The University of Maryland is pleased to announce a special award to Alberto Martini of the Università del Piemonte Orientale, Alessandria, Italy, for advancing the cause of rigorous program evaluation in social programing. The award is being made in recognition of Professor Martini's leadership in encouraging the highest standards of causal inference research, both in his home country of Italy and in Europe generally.

The award ceremony will be held in the building of the Italian Senate, Palazzo Madama, sala Koch, on July 11, 2017, at 11 a.m. The award will be conferred by the President of the Italian Senate, Mr. Pietro Grasso.

After receiving a Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin, and stints at Mathematica Policy Research and the Urban Institute, Alberto has had a distinguished career in Italy, including being the president of the Italian Evaluation Society. (See attached bio.)

The award is being made with the advice of the award committee for the Peter H. Rossi Award for Contributions to the Theory or Practice of Program Evaluation. The members of the award committee are: Douglas Besharov, University of Maryland; Richard Burkhauser, Cornell University; Eric Hanushek, Stanford University; Rebecca Maynard, University of Pennsylvania; and Larry Orr, Johns Hopkins University.

The International Network for Social Policy Teaching and Research is joining to sponsor the award ceremony.

At the award presentation, in recognition of Professor Martini's contributions, we will be joined (in person or via video link) by Georg Fischer, the European Commission's Director for Social Affairs in the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion; and by Stefano Scarpetta, the OECD's Director of Employment, Labour and Social Affairs.

In addition, the journal *Evaluation Review* will dedicate a special issues to papers presented at a conference in Professor Martini's honor, to be held in Torino, Italy, in Spring 2018.

RSVP: for security reasons, if you intend to participate in the award ceremony, you must sign up right now by sending an email to the address ROSSI_AWARD_IN_EUROPE@UNICATT.IT