

**Geoffrey J.D. Hewings**  
**2021 NARSC Roger R. Stough Outstanding Mentor Award**

Dr. Geoffrey J.D. Hewings is an Emeritus Director of Regional Economics and Applications Laboratory, Emeritus Professor in geography and geographic information science, in economics, and in urban and regional planning at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Dr. Hewings was the founding Director of REAL and served in this position until August 2016. Prior to coming to Illinois in 1974, he was on the faculty of the University of Kent at Canterbury (UK) and the University of Toronto (Canada).

He is also a recipient of the Fulbright and the Woodrow Wilson awards and he has also been nominated Fellow of the Regional Science Association International. He is also Fellow of the International Input-Output Association and the Western Regional Science Association. Geoffrey has also served as President of the North American Regional Science Council, the Regional Science Association International, the Western Regional Science Association and the International Input-Output Association.

His major research interests lie in the field of urban and regional economic analysis with a focus on the design, implementation and application of regional economic models. He has devoted considerable time to the way in which these models might become useful in policy formation and evaluation. In addition to the continuing development of regional econometric-input-output models for a number of US states and metropolitan areas, Hewings is working on several modeling projects in Brazil, Colombia, Japan, Korea and Indonesia. Recent work in the Midwest, Brazil and Korea has focused on linking regional macro models with transportation network models to explore impacts of unexpected events, for example earthquakes, expansion of transportation infrastructure and the impacts of port efficiency. At the metropolitan scale, attention has been directed to the estimation of intra-metropolitan flows of goods, people, income and consumption expenditures within the Chicago region to measure the changing degree of interdependence.

Dr. Hewings has been an excellent mentor for young regional scientists and future generation of regional science. Since 1995, the North American Regional Science Council has annually recognized distinguished contributions to regional science research by scholars who have recently completed doctoral studies for the Geoffrey J.D. Hewings Award named in honor of Dr. Hewings, who over the years introduced numerous graduate students to regional science and mentored them as young scholars. Throughout his career, Dr. Hewings has shown a particular interest in the training and mentoring of young scholars from all over the world to the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He has guided over 60 Ph.D. students under his supervision and actively mentored young and early-career visiting scholars thorough continuous scholarly interactions.

The North American Regional Science Council is therefore pleased to present the inaugural 2021 Roger R. Stough Outstanding Mentor Award to Geoffrey J.D. Hewings.