

Alberto Martini to Receive Award for Advancing Rigorous Evaluation of Social Programs

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 evaluation of social programs. 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 President of the Italian Senate, Mr. Pietro Grasso will confer the award to Professor Martini at a ceremony in the building of the Italian Senate, Palazzo Madama, sala Koch, on 11 July 2017, at 11 a.m.

Professor Martini will also be honored at APPAM's International Conference in Brussels on 13 July 2017.

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

Professor Martini received his Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1988. After stints at Mathematica Policy Research and the Urban Institute, Professor Martini has had a distinguished career in Italy that includes serving as the president of the Italian Evaluation Society.

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.

NOTE: If you wish to attend the Senate Ceremony, please send your name to the following address: coop.ricerche@unicatt.it