Southwestern Political Science Association – 2014 Award Winners

SWPSA Best Paper Awards

Pi Sigma Alpha Best Paper Award for the best paper presented at the 2014 SWPSA meeting.

- “Social and Institutional Trust in “Resource Cursed States”: Evidence from Africa and Latin America. “John Ishiyama, Melissa Martinez and Melda Oszut, University of North Texas
- “It has a sound methodology; it is clear and accessible; it delves into general theory that has a regions-wide hueristic value.”
- Committee: Sonia Aliank, UT Pan American, Chair; Sally Howard, Concord University; Hans Stockton, University of St. Thomas

Jewell Prestage Best Paper Award for the best paper on the intersection of gender, race, ethnicity, and political behavior presented at the 2014 SWPSA meeting.

- The committee did not award the prize for 2014.
- Committee: Sharon Navarro, University of Texas at San Antonio, Chair; Rene Rocha, University of Iowa; Sherri L. Wallace, University of Louisville

Allan Saxe Best Paper on State and Local Politics Award, for the best paper on state and local politics presented at the 2014 SWPSA meeting.

- No papers were nominated.
- Committee: Robert Hogan, Louisiana State University; Chair

Best Undergraduate Paper Award for the best paper written by an undergraduate during the 2014 calendar year and is invited for presentation at the 2015 SWPSA meeting.

- “Mixed Gender Congressional Races And Campaign Tone.” Christopher Tyler Camarillo, University of Texas at San Antonio
- “The paper addresses several important subtopics in the field in a highly-organized fashion and exhibits a fine use of applicable references. Mr. Camarillo is well-deserving of the 2014 SWPSA Best Undergraduate Paper Award.”
- Committee: Elizabeth Flores, Chair, Del Mar College; Jason Casellas, University of Houston; Jennifer Epley, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
Best Graduate Student Paper Award for the best paper presented at the 2014 SWPSA meeting.

- “Constitutional Design and Military Intervention to Domestic Politics.” Abdullah Aydogan, University of Houston
- “Aydogan asks a great question and the paper is very sophisticated. The combination of the comparative case study with the large-n duration model is very convincing and impressive. This paper is of a quality we would expect to see in a top political science journal.”
- Committee: Shauna Reilly, Chair; University of Northern Kentucky; Rich Engstrom; Denis Rey, University of Tampa

SWPSA Robinson Award

Ted Robinson Memorial Award for the best research proposal by a graduate student in the field of minority politics; broadly defined.

- “Constituency, Identity, and Surrogate Substantive Representation: Minority Women in U.S. State Legislatures.” Julia Marin Hellwege, University of New Mexico
- Committee: Patricia Jaramillo, University of Texas at San Antonio; Lori Weber, California State University, Chico; Lonna Atkeson, University of New Mexico