Seven exemplary projects were named winners of the 2008 EDRA/Places Awards, held this year in cooperation with Metropolis magazine. The awards recognize distinguished work in Place Design, Place Planning, and Place Research. A book award was also given for the first time in 2008. The awards were presented May 30 at EDRA’s 34th annual meeting, in Veracruz, Mexico. Judging took place February 29 to March 1 at the School of Architecture and Planning at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Jurors for the eleventh annual awards were

Dennis Frenchman, Professor of Urban Design and Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Leanne Rivlin, Professor, Environmental Psychology Doctoral Program, City University of New York
Fritz Steiner, Dean, School of Architecture, University of Texas at Austin
Susan S. Szenasy, Editor in Chief, Metropolis
Jane Weinzapfel, Principal, Leers Weinzapfel Associates Architects

Award for Place Design
Olympic Sculpture Park—Seattle, WA
Weiss/Manfredi Architecture/Landscape/Urbanism: Marion Weiss and Michael A. Manfredi, Design Partners; Christopher Ballentine, Project Manager; Todd Hoehn and Yehre Suh, Project Architects; and Patrick Armacost, Michael Blasberg, Emily Clanahan, Lauren Crahan, Beatrice Eleazar, Kian Goh, Hamilton Hadden, Mike Harshman, Mustapha Jundi, Justin Kwok, John Peek, and Akari Takebayashi.
Owner: The Seattle Art Museum

Book Award
*America Town: Building the Outposts of Empire*, by Mark L. Gillem
Published in 2007 by the University of Minnesota Press.
Award for Place Planning
RIVER + CITY + LIFE: A Guide to Renewing Toronto’s Lower Don Lands

Award for Place Planning
The Arc: A Formal Structure for a Palestinian State
Suisman Urban Design: Doug Suisman, Principal, with Eli Garsilazo, Senior Associate, and Helen Choi, Kevin Short, and Daniel Windsor, Designers. Client: RAND Corporation, Ross Anthony, Project Director.

Award for Place Research
The Historic Chicago Greystone Initiative
City Design Center, University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Architecture and the Arts; Roberta R. Feldman, Director.

Award for Place Research
The Landscape Totems: Speculations on Growth and Decay
Kristi M. Dykema, Robert Reich School of Landscape Architecture, Louisiana State University