

**AWP's Seventh Tweet Chat:
the George Garrett Award & the Small Press Publisher Award
September 10, 2015 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**



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In half an hour, we'll answer your questions re: the George Garrett & Small Press Publisher awards. Use [#AWPawards](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards).



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All about the George
Garrett & Small Press
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Welcome to AWP's 7th tweet chat. Today we'll be discussing two of AWP's awards: the George Garrett & the Small Press Publisher. [#AWPawards](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards)



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With us today are Christian Teresi [@ChristianTeresi](https://twitter.com/ChristianTeresi), Director of Conferences, and David Fenza [@david_AWP](https://twitter.com/david_AWP), Executive Director. [#AWPawards](https://twitter.com/hashtag/AWPawards)



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To ask a question during the next hour about these two awards, use hashtag [#AWPawards](#).



[David Fenza @david_AWP](#)

AWP George Garrett Award recognizes leading teachers, mentors, editors, administrators, & community builders in literature. [#AWPawards](#)



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AWP's Small Press Publisher Award is an annual prize for nonprofit presses and literary journals. [#AWPawards @awpwriter](#)



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The Small Press Award recognizes the role presses and journals play in publishing creative works and introducing new authors. [#AWPawards](#)



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George Garrett 1929-2008 was one of the founding trustees of AWP. [#AWPawards](#)



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As a teacher, editor, mentor, trustee, & friend, George helped many authors establish their careers. [#AWPawards](#)



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George Garrett, for whom the award is named. [#AWPawards](#)



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The Small Press Award was started in 2013, and has recognized the great work of [@sarabandebooks](#), [@onestorymag](#), & [@GraywolfPress](#). [#AWPawards](#)



[Christian Teresi @ChristianTeresi](#) 54m54 minutes ago

In even years, the Small Press Award is given to a journal, and, in odd years, to a press. [#AWPawards](#)



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Garrett Award includes \$2,000 & expense-paid trip to AWP conference. [#AWPawards](#)



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AWP established the Garrett Award in 2005 to honor the many literary movers and shakers in the service of literature. [#AWPawards](#)



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The 2016 Small Press Publisher Award winner will receive a \$2,000 honorarium and a complimentary exhibit booth at [#AWP17](#) in Washington, DC. [#AWPawards](#)



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AWP confers the Garrett & Small Press Awards at the awards reception Wednesday night of the conference. [#AWPawards](#)



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Emcees for last year's award ceremonies were AWP Board Chair Bonnie Culver & novelist Marlon James. [#AWPawards](#)





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The last awards reception featured entertainment by Cornelius Eady & Rough Magic.
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Nominations for literary journals and magazines are now being accepted for the 2016 Small Press Award. Deadline: September 15. [#AWPawards](#)



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Here are the guidelines for nominations for the 2016 Small Press Publisher Award on [@awpwriter](#) website. [#AWPawards](#)
https://www.awpwriter.org/application/public/pdf/awards/AWP_Small_Press_Publisher_Award_Guidelines.pdf ...



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The deadline for letters of nomination for Garrett Award is also Sept. 15. [#AWPawards](#)



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Garrett Award guidelines

https://www.awpwriter.org/application/public/pdf/awards/AWP_Garrett_Award_Guidelines.pdf
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You can find information about the George Garrett award, including guidelines & previous winners, here: [https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/george_garrett_award_overview ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/george_garrett_award_overview...)
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Here is the awesome staff [@GraywolfPress](#) receiving the 2015 Small Press Award at [#AWP15](#) in Mpls. [#AWPawards](#)



