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This year the award goes to Jason Alexander Hayter, whose paper entitled: *Lesson's from the Western Landscape; Environment, History, and Lens of Ideal Planning Practice* provides an in-depth analysis of North American theory and practice through an un-examined lens: The West. This paper aims to capture "an ideal of planning" and apply it "not to urban spaces but rather to the rural western lands", with the interrogation "What has been the relevance of this region to planning theory and practice" J.A. Hayter mixes erudite prose with historical, professional and cultural references to articulate an argument which is original in content and provocative in intent. This article emerges not only from a deep engagement with discourses which distill the essence of "the West"; its imagery, iconography, landscapes, and extreme narratives, but also with operative and theoretical frameworks which have turned their back against it. A simultaneous *tour de force* about Place and epistemological displacement, J.A. Hayter unveils the urban-centric rationalities which have historically defined North American urban thought, its visibilities and by result also its blindness.

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