



CATHERINE C. ECKEL RECIPIENT OF THE 2012 CAROLYN SHAW BELL AWARD

Catherine C. Eckel, the Sara and John Lindsey Professor of Economics at Texas A&M University, is the recipient of the 2012 Carolyn Shaw Bell Award. The Award was created in 1998 to recognize an individual who has further the status of women in the economics profession. Professor Eckel will formally accept the Award during the 2013 American Economic Association meetings in San Diego at the annual business lunch meeting of the American Economic Association Committee on the Status of Women in the Economics Profession (CSWEP), 12:30-2:15 PM on January 4, 2013.

Professor Eckel has been a leader in experimental economics for several decades. Working with many collaborators including students as well as faculty and supported by numerous grants, her experimental studies cover a wide array of topics and appear in prestigious academic journals. Professor Eckel has served as a program director for the NSF, editor of the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, and director of the American National Election Studies Board of Overseers. Over the years she has been the recipient of numerous teaching awards and directed a steady stream of PhD students. Known as a tireless advocate for the careers of women economists and described as “tenacious” in her commitment to mentoring the next generation of female economists, she has not only served as mentor to many, but also served as a role model of effective mentoring. Professor Eckel has been unusually effective in helping women faculty network with each other. She was instrumental in bringing women into leadership positions in major economic organizations including the Southern Economic Association

and the Economic Science Association. Her own research agenda, which focuses in part on gender differences in decision-making, has made important and lasting contributions to our understanding of social relationships. The totality of her contributions has positively impacted the careers of many women in the economics profession.

Professor Eckel holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Virginia. Prior to joining Texas A&M she was the Director of the Center for Behavioral and Experimental Economic Science at the University of Texas at Dallas and Director of the Laboratory for the Study of Human Thought and Actions at Virginia Tech University.

Named after the first chair of CSWEP, the Carolyn Shaw Bell Award was created in January 1998 as part of the 25th Anniversary celebration of the founding of CSWEP. Prior to her death in 2006, Bell was Katharine Coman Professor Emerita at Wellesley College. The Bell Award 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. Previous winners of this award include Previous winners of this award include Sharon Oster (2011), Elizabeth Hoffman (2010), Elizabeth E. Bailey (2009), Anne Carter (2008), Olivia S. Mitchell (2007), Barbara Fraumeni (2006), Claudia Goldin (2005), Barbara Bergmann (2004), Robin L. Bartlett (2003), Margaret Garritsen de Vries (2002), Francine Blau (2001), Marianne Ferber (2001), Eva Mueller (2000), Sandra Ohrn Moose (1999), and Alice M. Rivlin (1998).

CSWEP is a subcommittee of the American Economics Association (AEA) charged with addressing the status of women in the economics profession. It directs mentoring activities for women at the beginning of their careers, organizes sessions at the annual meetings of the AEA and the regional economics associations, publishes a thrice yearly newsletter, monitors the progress of women within the profession, and reports annually to the AEA on the status of women in economics. CSWEP associates are women and men in the diverse areas of the profession – in academe, government and business.

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