Congratulations
to the ACSP 2021
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.
DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR AWARD

The ACSP Distinguished Educator Award is presented in appreciation of significant contributions to the field of planning. The awardee is selected from candidates who are nominated by ACSP members. Nominations must come from members of the faculty of ACSP member schools.

WINNER: Bish Sanyal, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

“Sanyal's nomination was supported by 21 letters, including from several current chairs of ACSP departments, two past ACSP presidents and other past ACSP award winners, as well as from former students, junior faculty members and current students. His work is consistently cited as creative, influential, and transformative—breaking new ground and shaping international debates. He is recognized not only for the quality and insight of his work, but also the way it is framed and the process by which it is often iteratively and collectively developed. Concerned about too much focus on failure and what goes wrong, his inclination is to identify and explain success—how some plans and policies succeed in meeting ambitious objectives even under the most difficult of circumstances. Some of his most influential work emerged from efforts to convene and generate discussion and debate among some combination of leading scholars, junior and senior faculty, domestic and international actors, and scholars and practitioners.”

RISING SCHOLAR AWARD

(for 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: Anne Brown, University of Oregon

“The committee has selected Dr. Anne Brown to be the recipient of the 2021 Rising Scholar Award. We believe Dr. Brown has a strong research agenda, and an impressive set of publications and externally funded grants. Apart from this, we feel like her work on transportation equity has far reaching impacts not only on scholarship, but also to the planning profession. She is a well-rounded academic and planner and we are proud and honored to recognize her efforts.”
PAUL DAVIDOFF BOOK AWARD

The Paul Davidoff award recognizes an outstanding book publication regarding participatory planning and positive social change, opposing poverty and racism as factors in society and seeking ways to address social and place-based inequalities.

WINNER: Eva Rosen, Georgetown University

“A stunning ethnography of housing precarity, The Voucher Promise rests on meticulous research and argument about the reproduction of segregation in American cities. Such ethnographic rigor allows Professor Rosen to show how people create meaning and exercise agency within institutional cages. It is from this place of deep social scientific knowledge that she offers important policy insights for one of the most pressing planning issues at hand: the housing crisis.”

EDWARD BLAKELY AWARD

The Edward Blakely Award is given to a worthy honoree who has supported the cause of social justice, particularly in urban planning or development, for communities of color.

WINNER: Stacey Sutton, University of Illinois Chicago

“Dr. Sutton’s interests, endeavors, and accomplishments speak to multiple dimensions of the Blakely Award’s spirit and POCIG’s mandate and aspirations. She is making a difference for POC locally and nationally with research and advocacy that aim to eradicate the widespread criminalization of poverty and structural economic violence in Black and Brown communities, while providing meaningful and creative alternatives of economic democracy. Dr. Sutton is a brilliant urban planning researcher specializing in the development and analysis of cooperatives and solidarity economies as a strategy for realizing greater economic democracy and racial justice. Her service is exemplary. She is well connected and very much “plugged into” community organizations and activists, both in Chicago and beyond.”
CHESTER RAPKIN AWARD FOR THE BEST PAPER IN THE JOURNAL OF PLANNING EDUCATION & RESEARCH

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.

**WINNER: Dalbyul Lee, Dong-eui University, South Korea**

*The Impact of Natural Disasters on Neighborhood Poverty Rate: A Neighborhood Change Perspective*

*JPER Volume 40, Issue 4*

“This paper addresses a topic of critical importance to the profession of planning and to the response that the profession makes to the onslaught of natural disasters. The committee found this paper to be the product of an impressive analysis of data collected over a long time period. The hypothesis is clear, natural disasters adversely impact the poverty rates of neighborhoods in general and most adversely impact the poverty rates of low-income neighborhoods. The design the research is based upon an extensive review of prior research. The analysis employs advanced methods appropriate to the data and the research design. The conclusions drawn from the analysis are well supported and have far reaching significance for planning practice.”

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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

Patrice Williams, Florida State University
(presently with Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Greenspace Redevelopment, Pressure of Displacement, and Sleep Quality Among Black Adults in Southwest Atlanta

“The committee unanimously selected Patrice William’s paper, “Greenspace redevelopment, pressure of displacement, and sleep quality among Black adults in Southwest Atlanta”. Dr. Williams employed a rigorous methodology within a unique study design employing extensive field work and other data collection to understand the potential negative effects of greenspace investments on Black residents. The research both draws from and contributes to several literatures related to health, planning, and development, including greenspace-triggered gentrification, gentrification and health outcomes, and the physiological effects from discrimination. The significant results of this interdisciplinary study provide important and nuanced guidance for city planners and public health practitioners as they seek to improve urban environments with greenspaces and other amenities, particularly in BIPOC communities at risk of gentrification. The study’s question and approach should motivate other scholars to critically examine the effects of planning investments and their possible interactions with other social and structural determinants of health and well-being.”

Barclay Gibbs Jones Award for Best Dissertation in Planning

Hue-Tam Jamme, University of Southern California
(Presently with Arizona State University)

“The selection committee was impressed by the wide range of methodological approaches employed to develop and test a novel and engaging theory about productive friction. We enjoyed getting hooked by a strong introductory narrative and insights into the relationships between streetlife, the built environment, and motorbikes in Ho Chi Minh City. Particular credit is due for writing a creative and thoughtful dissertation from a walk-in closet during a global pandemic.”

Ed McClure Award for Best Masters Student Paper

Chun Ho Chow, University of California, Berkeley
Decolonizing Central Christchurch/Ōtautahi in the Post-earthquake Era

“The ACSP McClure Award Committee is delighted to present the 2021 Edward McClure Award to Chun Ho Chow. The winning entry, entitled “Decolonizing Central Christchurch/Ōtautahi in the Post-earthquake Era,” is a timely investigation into the capacity of local planning agencies to collaborate with the Maori community of Christchurch/Ōtautahi to cocreate formal policies to improve disaster recovery and response. The author provides a set of recommendations that are important for addressing physical, economic, and spatial patterns of colonization that continue to marginalize Indigenous and First Nation communities and hinder efforts to create diverse, equitable, and inclusive cities. Chun Ho Chow is a master’s student at the University of California, Berkeley, and wrote the paper as a city plan analysis for the Department’s Planning Histories and Practice course.”
Thank you to all of our Award Selection Committee members for your service in selecting our winners!