



Cecilia Rouse Recipient of the 2016 Carolyn Shaw Bell Award

Cecilia Rouse, Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Lawrence and Shirley Katzman and Lewis and Anna Ernst Professor in the Economics of Education and Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University is the recipient of the 2016 Carolyn Shaw Bell Award. Given annually since 1998 by the American Economic Association's (AEA) Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), the Bell Award recognizes and honors an individual who has furthered the status of women in the economics profession. Professor Rouse will accept the Bell Award at the annual CSWEP business meeting and award ceremony held during the 2017 AEA Meeting in Chicago.

Professor Rouse is a labor economist and is one of the nation's leading experts on the economics of education. Her research confronts questions of significant policy importance including investigating the effects of school vouchers and school accountability measures, measuring the labor market returns to community college, measuring discrimination, and studying new technologies in education. Dr. Rouse is lauded as a "mature thinker" and "careful empiricist" by her colleagues and she has published numerous papers in the top general interest journals.

As demonstrated in the more than 10 letters from economists she has mentored-- from undergraduate students, graduate students, and contemporary colleagues—Professor Rouse "has an extremely generous spirit" and shares her time to provide feedback, to support, to nurture development and dispense frank and sage advice to others. Dr. Rouse is someone who "very much leads by example," setting "a high bar for her own contributions."

In addition to her outstanding scholarship and mentorship, Dr. Rouse has dedicated significant time to professional and public service at the very highest levels. She is a senior editor of the journal *Future of Children*, a prior editor of the *Journal of Labor Economics*, a top field journal, and has served on the editorial board of many other journals in labor economics and the economics of education. Dr. Rouse has spent several years as Chair of the AEA Committee on the Status of Minority Groups in the Economic Profession (CSMGEP). CSMGEP's mission includes efforts to promote the advancement of underrepresented groups in the economics profession. She is also past Vice-President of the American Economic Association. In addition to her service to the profession, Dr. Rouse has taken on top policy positions in Washington D.C. for two Presidents: one year as Special Assistant to the President as a member of President Clinton's National Economic Council and two years as a member of President Obama's Council on Economic Advisers. "As a contributor to the economics profession and society writ large, Ceci Rouse is an inspiration."

Dr. Rouse has furthered the status of women in economics as both a mentor and a model; she is cited as “an example of how an economist can lead a life that involves producing high quality academic research while also having an impact in the real world, and balancing such achievements with a concern for others who are entering the profession behind her.”

Named after the first Chair of CSWEP, the Carolyn Shaw Bell Award was created as part of the 25th Anniversary celebration of the founding of the CSWEP and is given annually to an individual who has furthered the status of women in the economics profession through example, achievements, increasing our understanding of how women can advance in the economics profession or mentoring others. From most recent to first, previous recipients of the Carolyn Shaw Bell Award are: Janet Currie, Hilary Hoynes, Rachel McCulloch, Catherine C. Eckel, Sharon Oster, Elizabeth Hoffman, Elizabeth E. Bailey, Anne Carter, Olivia S. Mitchell, Barbara Fraumeni, Claudia Goldin, Barbara Bergmann, Robin L. Bartlett, Margaret Garritsen de Vries, Francine Blau, Marianne Ferber, Eva Mueller, Sandra Ohrn Moose, and Alice M. Rivlin.

CSWEP is a standing committee of the American Economic Association charged with promoting the careers and monitoring the progress of women economists. It sponsors mentoring and networking activities, conducts an annual survey of economics departments, and distributes professional development materials and career advice. CSWEP endeavors to raise awareness of the challenges that are unique to women’s careers in economics and of best practices for increasing diversity in the economics profession.

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