**Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD**  
**Awarded 2013 “COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year” by the National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners**

The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) announced seven, 2013 “COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year” award winners among whom is Dr. Jonathan Kalmey, Assistant Dean of Preclinical Education and Associate Professor of Anatomy at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) in Erie, PA, who is being recognized for his contributions to the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination.

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of more than 300 item writers who contributed to COMLEX-USA Level 1 in 2013. The Board concluded that Dr. Kalmey’s test items for COMLEX-USA were exceptional.
Dr. Kalmey studied Forensic Anthropology at the University of South Carolina and completed his PhD in Biomedical Sciences at Kent State University. Dr. Kalmey taught Anatomy at Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, for four years before returning to Pennsylvania as part of the Anatomy faculty at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Kalmey is also Director of the Lecture Discussion Pathway, and Director of the Willed Body Program.

Four other “COMLEX-USA Item Writer of the Year” awards were presented to: Shawna R. Duncan, DO, of Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences; Jeff Rabrich, DO, of St. Luke's - Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York; Brett Sheridan Stecker, DO, of Tristan Medical in MA; and, Michael Terzella, DO, of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine/New York Institute of Technology, and a “COMAT Item Writer of the Year” award was presented to Joel Dickerman, DO, of Saint Mary Corwin Hospital in Pueblo, CO. D. Thomas Dayberry, DO, PhD, of the University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth was awarded “COMLEX-USA Case Author of the Year Level 2-Performance Evaluation.”

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