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Kaye Bock Student Paper Award

The Kaye Bock Student Paper Award is named in loving memory of Kaye Bock—DCRP’s Student Affairs Officer for over 20 years—to honor her unbounded concern for and commitment to graduate students in this department. It is intended as an expression of gratitude from the Berkeley Planning Journal to Kaye for her critical support during our first two decades of publication. The winner is chosen by the editorial board of each volume of the Journal. It is given to an author who is currently enrolled as a student, and whose paper is an outstanding example of scholarship exemplifying Kaye’s commitment to underrepresented issues or peoples. The Award is accompanied by a \$250 cash gift.

This year we have selected Geoff Boeing for his article, “LEED-ND and Livability Revisited.” Boeing uses the Temescal neighborhood in Oakland, CA to show how the LEED-ND criteria for Neighborhood Pattern and Design (NPD) can potentially overlook places rated highly as “livable” that are not captured in the current rating system. His research examines the LEED-ND certification system and questions the ability of the system to adequately address differences in community values.

Geoff Boeing is a Ph.D. student studying City and Regional Planning at UC Berkeley. His research revolves around urban form, complexity theory, and the intertwined relationship between normative urban design and emergent features of urban form arising from complex systems. He is also the graduate student instructor for UC Berkeley’s Urban Informatics and Visualization course.