



**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Contact: Natalie P. Smoley
Director for Marketing & Communications
NBOME
610-825-6551, x385 (days)
nsmoley@nbome.org

**Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD
Awarded NBOME 2014 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year"**



The National Board of Osteopathic Medical Examiners (NBOME) is pleased to announce the organization's 2014 "COMLEX-USA Examination Item Writer of the Year" award winners, among whom its recipient for the second consecutive year, Jonathan K. Kalmey, PhD, Assistant Dean of Preclinical Education and Associate Professor of Anatomy among other positions at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) in Erie, PA, was recognized for his contributions to the COMLEX-USA Level 1 examination.

The NBOME undertook an objective evaluation of more than 350 academic and clinical subject matter experts who serve as active National Faculty and Item Writers contributing to COMLEX-USA Level 1 in 2014. 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.

MORE



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.

“It has been a privilege to assist the NBOME as a member of their National Faculty in creating the highest quality exam for physician competency. I am honored and humbled to be chosen as two-time Item Writer of the Year for 2014,” Dr. Kalmey said.

Dr. Kalmey is joined by four other 2014 “COMLEX-USA Item Writer of the Year” award recipients: William Elliot, MD, PhD, of Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences; Mark Gabay, DO, of Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine (COM), Fort Lauderdale, FL; Jaime M. Rawson, DO, Captain, United States Air Force, VA Joint Venture Hospital in Elmendorf-Richardson, AK; and, Sheldon C. Yao, DO, New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine, as well as “COMAT Item Writer of the Year,” Michael P. Seaman, DO, of Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine. Additionally, the NBOME honored Thomas H. O’Hare, DO, of both the Arizona and Chicago Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine with the “COMLEX-USA Level 2-Performance Evaluation Case Author of the Year” award.

MORE



“Throughout the long and rich history of the osteopathic medical profession, practicing physicians, academic physicians and other medical educators from undergraduate colleges of osteopathic medicine and graduate medical education programs, and members of the physician licensing community have participated in all aspects of the NBOME assessments and services,” NBOME President and CEO John R. Gimpel, DO, MEd, said.

“Today, more than 900 professionals from 44 states comprise the NBOME’s National Faculty and participate in governance, on committees, in the development of examination standards and content, in quality assurance initiatives, and as physician examiners. We are pleased to honor this year’s award winners for their exceptional contributions.”

The NBOME is the national assessment organization for the osteopathic medical profession. COMLEX-USA is the examination series accepted for osteopathic physician licensure throughout the United States and in numerous international jurisdictions. It is also a graduation requirement from all US colleges of osteopathic medicine. The COMLEX-USA examination series allows the NBOME to fulfill its primary mission in protecting the public by assessing the competencies of osteopathic physicians.

END