

Biographical Sketch

Wesley Wilson is a Professor of Economics at the University of Oregon. He received his PhD in Economics from Washington State University in 1986. From 1986-89, he was an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics at Washington State University and has been at the University of Oregon since 1989. He is an applied microeconomist who specializes in the economics of transportation, regulation, industrial organization, but has broad interests in the economics of networks, trade, labor, agriculture and applied econometrics.

Professor Wilson is the managing editor of *Economic Inquiry*, a past president of the Transportation and Public Utilities Group (TPUG) of the American Economic Association, the Inland Waterway and Agricultural Transportation Committees of the Transportation Research Board, a former President of the Agricultural Chapter of the Transportation Research Forum, and is an Affiliated Faculty with the Upper Great Plains Transportation Institute and with Christensen and Associates. He is and associate editor for the *Journal of the Transportation Research Forum* and *Maritime Policy and Management*, and has served or serves on the editorial boards of *The Review of Industrial Organization*, *Transportation Policy*, and *Agribusiness: An International Journal*.

From 2003 to 2009, Professor Wilson has been a Technical Advisor and Visiting Scholar to the Navigation and Economics Technologies (NETS) Program of the Institute for Water Resources, Army Corps of Engineers. In this capacity, he has both conducted research and coordinated a team of academic economists with Army Corps of Engineer economists, planners and consulting agencies. This research program is intended to provide a body of knowledge useful to evaluating policy alternatives confronted by the Corps and to integrate some of that knowledge into analytical models. This research program has involved studies of: 1. Spatial Equilibrium, Transportation, and Congestion; 2. Demand modeling that integrates stated and revealed preference data; 3. The development of new measures of port efficiency and the relationship to trade; 4. Short and long-run forecasting models of river traffic and the spatial-dynamic patterns; 5. Spatial competition among transportation demanders; 6. The efficiency of the locks, vessels and firms; and a host of other subjects; and 7. Port Growth Models.

In addition to the NETS research, Professor Wilson has been involved in an examination of railroad costs and mergers for the Federal Railway Administration, railroad capacity and pricing (funded by the Federal Railway Surface Transportation Board through Christensen Associates), and continues his work for the Army Corps of Engineers through a variety of contracts. He also, along with Bruce Blonigen, received funding from the National Science Foundation Grant to study trade policy in the steel market. Since 2009, he has been working with the Surface Transportation Board to evaluate and identify alternative procedures to estimate shipment costs of railroads.

At the University of Oregon, Professor Wilson has had a long history in graduate and undergraduate teaching and programs and a wide breadth of University service (most notably, Chair of the Faculty Personnel Committee). In teaching, Professor Wilson has taught graduate level courses in Theory, Core Econometrics, Applied Econometrics, and Industrial Organization. At the Undergraduate level, he has taught courses in introductory economics, econometrics, antitrust, and regulation. In 1996, he was awarded the Ersted Award for Distinguished Teaching at the University of Oregon, and won the Economics Department Award for Teaching in 1990, 1991 and 1993 (each year he was eligible until it was discontinued). As a former Director of Undergraduate Studies, he developed and managed the Undergraduate Resource Center of the Economics Department and was in the University's Faculty-in-Residence Program for four years.