

Perry Wong

Perry Wong is a Senior Research Economist in Regional Economics at the Milken Institute where he helps develop the research agenda and solicit funding for research projects. Wong is an expert on regional economics, development and econometric forecasting and specializes in analyzing the structure, industry mix, development and public policies of a regional economy. He designs, manages and performs research on labor and workforce issues, the relationship between technology and economic development, and trade and industry, with a focus on policy development and implementation of economic policy in both leading and disadvantaged regions. Wong is actively involved in projects aimed at increasing access to technology and regional economic development in California and the American Midwest. His work extends to the international arena, where he is involved in regional economic development in southern China, Taiwan and other parts of Asia.

Wong began his career in regional industry analysis, spatial economics, industry development economics which he applies to his work at the Institute in studies such as *The Economic Contributions of Health Care to New England* and *Manufacturing Matters: California's Performance and Prospects*.

Prior to joining the Institute, Wong was a senior economist and director of regional forecasting at Global Insight, Inc. (formerly Wharton Econometric Forecasting) where he managed regional quarterly state and metropolitan area forecasts and provided consultation. There he designed regional modeling systems and contributed to regional economic impact studies on topics including budget reduction and health care reform. He also co-authored the *DC Economic Recovery Act Impact Study* presented to the U.S. Congress and worked on an API-sponsored study on the effects of carbon and particulate emission containment on the regional economy.

Wong has conducted many research studies regarding regional economic development and policy impacts on both public and private fronts. These include the impact of U.S. budget and trade policy changes on key U.S. industries and regions; healthcare reform and its implications on the balance of U.S. budget; the Kyoto Agreement and its impact on the well being of U.S. regional economies; the pharmaceutical industry and its contribution to the state economy in Pennsylvania, and more.

Wong earned his master's degree in economics at Temple University in 1990 and completed all course requirements for his PhD.