

Erwin O. Smigel Award Committee Report to the SSSP Board
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The Smigel Award will cover a maximum of \$500 for 3 to 4 (un)deremployed SSSP members who are attending and presenting at the annual meeting.

For the 2014 Smigel Award, the committee received just two online applications. Both applicants qualified and were awarded the maximum of \$500. One of the applicants, Kathy Asbury, was awarded \$450 in 2013. The other 2014 Award went to Orlando Tizon.

I am unclear the reason for fewer requests than the previous year. Perhaps we need to think about some sort of outreach. Perhaps the minimum amount of the award could be changed relative to the location (e.g., if San Francisco is a more expensive venue, it may take more money to actually be helpful to an unemployed or underemployed SSSP member) or, since in the past two years we've awarded just two Smigel Awards, it may make sense to think about increasing the award and reducing the number.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Heather M. Dalmage, PhD