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Kaye Bock Student Paper Award

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This year, the award goes to Vanessa Michel-Domínguez, whose paper entitled *Luchando por sus Derechos (Sin Tenerlos). Participación Política Informal en Wasco, California*, (Fighting for their Rights (without Rights): Informal Political Participation in Wasco, California) is a fascinating case study about informal political participation. Michel-Domínguez writes about an important and understudied topic, and the work clearly emerges from a concern for the people that are its subject. The paper documents the struggle of a group of migrant farmworkers to remain in their housing project when the Housing Authority attempted to evict those without legal immigration status. Not only does the case allow for analysis of the methods and motivations of informal political participation among undocumented immigrants, it also highlights the complexity of citizenship in the United States - where many U.S. citizens have parents without legal status - and the reality of poverty in the Central Valley of California.

Vanessa Michel-Domínguez is a PhD student in Social Anthropology in a joint program between the Center of Research and Advanced Studies in Social Anthropology (CIESAS) in Mexico City and the University of Paris X-Nanterre. She was conducting field work in Wasco, California, during the academic year 2007-2008 and the article is from her dissertation on informal political participation among undocumented migrants in California's Central Valley.

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