

## **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 heuristic 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