

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 **Ruth Miller**, for her article "More Than 'Not Urban': Seeking a Quantifiable Definition of Rural." Miller's piece discusses existing official definitions of "urban," and the shortcomings and consequences that arise when those conflicting definitions are used to identify and direct programming in rural areas. Miller reviews the literature, providing the reader with a critical understanding of these rural systems. In the end, she proposes three distinct rural typologies, defined by natural resources, the built environment, and demographics, that operate with as much complexity and economic self-determination as their urban neighbors. By applying these definitions to map the nine-county metropolitan San Francisco Bay Area, Miller illustrates that rural and urban places are extensively commingled, and that urban planners have an obligation to give thoughtful, context-sensitive, and respectful consideration of whole regional systems.

Ruth Miller, who has just completed studies for her Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning at the University of California, Berkeley, presents an interesting and visual case that meets the Berkeley Planning Journal editorial board's goal of publishing works on underrepresented subject matter.