

## **SSJ Outstanding Article Award Committee Report**

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### **SSJ Article Award Committee Members:**

Ezzeldin Aly (Florida A&M University); Koji Kobayashi (Lincoln University); Robbie Matz (University of Georgia); Gretchen Peterson (University of Memphis); Oliver Rick (Springfield College). The committee had representation from both a graduate student (Matz) and a previous SSJ Article Award winner (Kobayashi), as set out in the NASSS PPM.

The committee reviewed SSJ's 2016 volume, which consisted of 29 articles. In our first round of evaluation, we narrowed this number to 8 articles. This was done by including the top-scoring manuscript in each issue for the next round of evaluation. If another manuscript was within 1 point of the top-scoring manuscript (as was the case in one issue), this was included as well. In two of the issues, there was a tie for top-ranked paper (a three way tie in one and a two way tie in another). In the second round of evaluation, we ended up with two manuscripts that clearly outranked the others but that tied for first place. This required a third round of evaluation in order to identify the SSJ Outstanding Article winner. The SSJ Outstanding Article Award winner, along with the honorable mention will be announced at the business meeting.