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## AATA NEWS

# Transformations in Time: Art Therapy Exhibit Captures Responses to 9/11



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From Sept. 6-8, 2016, Bellevue Hospital in New York City will be hosting the exhibit "Transformations in Time," artwork created in response to 9/11 and in observance of its 15th anniversary. The artworks, created through the Art Therapy Program at NYC Health + Hospitals/Bellevue's World Trade Center Environmental Health Center, serve as visual representations of change and growth.


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## Releasing Trapped Images: Art Therapy at the Pentagon Family Assistance Center



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In remembrance of the tragic events that devastated our nation 15 years ago on 9/11, AATA offers [this article](#). Howie, Burch, Conrad, and Shambaugh (2002) describe art therapy groups for children and their families at the

Pentagon Family Assistance Center in the aftermath of the Pentagon attack. This paper chronicles the ways in which the art therapy clinical team enabled the children to tell their stories and symbolize the traumatic memories of 9/11. The art therapy services provided a safe environment in which the children were enabled to express and to be validated in their experiences of profound loss, confusion, and vulnerability, underscoring the effectiveness of art therapy in trauma treatment.

## Art Therapist Melissa Walker on TEDMED: 'Unmasking the invisible wounds of war'



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In a powerful [TEDMED](#) talk, Melissa Walker, MA, ATR, discusses art therapy with military service members and veterans recovering from traumatic brain injury, posttraumatic stress disorder and/or mental illness.

Click [here](#) to watch the video.

### Professional Doctorate of Art Therapy

This Mount Mary University program advances working professionals' careers through an annual, summer 12-day residency, online coursework and practitioner-generated research to transform the profession.

## AATA Featured Member



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"Art has given a voice to my emotions that could not be spoken," reveals Molly Schwarb, MS, ATR, "I wanted to responsibly share that amazing connection!" This sense of connection is an integral part of Molly's professional identity. She gains energy, perspective and reassurance simply by being around other art therapists and values the opportunity to participate in chapter meetings, conferences, symposiums and other networking opportunities through the AATA. "Being a member in good standing has validated my education and experience to prospective employers," she explains, "It has also given me a forum to grow as a therapist, with new data, techniques and workshops, and has allowed me to grow as a person, in accepting board positions and gathering peers towards a stronger state presence for licensure. This is essential for the survival of art therapy as a profession."



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## Potential E-mail Scam Targeting Art Therapists



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It has come to our attention that an email directed to art therapists has been circulating with the request to exchange bank information for the alleged establishment of wellness centers or clinics. We urge our members and readers to exercise caution when receiving such requests and to report these instances to the proper authorities. For resources on how to identify potential scam emails or how to proceed if you receive such emails, please visit the Federal Bureau of Investigation's [Internet Crime Complaint Center \(IC3\)](#).

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## The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI) Call for Papers



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The Association for Behavior Analysis International (ABAI), a research-focused organization of about 23,000 members worldwide, seeks submissions for their 43rd Annual Convention in Denver, Colorado. The ABAI's Behavior Analysis and the Arts special interest group (BAARTS) is seeking to work collaboratively with art therapists to enhance outcomes when integrated with behavior analysis. This conference will be of particular relevance to art therapists who work with people with autism and developmental or physical challenges. Papers can focus on a number of program areas listed [here](#). **The submission deadline is Oct. 26, 2016.** Please visit the [ABAI website](#) for more information.

### IN THE NEWS

## Mental health and addiction among inmates



PsychCentral

Working with offenders allows you to see many interesting phenomena. Not only do you get to observe interesting behaviors and get a glimpse inside the thinking patterns of criminals, but there are interesting sociological observations as well. One of which is how life inside the walls mirror what is going on in society; cultural diversity, violence, drug use, etc. While there is nothing new about drug use inside prisons, a new and interesting occurrence seems to be taking place. It would appear that much of the drug/alcohol use may be attributable to the inmates engaging in self-medication to treat known mental illness. **READ MORE**

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explore their creativity, allowing them to share their work with a worldwide community. [Read more](#)

## These are the young black women making art about mental health



The Huffington Post

It's OK not to be OK. This is the mantra behind "Unmasked Women," an art exhibition exploring the current state of black mental health for young women in the United Kingdom. Nicole Krystal Crentsil, a 24-year-old assistant project manager from north London, was inspired to put together the show, frustrated by the lack of resources available to young women when they need it most. "There's this expectation of black women to be behind or come last," artist Simone Leigh recently said in an interview with Artsy. The cycle is abhorrent. Black women are subject to innumerable instances of institutionalized racism and sexism every day that undoubtedly lead to anxiety and depression, including but not limited to workplace discrimination, police brutality and mass incarceration. [READ MORE](#)

## WPA-funded global survey reveals level of discrimination faced by people with mental health problems



World Psychiatric Association via The Medical News

On World Mind Matters Day 2016, a global survey funded by the World Psychiatric Association, of laws and policies in 193 United Nations member states reveals the level of discrimination faced by people with mental illness in the areas of marriage, voting rights employment and right to contract. The survey results were included in the "Social Justice for People with Mental Illness" report published in the International Review of Psychiatry. [READ MORE](#)

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