

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 a past president of the Transportation and Public Utilities Group (TPUG) of the American Economics Association, a member of the Global Port Benchmarking Taskforce, 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 has been on a number of editorial boards. He currently serves on the boards of *The Review of Industrial Organization*, *Transportation Policy*, and *IFSPA Transactions*, and, in the past, he served on the boards of the *Journal of the Transportation Research Forum* and *Agribusiness: An International Journal*.

Since July 1, 2003, Professor Wilson has been a Technical Advisor 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 is actively involved in an examination of railroad capacity and pricing (funded by the Surface Transportation Board through Christensen Associates). He also, along with Bruce Blonigen, is completing work from a National Science Foundation Grant to study trade policy in the steel market. Finally, he continues an on-going research program that relates to the railroad industry (costs, efficiency, pricing and mergers), the motor carrier industry (survival and deregulation, wage levels, and efficiency).

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.