

# Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE)

## 2014 AERE Fellow

### Don Fullerton



**Don Fullerton, University of Illinois**, has had an incredibly productive career as an environmental and public economist. He has made many important contributions to the literature, often using analytical general equilibrium models to investigate the efficiency and the effects of environmental policies. He has examined the "double-dividend" of environmental taxes and demonstrated how results can be sensitive to model specification and normalization choice. In his work on the distributional effects of environmental policies, Don used a general equilibrium framework to explore the sources-side incidence of policy, which is likely to be less regressive than the uses-side incidence. He has studied the economics of garbage and recycling behavior, deposit-refund systems, and environmental policy in the transportation sector. In addition to his influential work in environmental economics, Don has made many important contributions to

public economics, including studying the lifetime versus annual burden of taxes.

Don's record as a teacher and mentor is equally impressive, as are his service contributions to the profession. Don is the head of the NBER's environmental and energy economics program since 2001, was the vice-president of AERE from 2012-2013, and was the transitional editor of the new *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE)* from 2013-2014, where he is currently a co-editor.

#### **Influential Publications:**

"The General Equilibrium Incidence of Environmental Taxes," (with G. Heutel), *Journal of Public Economics*, April 2007.

"Environmental Controls, Scarcity Rents, and Pre-Existing Distortions," (with G. Metcalf), *Journal of Public Economics*, May "How Economists See the Environment," (with R. Stavins), *Nature*, October 1998.

"Household Responses to Pricing Garbage by the Bag," (with T. Kinnaman), *American Economic Review*, 86(4), September 1996.

*Who Bears the Lifetime Tax Burden?* (with D. Lim Rogers), Washington, DC: Brookings Institution, (1993).

#### **Career Highlights:**

Gutsgell Professor, Department of Finance, and Institute of Government and Public Affairs, University of Illinois, 2008-present.

Lead Author, 5<sup>th</sup> Assessment Report, Working Group III of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2011-2014.

Addison Baker Duncan Centennial Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Texas at Austin, 1994-2008.

Deputy Assistant Secretary (Tax Analysis), U.S. Treasury Department, 1985-1987.

Research Associate, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1983-present.

**Selected Honors:**

Nannerl O. Keohane Distinguished Visiting Professor, Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2015.

List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by their Students, UIUC, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013.

Olin Senior Fellow, National Bureau of Economic Research, 1988-1989.

First Prize, Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award, National Tax Association, 1979.