Walter Isard Award for Scholarly Achievement: Geoffrey J.D. Hewings November 2003

GEOFFREY J.D. HEWINGS, Professor of Geography, Economics and Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Illinois and Director of the Regional Economics Applications Laboratory (REAL), has a distinguished record of contribution to regional science, particularly in the design, implementation, and application of regional economic models. He has published 4 monographs, over 30 book chapters, and over 100 professional journal articles.

Professor Hewings pioneered the creation of a unique research partnership between the University of Illinois and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago which led to the establishment of REAL. Under his leadership, REAL has developed state-of-the-art economic models for analyzing economic and structural change in the Chicago area and the Midwest. Those models have served as prototypes for regional ecoomic modeling around the world.

Throughout his career, Professor Hewings has shown a particular and noteworthy interest in the training and mentoring of young scholars, especially those earning their Ph.d.¹s under his direction, currently numbering twenty-eight. In recognition of this, the RSAI created the Geoffrey Hewings Young Scholar Award in 1995.

Professor Hewings has served on editorial boards for five Regional Science Journals and served as President of the North American Regional Science Council, the Western Regional Science Association, and the Regional Science Association International, and as the Director of the Regional Science Association International.

In recognition of his distinguished contributions to regional science scholarship, the North American Regional Science Council presents the 2003 Walter Isard Award for Scholarly Achievement to Geoffrey J.D. Hewings.