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Prominent Real Estate Economics Professor Takes Leadership Role at the UCI Paul Merage School of Business Center for Real Estate

Irvine, CA – August 29, 2016 – Prominent Professor of Economics N. Edward Coulson joins the faculty of the UCI Paul Merage School of Business in the area of Economics and Public Policy and will assume a leadership position in the school’s Center for Real Estate as Director of Research. In this capacity, Coulson will advance the real estate program’s agenda of excellence in teaching, research and professional outreach. The appointment is effective June 30, 2016 and he will officially begin teaching in early 2017.

“We are extremely pleased that Ed has chosen to join us at the Merage School and take a leadership role in our Center for Real Estate,” said Kerry Vandell, Dean’s Professor of Economics and Public Policy and director of the Center for Real Estate. “He is not only an outstanding teacher and significant contributor to the body of knowledge in real estate research, he is a sought-after speaker before both professional and academic audiences who relates well to all our Center’s constituencies.”
Coulson previously served as professor of Economics and director of the Lied Institute for Real Estate Studies at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Prior to UNLV, he served as professor of Economics and King Faculty Fellow in Real Estate at The Pennsylvania State University where he had been a member of the faculty since 1984 and had received numerous outstanding teaching awards.

Coulson has been a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia and New York, the University of Auckland, and elsewhere, and is published widely in real estate, urban economics, housing economics and related fields. He is noted for the significant research contributions he has made in the areas of the impact of sports franchises on economic development, the hybrid investment characteristics of REITs, and the development of a repeat-rent index that corrects previous biases in the estimation of investment returns.

In addition to his research, Coulson served as co-editor of Real Estate Economics, the journal of the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, from 2006 through 2014. In January 2015, he became co-editor of Journal of Regional Science. Recently, Coulson was elected by the membership of the American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association (AREUEA) to serve as the organization’s president for 2016. Coulson received a Bachelor of Science in Economics from the University of California, Riverside, and a PhD from UC San Diego, where he studied under the direction of Nobel Laureate Robert Engle.

About the Center for Real Estate

The Center for Real Estate at The Paul Merage School of Business is an integral and indispensable component of the program in Real Estate and Urban Development at the University of California, Irvine. The Center provides a binding force among the three primary missions of the proposed program: student education, academic research and professional outreach. The Center’s core constituency is composed of faculty, students and professionals who share a common interest in furthering our understanding of the ways in which we can harness knowledge to create a sustainable urban future. The Center for Real Estate is one of the seven current Centers of Excellence within The Paul Merage School of Business.
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