Editor's Column

With this edition of the Jefferson Journal of Psychiatry I am pleased to welcome Edward Silberman, M.D. as our new Faculty Advisor. Dr. Silberman is the Residency Program Director at Thomas Jefferson University, and he brings a great deal of enthusiasm about resident research, writing and publishing to the Journal. In addition to enthusiasm, he brings his own experience with writing for psychiatric publication with which to advise us, and we welcome his guidance as the Journal begins its twelfth year of publication.

It is also my pleasure to announce that beginning with this issue the Jefferson Journal will publish each year the winning essay from the Kaplan Essay Contest. This contest is open to all medical students interested in writing on a topic relevant to psychiatry, and this year's winner was Christopher Kerr for his paper entitled, "The Serotonin Theory of Depression." As a resident run and resident written publication, we feel the Jefferson Journal of Psychiatry also has an important role in reaching out to medical students who share our interest in psychiatry. For information about the Kaplan Essay contest, contact James H. Currell, M.D., University of Cincinnati Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry, 231 Bethesda Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45267-0559.

Finally, I must correct with our apologies an omission from the most recent issue of the Journal. Two co-authors were not acknowledged with Jon A. Lehrmann, M.D. for "Climbing Through the Milwaukee County Civil Commitment Process;" they are Joseph Layde, M.D., J.D., and Beth Abrahmson, M.D., both of whom are on the faculty of the Medical College of Wisconsin.

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