Robert J. Shiller, Sterling Professor of Economics at Yale, received the Gold Honor Medal from the National Institute of Social Sciences during an awards dinner held on Nov. 16 in New York City.

The medal has been presented annually since 1913 for distinguished service to humanity. Previous honorees, which include four U.S. presidents and 16 Nobel Prize winners, represent outstanding achievement in the social sciences, law, government, education, philanthropy, the arts, medicine, science, and industry.

At the awards dinner, Paul Krugman — New York Times columnist and 2008 Nobel laureate in economics — described Shiller as “one of my great heroes,” noting “how beautiful, how elegant Bob’s work has been over the years.”


The event also honored Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer Ron Chernow and Michael I. Sovern, a president emeritus of Columbia University. A complete list of Gold Medal recipients is available at the National Institute’s website.