A CLOSER LOOK AT LOIS TAKAHASHI, USC SOL PRICE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

The Jay Chatterjee Award for Distinguished Service to ACSP was established in 1998, to recognize individual faculty whose exceptional service, actions and leadership have had a lasting and positive impact on ACSP and its member schools.

This award is presented biennially at the ACSP Annual Conference (in even numbered years).

The 2020 winner of the Jay Chatterjee Distinguished Service Award is Dr. Lois M. Takahashi, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy.

Takahashi accepted this prestigious award virtually on November 7, as part of the ACSP Annual Conference. You can view her acceptance speech as part of our online awards ceremony [here](#) (7:38).

The 2020 Jay Chatterjee Award Selection Committee was comprised of the following members: Mai Nguyen, Chair, University of North Carolina; Daniel Hess, University at Buffalo, SUNY; Deden Rukmana, Alabama A&M University and Barry Nocks, Clemson University.

The committee had this to say about Takahashi:

"Dr. Takahashi has served on numerous ACSP committees, too many to count here, and has shown a deep commitment to supporting young scholars, especially those from underrepresented backgrounds. However, it is also not only what she has accomplished, but how she has accomplished it that makes her stand apart as a leader. One of her

Takahashi is a board member of the Western Center on Law and Poverty, and a member of the Board of Advisors for Special Service for Groups/Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team (SSG/APAIT).

Here's "A Closer Look" at our award winner:

Q: How did you feel when you learned you won?  
A: I was shocked but in a good way.

Q: Who do you want to thank?  
A: When I think of all the leaders, committee chairs, committee members, staff, and membership, I cannot help but marvel at the energy, creativity and commitment to this association over its history. I want to thank all the officers, governing board members (elected and ex officio), committee chairs and committee members, and staff, who over the years have built this association into what it is today.

Thank you to the nominators, who I know did substantial work to put together this packet. Whoever you are, thank
colleague remarks, 'Throughout her entire term of service, and her career, Lois has handled her duties with aplomb. She is broadly inclusive, an excellent listener, and a strong mentor. In an association with over 1,000 persons in member departments, serving a broader community that is likely almost twice as large, maintaining communication and balancing perspectives is a challenge. Lois is one of the best.' Our committee could not agree more with this statement, which is why we are awarding Dr. Lois Takahashi with this esteemed honor. We are truly grateful for and indebted to Dr. Takahashi’s service to the association and to future generations of planners!"

Takahashi's Background

Takahashi is Houston Flournoy Professor of State Government at the University of Southern California Sol Price School of Public Policy and Director of the USC Price School of Public Policy in Sacramento. She was President of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (2015-2017). At UCLA, she was Interim Dean of the UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs (2015-2016), Associate Dean for Research at the Luskin School (2014-2015), Chair of the UCLA Department of Urban Planning (2011-2013) and Director of the University of California Asian American and Pacific Islander Policy Multicampus Research Program (UC AAPI Policy MRP; 2009-2013). She received her PhD in Urban and Regional Planning from the University of Southern California in 1992, a dual MS in Public Policy and Architecture from Carnegie Mellon University in 1987, and an AB in Architecture from UC Berkeley in 1985.

Her research interests include HIV prevention for underserved populations, access to social services for populations in need (homelessness and HIV/AIDS), the NIMBY (Not In My Back Yard) syndrome, and community participation and environmental governance in Southeast Asian cities. She was Principal Investigator (with John Chin, Hunter College) on a National Institutes of Health NICHD funded grant (1R21HD074446-01A1) examining the spatial configuration of the massage parlor industry in Los Angeles and New York City. She is also a member of research teams studying the neighborhood dimensions of access to HIV treatment and care (Chandra Ford/PI, UCLA), and the effects of community violence on adolescent development (Dexter Voisin/PI, University of Toronto).

Takahashi’s 1998 book on the NIMBY syndrome, homelessness and HIV/AIDS was published by Oxford University Press. With her collaborator Dr. Amrita Daniere (University of Toronto), Dr. Takahashi’s 2002 book assessed urban development and environmental degradation in Bangkok, Thailand (Ashgate Publishing). In addition to these books, she has published over 80 articles and chapters.

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UNC Chapel Hill

Qing Shen, Faculty
University of Washington Seattle

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November 25-27: ACSP Office Closed for Thanksgiving

November 30: ACSP2020 Post Conference Survey Deadline

November 30: FWIG T-Shirt Fundraiser Order Deadline

DECEMBER

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Please Buy a T-Shirt!

Hurry and order your FWIG t-shirt as part of the Faculty of Women's Interest Group fundraiser! The deadline is November 30.
December 11: Board Meeting and New Chairs School*

JANUARY

January 21: Call for Student Governing Board Representative Deadline

MARCH 2021

March 11-12: Administrator’s Conference*
March 26: ACSP Spring Board Meeting*

* These events will be held in a virtual format

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