

Professor BOB STIMSON

Professor Robert (Bob) Stimson is a human geographer and regional scientist. He gained his PhD from Flinders University. He is one of the leading urban researchers in Australia and has been conducting research and teaching in universities for 41 years.



Since 1997 he has held a Chair in Geographical Sciences and Planning in the School of Geography, Planning and Architecture, at the University of Queensland, and he is a Program Director in the UQ Social Research Centre.

Currently Bob is the National Convenor of the ARC Research Network in Spatially Integrated Social Science, established by the Australian Research Council in 2004, which is a Network with over 280 members across 18 universities and the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Bob conducts research and teaches in the fields of urban and regional analysis; urban and regional planning and development; human spatial behaviour; urban quality of life; housing research and policy; and the application of spatial analytic techniques and survey research methods. He is an author of 40 books and over 200 scientific papers. Most of his research has been supported through competitive grants, and especially by the Australian Research Council.

Bob has been a Fulbright Senior Scholar, is a Life Member of the Australia and New Zealand Section of the Regional Science Association, and is a recipient of the J P Thomson Medal awarded by the Royal Geographical Society, Queensland. He is a former president of the Pacific Rim Council on Urban Development. He has just completed a two-year term as President of the Regional Science Association International.