CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
#ACSP2019 AWARD WINNERS
DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD
Winner: Elizabeth Deakin, University of California, Berkeley

Selection Committee: Karen Chapple, Chair, University of California Berkeley; Victoria Beard, Cornell University; Hemalata Dandekar, California Polytechnic State University; Rolf Pendall, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Committee Comments: Professor Deakin has opened up doors not just for countless students, colleagues, and practitioners, but also the field of planning itself. In his letter of support, Professor Marty Wachs (Distinguished Planning Educator 2006) states, simply: “I know few planning educators who have done so much good for so many people as has Betty Deakin.”

PAUL DAVIDOFF BOOK AWARD
Title: Constructing the Dynamo of Dixie
Winner/Author: Courtney Elizabeth Knapp, Pratt Institute

Committee: Jason Corburn, Co-Chair, University of California, Berkeley; Ananya Roy, Co-Chair, University of California, Los Angeles; William Goldsmith, Cornell University; María Teresa Vázquez Castillo, Universidad Autónoma de Ciudad Juárez

Committee Comments: In a substantial pool of books representing urban planning scholarship and community-oriented pedagogy, Courtney Elizabeth Knapp’s, “Constructing the Dynamo of Dixie,” stood out for its careful analysis of the through lines of racial segregation. Keenly aware of the purpose of this award, we found this book to be a remarkably good fit with the legacies of Davidoff and a critical approach to advocacy planning.

FWIG MARCIA M. FELD LEADERSHIP AWARD
Winner: Karen Umemoto, University of California, Los Angeles

2019 Award Selection Committee: Rosie Tighe, Chair, Cleveland State University; Sandi Rosenbloom, The University of Texas at Austin; Hilary Nixon, San Jose State University; Shannon Van Zandt, Texas A&M University; Carolyn Loh, Wayne State University

Committee Comments: Karen is a brilliant scholar, teacher and mentor. Less obvious is her organizational and leadership success within ACSP—quietly, with great talent and courage, she made an indelible mark on the organization and its ability to respond to the challenge of diversity. She seamlessly navigates and beautifully performs at multiple scales and settings, from large meetings and official roles to one-to-one settings and informal gatherings, always a beacon of integrity and solidarity and an agent of positive change.

RISING SCHOLAR AWARD (for Tier One Programs):
Winner: Vincent Reina, University of Pennsylvania

Committee: Austin Troy, Chair, University of Colorado Denver; John Gaber, Clemson University; Asha W. Agrawal, San Jose State University; Jason Cao, University of Minnesota; Yanmei Li, Florida Atlantic University; Zeenat Kotval-Karamchandani, Michigan State University; Xueming (Jimmy) Chen, Virginia Commonwealth University

Committee Comments: Dr. Reina was chosen for this award for many reasons. In focusing on how to make housing more affordable, from vouchers to housing subsidies to tax credits, he works on a topic that is of great importance to communities and can truly impact people’s lives, particularly among the most vulnerable populations. The work he does has tremendous policy relevance and has been instrumental in guiding policy makers on topics such as housing forecasts and policy assessments, particularly in the New York City and Philadelphia areas.
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POCIG ED BLAKELY AWARD
Winner: Edwin Mélendez, Hunter College, City University of New York

Selection Committee: Clara Irazabal, Chair, University of Missouri-Kansas City; Mickey Lauria, Clemson University; Susmita Rishi, Kansas State University; Michael Lens, University of California, Los Angeles; Jimmy Taitano Camacho, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Committee Comments: POCIG thanks and salutes Dr. Mélendez for his long-lasting and far-reaching impact on urban planning and development for the cause of social justice, particularly for communities of color. He is truly an outstanding member of our planning community and we hope that we can continue benefiting from his example and path-breaking contributions for many years to come.

CHESTER RAPKIN AWARD
For the Best Paper in the Journal of Planning Education & Research (JPER)

Committee Comments: This paper examines the comprehensive plans in 80 major cities in China to understand the level of environmental concern in them. The data suggests that the age and education of planners influences the level of concern suggesting the need for greater education of planners. The paper also challenges the notion that the existing planning system in China is some ideal hierarchical structure.

Title: The Role of Local Leaders in Environmental Concerns in Master Plans: An Empirical Study of China’s Eighty Large Municipalities from JPER Volume 38, Issue 3

Authors: Lei Zhang, Renmin University of China; Rachel Tochen, formerly of Renmin University of China; Michael Hibbard, University of Oregon; Zhenghong Tang, University of Nebraska, Lincoln

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Educator: Ana Maria C. Witaker, Professor Emeritus, California State Polytechnic University, Pomona
Practitioner: Robert P. Mitchell, FAICP, Planning Consultant
STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

Ed McClure Award for Best Masters Student Paper
*Title: The Unequal Dangers of Walking to School*
*Winner: Esteban Doyle, University of California, Los Angeles*

Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning
*Title: Normative Worlds Clashing: State Planning, Indigenous Self-Determination, and the Possibilities of Legal Pluralism in Chile*
*Winner: Magdalena Ugarte, University of British Columbia*

ACSP/FWIG Marsha Ritzdorf Award for the Best Student Work on Diversity, Social Justice & the Role of Women in Planning
*Title: Disrupted: An Exploration of Eviction and Implications on Health in Durham, NC*
*Winner: Karla Jimenez-Magdaleno, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill*

Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation on International Planning
*Title: A Socio-Ecological Systems Perspective on Planning for Informality: The Case of Delhi’s Stormwater Drain-Adjacent Settlements*
*Winner: Shrutti Syal, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign*

Don Schön Award for Excellence in Learning from Practice
*Title: Co-Creating a Culture of Technology Evaluation in a Grassroots, Women-Led Organization in India*
*Winner: Cauam Ferreira Cardoso, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*

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- Rebecca Crane, University of California, Los Angeles
- Elizabeth Marcello, Columbia University
- Manuel Santana Palacios, University of California, Berkeley
- Ioanna Tsoulou, Rutgers University
- Kailai Wang, The Ohio State University

**FWIG EMERGING SCHOLAR TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS (FACULTY)**
- Serena Alexandar, San Jose State University
- Na Chen, University of Cincinnati

**GPEIG GILL-CHIN LIM STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS**
- Julia Harten, University of Southern California
- Khushboo Gupta, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

**POCIG TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP**
- Patrice Williams, Florida State University
- Ariam Torres Cordero, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
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