile Regression for Spatial Data* serves regional scientists as a practical guide to the topic.

Professor McMillen served as co-editor of *Regional Science and Urban Economics* for over a decade. He is currently on Editorial Boards of several major regional science journals including: *Journal of Regional Science, Journal of Urban Economics, Growth and Change,* and *Papers in Regional Science.* He also served on the Editorial Board of the *Journal of Economic Geography.*

Perhaps the most enduring feature of Professor McMillen’s career is his mentoring of dozens of junior academics and graduate students. This mentoring is best exemplified through his widely successful mentoring program at the Lincoln Institute for Land Policy.

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