

Nomination deadline coming up, July 1!

The William Alonso Memorial Prize for Innovative Work in Regional Science



William Alonso, 1933-1999

The William Alonso Memorial Prize for Innovative Work in Regional Science was established in 1999 to honor the memory of a revered, pioneering scholar. In 1960 William Alonso was awarded the first Ph.D. in Regional Science by the University of Pennsylvania. The book based on his dissertation, *Location and Land Use* (Harvard University Press, 1964), is often credited with launching the field of urban economics. He made numerous major contributions to the study of migration, regional development, and the politics of numbers, and his work ranged from meticulous mathematical theory to far-ranging think pieces. William Alonso was Assistant and Associate Professor of Regional Planning at Harvard University (1959-67), Professor of Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley (1966-76), and Richard Saltonstall Professor of Population Policy at Harvard (1976-99).

The objective of the Prize is to recognize the recent innovative research contribution of Regional Science scholars in the spirit of Dr. William Alonso. Previous Prize Winners are:

- 2002 Masahisa Fujita and Paul Krugman, *The Spatial Economy* (MIT Press, 1999)
- 2004 Jacques-François Thisse, *Economics of Agglomeration* (Cambridge University Press, 2002)
- 2006 Luc Anselin, *Local Indicators of Spatial Association* (Geographical Analysis, 1995)
Ann Markusen, *Sticky Places in Slippery Space* (Economic Geography, 1996)
- 2011 Michael Batty, *Cities and Complexity* (MIT Press, 2007)
- 2013 Robert Sampson, *Great American City* (University of Chicago Press, 2012)

- 2016 David Boyce and Huw Williams, *Forecasting Urban Travel: Past, Present and Future* (Edward Elgar, 2015)
Michael Batty, *The New Science of Cities* (MIT Press 2013)

The next prize is scheduled to be announced in 2019 at the North American Meetings in Pittsburgh.

Nominations for the prize to be announced in 2019 are invited by the Alonso Prize Committee. They may come from any individual or organization including book publishers, university departments, government agencies, and other public or private entities. Each individual or organization is limited to make two nominations for each occasion. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2019.

- The nominated work must be a book published in 2013 or later. An edited book will be considered only if it is tightly-integrated, not a loose collection of chapters.
- The nominated work may have single or multiple authors.
- Authors are encouraged to self-nominate, and jurors will not know which books were self-nominated.
- Previously nominated books may be re-nominated and will be considered anew.
- To nominate a book (1) send e-mails to neil.reid@utoledo.edu and jkohlhase@uh.edu with citation information, such as William Alonso, *Location and Land Use*, Harvard University Press, 1964, (2) attach up to three published book reviews, if available, using pdf files. No letters of nomination or support are required, and, if provided, will not be sent to jurors. The selection criteria are innovation and expected impact.

Although occasionally awarded to an article, the Alonso Prize is primarily a book prize. A book's key idea might have been presented first in a journal article, such as Alonso's "A Theory of the Urban Land Market," *Papers of the Regional Science Association*, 1960, but its fuller development and synthesis with other work can make the book innovative and eligible for the Prize.

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