

TPC Affiliate Honored for Lifetime Achievement by the National Tax Association

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Brookings Senior Fellow and TPC affiliate, Henry J. Aaron has been named the recipient of the National Tax Association's 2010 Daniel M. Holland Medal, awarded for his lifetime achievements influencing the study and practice of public finance. Aaron figured prominently in advancing substantive discourse within healthcare reform policy circles prior to the passage of landmark legislation earlier this year – a notable extension of his 40-plus years of contributions as an academic and as a public servant.

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Aaron was chosen by a committee of NTA members selected by the Board of Directors. Past recipients of the award include Martin Feldstein, Arnold Harberger, and Richard Musgrave. The medal was presented at the Annual Meeting of the Members, held in conjunction with the Annual Conference on Taxation on Friday, November 19th, 2010.

"We are honored to have had Hank at Brookings for more than 4 decades," said Brookings President Strobe Talbott. "He certainly earned the Holland Medal, and it's just one more indication of the impact his work has had. All of his colleagues at Brookings are proud to have him in our midst—and in the forefront of the economics profession"

"Hank has been an inspiration to many young economists, with his insightful research, his passion for policy and his powerful writing," said Karen Dynan, vice president and co-director of Economic Studies. "When people think about the Economic Studies program at Brookings, they think of great economists such as Henry Aaron."

"It's important to remember that 25 years ago health economics was much more of an intellectual wilderness," Brookings Senior Fellow William Gale said in remarks at the award ceremony. "Hank was one of a few major researchers to be focusing on the issues even back then, producing work that has been remarkably prescient and insights that have proven remarkably enduring."

The National Tax Association is a non-profit, non-partisan, non-exclusionary association that, as the leading authority on public finance issues, strives to bring together experts from a diverse pool of professions to foster the study and discussion of complex and controversial issues in tax theory, practice and policy, and other aspects of public finance. The NTA is also the publisher of the National Tax Journal – the premier scholarly journal for taxation and public finance issues.

Henry Aaron's distinguished career at the Brookings Institution began in 1968. He has taught at the University of Maryland, served as Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation at the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, chaired the 1979 Advisory Council on Social Security, and was named the Guggenheim Fellow at the Center for Advanced Studies in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He is a member of the board of directors of the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. He has been vice president and member of the executive committee of the American Economic Association and was president of the Association of Public Policy and Management.

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