



Daniel S. Hamermesh is the Sue Killam Professor in the Foundation of Economics at the University of Texas at Austin and Professor of Economics, Royal Holloway University of London, and is a past President of the Society of Labor Economists. Dan has made many contributions to labor economics in a long and distinguished career. He has been a leading scholar of labor demand, publishing a series of important papers that culminated in his classic 1993 book, “Labor Demand.” He also made important contributions to the study of time allocation. Not resting on these laurels, Dan almost single-handedly developed research on beauty and the labor market, or “lookism.” His 2011 book, *Beauty Pays*, demonstrates how society favors the beautiful and how better-looking people experience benefits in all aspects of life.

In recent years, he has returned to the study of time allocation, and has become a leading scholar of the American Time Use Survey. He collaborates on comparative research on time use with scholars (and data sources) from around the world.

Dan has also made significant contributions to the sociology and economics of economics. He has written instructive papers on the production of economic research, covering topics such as co-authorship, the life cycle of academic productivity and earnings, the selection of economists for honors, and even journal refereeing. These papers typically not only teach us about economists but also about economic science. He has also taken it upon himself to put down in writing professional advice to economists, including papers covering teaching, publishing, and dealing with the media, and a guide for young economists that is widely shared with new colleagues at universities throughout the world.

Finally, many labor economists, including members of the committee, have benefited from Dan’s generous advice and support. He has always been unstinting with his time with young scholars and is known for his constructive advice. Dan has been an emissary of labor economics not only to generations of students, but also to the community of applied researchers worldwide, including through his extensive involvement with the Institute for the Study of Labor (IZA).

For his research contributions, and for the many ways that he has contributed to the strengthening of the field of labor economics, we are delighted to award the Society of Labor Economists’ Jacob Mincer Prize for lifetime contributions to the field of labor economics to Daniel Hamermesh.

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