

IN MEMORIAM

Professor Emeritus Robert E. Lipsey



The Department of Economics is saddened to report the death of Professor Emeritus Robert E. Lipsey on August 11, 2011. Professor Lipsey, a world-renowned authority on international economics, taught at Queens College and The Graduate Center from 1967 to 1996. At the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) in New York from 1945 until his death, he published widely on the topics of international trade and direct investment, international comparisons of prices and output, and multinationals, and also served as director of NBER's New York office. Dr. Lipsey was a prolific researcher and the author (or co-author) of five books and six edited volumes as well as more than 100 articles in scholarly journals and many other papers. His books included *The Financial Effects of Inflation* and *Price Competitiveness in World Trade*. Recently, he and Professor Zadia Feliciano had been doing joint research on multinational corporations; their award-winning article, "Foreign Ownership Growth and Wage Changes in U.S. Industries, 1987-1992," (*Contemporary Economic Policy*, January 2006) investigates whether foreign firms benefit the states where they locate either directly, by increasing the availability of higher paying jobs, or indirectly, by increasing the wages of workers in domestically-owned firms. As Professor of Economics Emeritus at Queens College and The Graduate Center, Dr. Lipsey continued to mentor graduate students until his death. Bob Lipsey was a mainstay of our department for many years, and he will be sorely missed by his colleagues here, at the Graduate Center, and at NBER. A memorial service will be held on Monday, October 17, at 5:30pm, at The Graduate Center of the City University of New York, 365 Fifth Avenue, between 34th and 35th Streets, rooms 9205/9206.

Adjunct Professor Alain Bourdeau de Fontenay



Dr. Fontenay taught at Queens College from 2005 until the time of his death on July 23, 2011. Dr. Bourdeau de Fontenay was an expert in the economics of telecommunications; he was a founding member and long-time board member of the International Telecommunications Society (ITS). His ITS colleagues remember him as “a gentle visionary, an original (and unconventional) thinker and . . . an early and prominent scholar in the field of telecommunications economics.” At Queens College he taught Industrial Organization (Economics 240) and Urban Economics (Economics 246). The department considers itself fortunate to have had this talented man as a member of our adjunct faculty.