

The Ryuichi Kitamura Paper Award

For the best paper authored by a student – mentor combination

Awarded annually by the Travel Analysis Methods Section (ADB00) of the Transportation Research Board

Background

The travel behavior and modeling community lost a great thinker and researcher with the passing of Professor Ryuichi Kitamura on February 19, 2009. During the course of his 30+ year career, Ryuichi Kitamura explored new paths of inquiry that have left an indelible impression on travel behavior research and modeling. His body of work, comprising more than 250 publications, will undoubtedly continue to shape the field for many years to come. Ryuichi Kitamura was extremely active with the Transportation Research Board, serving as the Chair of the Committee on Traveler Behavior and Values (ADB10) from 1989 to 1995, a period during which concepts of time and space, the influence of information and communication technologies (ICT), and consideration of behavioral dynamics and underlying motivational processes became central tenets in the field.

Ryuichi Kitamura spent the first 15 years of his career on the faculty of the University of California, Davis and the second 15 years on the faculty of Kyoto University. His remarkable career in academia was characterized by a passion for excellence, a deep desire to explore the unknown, and a penchant for tackling hard problems. These are traits that he strived to pass on to his many graduate students—more than 30 Ph.D. and 50 master's advisees. He was a selfless mentor devoted to ensuring the success of his students. Ryuichi Kitamura co-authored many papers with his students and made this a hallmark of his career. In honor of Ryuichi Kitamura's commitment to student success and co-authorship of papers, the Travel Analysis Methods Section (ADB00) of the Transportation Research Board is pleased to institute the *Ryuichi Kitamura Award for the Best Paper by a Student Co-Authored with a Mentor*.

Eligibility

Papers considered for this award must be primarily authored by one or more students. Papers authored by student – mentor combinations that meet the following criteria will be eligible for consideration for the award:

- Papers must be reviewed by one of the committees in the Travel Analysis Methods Section (ADB00); these include:
 - ADB10 – Traveler Behavior and Values
 - ADB20 – Telecommunications and Travel Behavior
 - ADB30 – Network Modeling
 - ADB40 – Travel Demand Forecasting
 - ADB50 – Transportation Planning Applications
- A student must be the lead (first) author of the paper, clearly indicating that one or more students played substantive lead roles in undertaking the research for and preparing the paper.
- A mentor must be a co-author of the paper.
- There are no other restrictions on authorship. For example:
 - There may be more than one student as a co-author.
 - There may be more than one mentor or professor as a co-author. The only requirement is that there must be at least one student-mentor pair among the co-authors with a student serving as the lead author.
 - Multiple student-mentor combinations are allowed.
 - Full-time and part-time students are eligible for the award.
 - All authors do not have to belong to one and the same institution.
- The primary student author must have been a student at any time within the 12 month period preceding the paper submission deadline date. For example, papers for the 2010 Annual Meeting are due August 1, 2009. If the primary student author was a student at any time between August 2, 2008 and August 1, 2009, the paper is eligible for the award, even if the student graduated within this period.
- ONLY papers submitted for presentation AND publication are eligible for consideration. The award winning paper will be published in the *Transportation Research Record* series corresponding to the award year.

The award winner(s) will be presented the award during the Annual Meeting in January at the meeting of the Committee which reviewed the winning paper.