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You can find the list of past Garrett winners on our website
[https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/george_garrett_award_previous_winners/2005 ...](https://www.awpwriter.org/contests/george_garrett_award_previous_winners/2005...)
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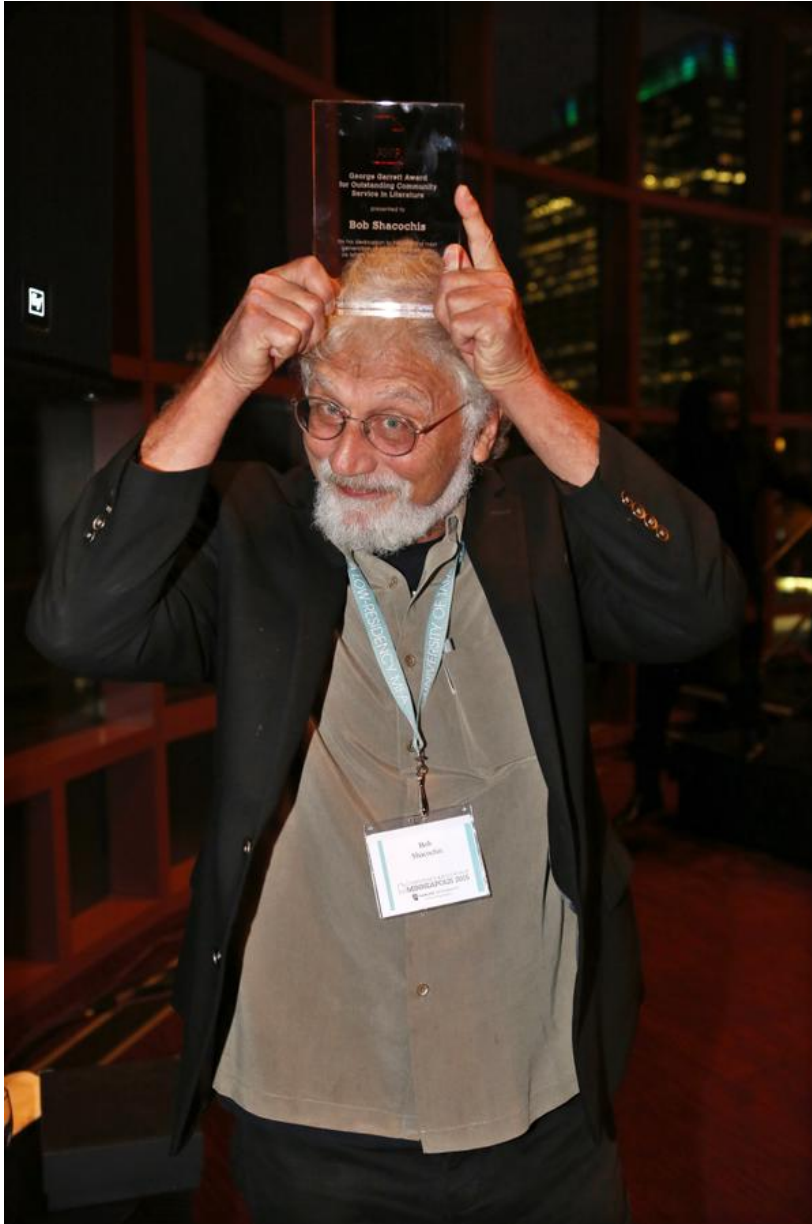
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You can submit nominations using AWP's new [@submittable](#) portal:
<https://awp.submittable.com/submit> [#AWPawards](#)



[David Fenza @david_AWP](#) 40m40 minutes ago

Novelist & esteemed teacher Bob Shacochis was last year's Garrett Award winner.
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Small Press Publisher Prize nominations will be considered for three years, including the year the nomination is submitted. [#AWPawards](#)



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[@ChristianTeresi @awpwriter #awpawards](#): Perhaps a boring technical question, but why must they be nonprofits? Credibility?



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AWP wanted to recognize the very important role nonprofit literary presses and journals play in the community. [@exclamate #AWPawards](#)



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[@exclamate @ChristianTeresi @awpwriter](#) Many small presses are labors of love. They need & deserve special loving support.



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Garrett Award nomination letters also remain in active consideration for 3 years. No need to resubmit each year. [#AWPawards](#)



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The best Garrett nomination letters are specific, personal—how the nominee helped you and your community. [#AWPawards](#)



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The best Garrett nomination letters also address the criteria of the award. See guidelines on website. [#AWPawards](#)



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Small Press nominations should include explanation of how the journal contributed to the literary landscape & nurtured authors. [#AWPawards](#)



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AWP receives 20 or more letters supporting the typical Garrett award recipient—a community speaks on behalf of the nominee. [#AWPawards](#)



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AWP usually receives between 10 and 15 nominations for the Small Press Publisher Prize. [#AWPawards](#)



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Each Small Press Publisher nomination includes between 2 and 10 letters from writers and editors supporting the nominee. [#AWPawards](#)



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[@david_AWP @awpwriter #awpawards](#) Fenza, you've been around for awhile. Did you know George? What was he like?



David Fenza [@david_AWP](#)

[@exclamate @awpwriter](#) I did know George. He was a huge help to AWP. He edited our Intro anthologies for many years.



David Fenza [@david AWP](#)

[@exclamate](#) [@awpwriter](#) He gave many of AWP's graduates their first national publication. His historical novel, Death of the Fox, is fine.



David Fenza [@david AWP](#)

[@exclamate](#) [@awpwriter](#) George was warm and funny. Dick Bausch honored George at our offices years ago at a small tribute. Much laughter.



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Any last questions about these awards? Remember the application deadline is September 15!
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Any final thoughts to share about these [#AWPawards](#), [@ChristianTeresi](#) & [@david AWP](#)?



David Fenza [@david AWP](#)

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5 days left to nominate (& encourage nominations) your favorite literary journal [#AWPawards](#)
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We love seeing journals getting the word out to their readers & followers about the Small Press Publisher award! [#AWPAwards](#)



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Reading these letters is heart-warming--a tribute to the health of contemporary literature & the spirits who make it so fruitful. [#AWPAwards](#)



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We look forward to all of your nominations. [#AWPAwards](#)



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Thank you for joining us today to learn about [#AWPAwards](#). Our next chat will be Oct. 7 about [#AWP16](#) registration.



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All you need to know
about registering for the
2016 AWP Conference &
Bookfair

October 7, 2015 from 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET