Winners of 2013 Dr. Lester Janoff Award for Writing Excellence Announced

The winners of ASCO's 2013 Dr. Lester Janoff Award for Writing Excellence are Dr. Marlee M. Spafford, Dr. Matthew D. Iley, Dr. Annette S.H. Schultz and Dr. Ryan D. Kennedy. The authors received the award for their paper "Tobacco Dependence Education in Optometry: A Canadian Pilot Study Assessing Practices and Opportunities," which was published in the Fall 2010 (Vol. 36, No. 1) issue of *Optometric Education*, the journal of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry.

The Dr. Lester Janoff Award for Writing Excellence recognizes the outstanding writing of a research article published in the journal. It is named in honor of the late Dr. Lester E. Janoff, who was editor of the journal from 2002 to 2005 and a longtime member of its editorial review board. Along with being known as an exceptional optometric educator, administrator and contact lens clinician and researcher, he was a beloved mentor of young writers.

A committee of the journal's editorial review board selects the winner of the award. The judges rate all the research articles that appeared in the journal in the previous two years. Writing excellence is judged on significance of the topic chosen, quality of the article and potential impact. Authors of the winning paper receive a cash award.


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