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A&S Outstanding Scholarship Research and Creative  
Activity Award Committee  
A&S Dean's Office  
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Louisville, KY 40292

Dear Ms. Ronay

It is an honor to write this letter of support for Dr. John Gilderbloom, a long time faculty member of the University of Louisville. In my opinion, Dr. Gilderbloom's record of accomplishments at the university is highly deserving of recognition for his accomplishments in Category V (Career Achievement) of the Outstanding Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity Award criteria. Professor Gilderbloom's career spans 37 years, the last 33 of which have been spent as Associate Professor and Professor at the University of Louisville.

Over the years, Dr. Gilderbloom has proven to be a prolific academic researcher in addition to his record as a "rainmaker" securing for the university large federal grants. During his time at the university, Dr. Gilderbloom served as Project Director and Principal Investigator of 1.6 million dollar United States Department of Education Urban Community Service Grant and Co-Principal Investigator of a 2 year Environmental Protection Agency Grant totaling \$342,000. He also administered several smaller grants, which were cash and in-kind matches for the larger grants.

Dr. Gilderbloom is the author or co-author of seven books including *Rental Control: A Sourcebook*; *Rethinking Rental Housing*; *Community Versus Commodity: Tenants and the American City*; *Promise and Betrayal: The University and the Battle for Sustainable Urban Neighborhoods*; *Invisible City: Housing, Poverty, New Urbanism*; *Chromatic Homes: The Joy of Color in Historic Places*; and *Chromatic Homes: The Design and Coloring Book*. Various books were published in well regarded university presses such as Temple University Press, State University of New York Press, University of Texas Press, and University Press of Kentucky. In addition to the books, at Dr. Gilderbloom served on three separate occasions as Special Guest Editor for the environmental focused journal, *Sustain*.

Dr. Gilderbloom's has a distinguished record of publications in highly regarded outlets. His vita reveals the width and scope of his contributions in the areas of housing, planning, public administration, environmental justice, sustainability, and other urban affairs related disciplines. Dr. Gilderbloom has published research articles in some of the most prestigious journals in the fields of Planning, Urban Affairs, Housing, Public Administration, and Sustainability, including the *Journal of the American Planning Association*, *Urban Affairs Quarterly*, *Social Forces*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Housing and Society*, and *American Review of Public Administration*. In recent years, Dr. Gilderbloom has branched out from his early emphasis in the area of housing to exploring questions of vital import such as environmental justice and the effect of pollution on health outcomes. His research on environmental justice holds great promise not only for

exposing problems in areas of the city of Louisville but also for providing information regarding other segments of the nation.

Dr. Gilderbloom's contributions to academics and urban studies has gained wide recognition outside of the immediate Louisville community. In 2007, he was nominated by a panel of judges as one of the top most influential Urbanists in the world by the journal *Planetizen*. In 2014, Dr. Gilderbloom was selected to join as a fellow the Harvard University Scholars Strategic Network. In 2016, the *Journal of Urbanism* recognized the article "Historic Preservation's Impact on Job Creation, Property Values, and Environmental Sustainability" (John I. Gilderbloom, Matt Hanka, and Joshua Ambrosius. *Journal of Urbanism*, 2(2), 83-101, Fall 2009) for being the most cited article in their journal.

Dr. Gilderbloom is well deserving of the Outstanding Scholarship, Research, and Creative Activity Award in the Category of Career Achievement. He has a long and sustained record of outstanding achievement. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [sgkove01@louisville.edu](mailto:sgkove01@louisville.edu).

Sincerely,  
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