Congratulations to the ACSP 2020 Award Winners

Each of our award recipients have distinguished themselves by making outstanding contributions to ACSP, the Academy and/or the profession.

A complete history of awards can be found at www.ACSP.org.
JAY CHATTERJEE AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO ACSP

This award 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 and is presented biennially in even numbered years.

WINNER: Lois Takahashi, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy

"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."

RISING SCHOLAR AWARD (for Non-Tier One Programs)

Established in 2018, the ACSP Rising Scholar Award recognizes early-career scholars who demonstrate strong potential for a meritorious impact on planning scholarship.

WINNER: Mahbubur Meenar, Rowan University

“We believe Dr. Meenar has a strong research agenda, and an impressive set of publications and externally funded grants, including a healthy balance between single-authored and multi-authored publications that demonstrate his strong research abilities that are independent of his collaborators. Apart from this, he is actively involved with service not only to the profession, but also to his Department/University and to local communities. He is a well-rounded academic and planner and we are proud and honored to recognize his efforts.”
JOHN FRIEDMANN BOOK AWARD

The ACSP John Friedmann Book Award is presented biennially to a book (or comparable work) that best exemplifies scholarship in the area of planning for sustainable development.

WINNER: Brian Goldstein, Swarthmore College
The Roots of Urban Renaissance: Gentrification and the Struggle over Harlem

“Overall, the Friedmann Award committee was impressed with the quality of research, the strength of writing, the importance of the subject, the insightful analysis and the willingness to engage complex and at times paradoxical urban phenomena. It is a book that deserves to be read widely, in urban planning, geography, urban history and beyond, and will encourage us to enrich and rethink our standard narratives of gentrification, community development, and the transition from the Urban Crisis of the 1960s to the recent ‘Urban Triumphalist’ era.”

MARGARITA MCCOY AWARD FOR ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN PLANNING

The Margarita McCoy Award has been given biennially in even numbered years since 1998 by the ACSP Faculty Women’s Interest Group and recognizes individuals who have made an outstanding contribution toward the advancement of women in planning at institutions of higher education through service, teaching, and/or research.

WINNER: Mildred Warner, Cornell University

“Dr. Warner’s contributions to the fields of planning and economic development, particularly around gender and multigenerational issues, are remarkable and ongoing. Over her esteemed career, she has produced a truly impressive body of scholarship that she accompanies with deep engagement activities to support the application of her work and meaningful learning opportunities for students. Through her extensive research, creative teaching, generous mentoring, and numerous collaborations with professional organizations, she has consistently supported women in direct and indirect ways. Our committee was beyond impressed with her (Dr. Warner’s) work and deep commitment to affecting lasting and meaningful change in the way we plan cities to meet all people’s needs, particularly the long overlooked needs of women.”
The Chester Rapkin Award for the Best Paper in the Journal of Planning Education and Research has been awarded annually since 1998. All papers published in the Journal are automatically considered.

WINNERS: Menghan Li and Jinhua Zhao, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Gaining Acceptance by Informing the People? Public Knowledge, Attitudes, and Acceptance of Transportation Policies

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“This insightful paper examines the connection between public knowledge of urban transportation policies and public attitudes about those policies. Using Shanghai as a study site, the authors employed survey responses from over 1,000 residents on their perceptions of the vehicle license auction policy. The survey measured three different types of policy knowledge: received knowledge, subjective knowledge, and reasoned knowledge. The authors used structural equations modelling to examine the relationships among knowledge types, attitudes, and public acceptance of the policy. The results indicate that greater reasoned knowledge of the policy increased its acceptance while reliance on subjective knowledge decreased its acceptance. The paper concludes that planners need to inform the public of the societal benefits to be derived from a policy in order to expand public support for it. This paper makes an important contribution to our understanding of the difficulties of earning public support for policies and programs that may impose costs and consequences for the participating public.”

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STUDENT AWARD WINNERS

ACSP/FWIG Marsha Ritzdorf Award for the Best Student Work on Diversity, Social Justice and the Role of Women in Planning
Afsheen Sadaf, University of Florida
The Role of Built Environment, Personal, Religious, Cultural and Socioeconomic Factors in Increasing Overweight and Obesity Rate in Women VS Men: A Case Study of Karachi, Pakistan

Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning
Stephen Averill Sherman, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Governing Bodies through Space, Governing Space through Bodies

Don Schön Award for Excellence in Learning From Practice
Dawn Smith, University of British Columbia
A Day in the Life of a Planner: Reflective Thinking Exercise

Ed McClure Award for Best Masters Student Paper
Allison Evans, York University
Unpacking the Settler City: The Spatiality of Colonialism in Thunder Bay

Gill-Chin Lim Award for the Best Dissertation on International Planning
Hayden Shelby, University of California at Berkeley
Never Settled: Community, Land, and the Politics of the Urban Commons in Bangkok

Karen R. Polenske Award for Outstanding Student Paper on a China-Related Topic
Julia Harten, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy
Housing Single Women: Gender in China’s Shared Rental Housing Market

Student “Travel Award” Winners
Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and travel restrictions, ACSP was able to use travel scholarship funds to give an unprecedented amount of complimentary student registrations and lower the overall cost of student registration for our virtual event, which has allowed for more student participation than ever before! This is also the first year we used a “one application” process for the travel awards with one selection committee comprised of representatives from all of the ACSP interest groups.

Congratulations to all of our student paper winners and scholarship recipients!

Thank you to all of our Award Selection Committee members for your service in selecting our winners!