

Helen Tice to Receive 2009 Julius Shiskin Award

Helen Stone Tice, Senior Research Associate at the Center for Civil Society Studies at the Johns Hopkins University, has been selected as the recipient of the 2009 Julius Shiskin Memorial Award for Economic Statistics. This award recognizes unusually original and important contributions in the development of economic statistics or in the use of statistics interpreting the economy. Dr. Tice is recognized **for innovative research in developing improved measures of the activities on nonprofit institutions throughout the world and for leadership in providing users with comprehensive documentation of the methodologies used for the U.S. economic accounts.** Dr. Tice becomes the 36th recipient of the Award and will be honored at events hosted by the three sponsors of the award: The Washington Statistical Society, the National Association for Business Economics, and the Business and Economics Section of the American Statistical Association.

Since 1998, Dr. Tice has been primarily engaged in research on the development of improved measures of the activities of nonprofit institutions (NPIs) in international economic accounts at the Center for Civil Society Studies of the Institute for Policy Studies at the Johns Hopkins University (JHU). At JHU, in collaboration with the United Nations Statistics Division (UNSD), she led a program that resulted in the preparation of the *Handbook on Non-Profit Institutions in the System of National Accounts* to improve the treatment of the nonprofit sector in the 1993 System of National Accounts (SNA). Current work on an updated version will align it with both the recently adopted *System of National Accounts, 2008*, and revisions in United Nations classification systems, and will incorporate lessons learned from current implementation experience of the *Handbook*. After publication, Dr. Tice engaged in an extensive outreach and dissemination efforts on the *Handbook*, including organizing workshops with international organizations. The handbook was critical because NPIs have been growing in importance in recent decades and systematic data on NPIs were not available. More recently, Dr. Tice has played a major role in the development of a set of procedures for the creation of a first-time system of labor force and household surveys to provide data to measure the size and nature of volunteer work. This work at JHU was conducted in partnership with the International Labour Organization and resulted in the preparation of the *Manual on the Measurement of Volunteer Work* and a JHU working paper on the findings of the research that Dr. Tice co-authored.

Dr. Tice's innovations in these and other areas of economic measurement has been based on careful and complete research that have resulted in new paths to ensuring the relevance of statistical systems in the face of changing external realities. She also has made sure that these innovations have been workable and consistent with features of the existing systems. In addition, her dedication to her work and respect for colleague has contributed to the success of her many innovations.

From 1977 to 1998, Dr. Tice was engaged in research at the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). Among her many innovative contributions while at BEA, the most significant was the design and implementation of the first updating of the methodologies underlying the U.S. accounts in almost 25 years. The publication of these methodologies, several of which she co-authored, in a series of separate methodology reports provided users with useful detail and completeness that was unmatched internationally and greatly enhanced the reputation of BEA

throughout the world. She conducted research on the activities of nonprofit institutions for the U.S. national accounts, and this work led to the publication of the first set of U.S. nonprofit accounts in 2003. She contributed several sections to the *System of National Accounts, 1993*. She was a major contributor to the development of the revised industry classification for financial services for the new North American Industry Classification System. In addition, together with Robert Lipsey of the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER), she organized a conference on the measurement of saving, investment, and wealth for the NBER Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, and edited the conference volume, *The Measurement of Saving, Investment, and Wealth*, which was published in 1989.

From 1969 to 1977, Dr. Tice was at the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System where she designed and implemented a framework for a detailed documentation of the methodologies underlying the Flow of Funds Accounts. She also developed and implemented a set of national balance sheets for these accounts.

During her career at JHU, BEA, and the FRB, Dr. Tice has authored or co-authored numerous books, articles, and papers. In addition to the major sections of BEA's methodology papers, sections of the *System of National Accounts, 1993*, she also wrote articles for the *Review of Income and Wealth* on revisions to the Systems of National Accounts, measurement of wealth, and nonprofit institutions, and article on NPIs for *Voluntas*, and several chapters of a report for Congress, *Institutional Investor Study Report of the Securities and Exchange Commission*. She also is co-author of the forthcoming "Nonprofit Organizations in the System of National Accounts," in *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*. Dr. Tice also served as a member of the editorial board, *Review of Income and Wealth*, from 1978-81, and as a member of the Executive Committee, Conference on Research in Income and Wealth, from 1979-85.