

## **2017 Barbara Brown Outstanding Student Paper Award Committee Report**

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Submitted by Rachel Allison, Committee Chair

The composition of this year's committee was: Kylee Studer (Houston Baptist University), Danyel Reiche (American University of Beirut), Heather Van Mullem (Lewis-Clark State College), and Lauren Brooks-Cleator (University of Ottawa).

Mehdi Salami (Azad University) accepted an invitation to serve on the committee but did not send reviews of the submissions or respond to my emails.

We received 7 MA submissions and 9 PhD submissions, or 16 total submissions. This is double the 8 total submissions received last year.

Manuscripts were blinded and sent for review. The PhD student committee member read and assessed the MA-level submissions, while the three faculty committee members read and assessed the PhD-level submissions and several MA submissions, randomly assigned. All submissions received three independent reviews. I also read all submissions and provided qualitative feedback, but no quantitative assessment.

MA Award: Following NASSS procedures, the submission with the top overall quantitative score from three reviews was awarded first place. The submission with the next-highest score was awarded an honorable mention.

PhD Award: Following NASSS procedures, the submission with the top overall quantitative score from three reviews was awarded first place. Two papers were tied for the next-highest score and were awarded honorable mentions.

Following precedent, all students were notified of competition results in early October.