

Winners of the Brown & Percy
Journal on Developmental Disabilities
2017 Student Publication Prizes

About the Student Publication Prize

Since its inception in 1992, the *Journal on Developmental Disabilities* (JODD), published by the Ontario Association on Developmental Disabilities (OADD), has consistently encouraged students to contribute papers to the journal that are based on their individual and collaborative research. A prize initiated by Ivan Brown and Maire Percy in 2007 – the Annual Brown and Percy *Journal on Developmental Disabilities* Student Publication Prize – further encourages student contribution to the journal. Funding for this award comes from royalties generated by the textbook *“Developmental Disabilities in Ontario”* that is edited by Ivan and Maire. The prize is awarded to an author of what is judged to be the most outstanding student contribution in a calendar year. A student contribution is deemed to be a paper that has been successfully peer-reviewed and published in the JODD based on research or ideas of someone who is currently a student, or of someone reporting work completed while he or she was a student (e.g., a thesis). Normally, an eligible author for this award would be the first author of the paper, but intermediate authors also are eligible if they have contributed 50% or more to the content and writing. The prize consists of a letter of congratulations signed by Ivan and Maire, a cash award of \$500, and a plaque from the OADD commemorating the event. If there is a tie for first place, the cash award to each winner is \$250 and two plaques are awarded. Sometimes there are runners up for the prize. In this case, runners up receive a congratulatory letter in recognition of their achievement. Awards are presented at the Annual Meeting of Research Special Interest Group (RSIG) of the OADD. Award winners are announced in an upcoming issue of JoDD. This year’s award winners were selected from among papers published in JoDD issues 23(1) and 23(2). Judging was done by a small sub-committee of the RSIG. In this year’s competition, two papers tied for first place and two papers tied for second place. The awards were presented at the 2018 RSIG meeting held at the Ambassador Hotel and Conference Centre, in Kingston, Ontario.

2017 Winners

The two papers which tied for first place were:

- **Dustin Heinrichs, Shahin Shooshtari, Marni Brownell, Rosemary Mills, and Brenda Stoesz.** (2018). Health and health care utilization of Manitoba children in care with and without developmental disabilities: A population-based comparative study. *Journal on Developmental Disabilities*, 23(2), 5-16.
- **Kelly D. Coons, Alexandra L. Clement, and Shelley L. Watson.** (2017). Are rural and urban Ontario health care professionals aware of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder? A secondary data analysis of the fetal alcohol syndrome survey for health professionals. *Journal on Developmental Disabilities*, 23(1), 76-91.

The two runner up papers were:

- **Rebecca-Jane McAllister, Kelly Carr, Chad A. Sutherland, Nadia Azar, and Sean Horton.** (2018). Bystander perceptions of an exercise program for adults with autism spectrum disorder and an intellectual disability within a university setting. *Journal on Developmental Disabilities*, 23(2), 50-54.
- **Alshaba S. Billawala, Chloe A. Hamza, and Shannon L. Stewart.** (2018). Risk factors for complex special needs among male children seeking mental health services. *Journal on Developmental Disabilities*, 23(2), 17-26.