

Citation for ESA Distinguished Fellow Award: Professor Jeff Borland

The Victorian Branch is very pleased to see Professor Jeff Borland recognised for his extensive contributions to the economic profession, and for his broad engagement inside and outside of academia on labour economics, child development, education and policy issues.

Starting his undergraduate studies at the University of Melbourne, Jeff Borland graduated with a Master's and PhD degree from Yale University. Jeff Borland is currently the Truby Williams Professor of Economics at the University of Melbourne. Jeff is a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences, and in 2010 was Visiting Professor of Australian Studies at Harvard University.

In more than 30 years of working on research relating to the Australian labour market and program evaluation, Professor Borland has made numerous important contributions. His research includes analyses of the impact of employment and social programs for jobseekers, homeless individuals and children from vulnerable backgrounds. This very applied and practical research has been published in leading refereed international journals and is widely cited. For many years, Jeff has also produced a regular publication on his personal webpage, called labour market snapshots, aimed at informing a broad audience on a variety of labour market topics.

Jeff's excellent academic record has been complemented by wide ranging engagement with policy makers.

He has been a consultant to, and has undertaken contract research on labour market (and other) issues for government departments and agencies including the OECD, IMF, New Zealand Treasury, Productivity Commission, Fair Work Commission, ACCC and Commonwealth Departments of Employment, Health and Family and Community Services. In 2018 he was appointed by the Minister for Jobs and Small Business as a member of the Expert Panel to review and make recommendations on the employment services system in Australia. In the same year he was a member of the consultation group formed by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet to make recommendations on revised employment targets for the Closing the Gap Targets.

Jeff Borland has also provided service to the economic profession by being the Editor of the *Economic Record*, a co-editor of *Economic Inquiry*, and President of the Victorian Branch of ESA. He is currently is co-editor on the *Journal of Sports Economics*. Furthermore, he was Head of the Department of Economics at University of Melbourne from 2003 to 2006 and Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Economics and Commerce from 2007 to 2009. In these roles, he mentored and provided opportunities for many young aspiring economists.

Thank you Jeff for all your contributions.