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## AATA NEWS

### The AATA's Definition of the Art Therapy Profession



The AATA Board of Directors



In support of art therapy advocacy initiatives across the nation and based on an expressed desire from the AATA membership, in July of 2016 the AATA Board of Directors began work on creating a contemporary definition of the art therapy profession. We sought to present an up-to-date and inclusive description of the field by

broadening the nomenclature and incorporating suggestions from members. A task force comprising members of the Board of Directors created the first draft, which was then published for member review and input. Subsequent drafts were updated with the input, refined, and ultimately approved by the full AATA Board. **READ MORE**

### #AATA2017 Conference: Early Bird Registration Will Close Tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. EDT



Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, LPC-AT-S, ATR-BC, ATCS, Conference Chair

Early bird registration for the 48th Annual AATA Conference to be held November 8-12, 2017\*, in Albuquerque, NM will close tomorrow, June 16, at 5:00 p.m. EDT. Don't be late! [Click here](#) to access the online registration site. If you prefer to register by mail, [download the registration form](#) and postmark your registration by June 16. If you fax your registration form, be sure we receive it before 5:00 p.m. on June 16.



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**Applications for the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) Due July 15, 2017**



Dana Elmendorf, ATR-BC, LPC, Chair, Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is currently seeking applications for members from the western United States for one (1) practitioner and one (1) public member. Please consider applying or nominating someone that you believe will work tirelessly to promote best practices for art therapy educational programs. Members of ACATE will be on the forefront of the implementation of the new accreditation standards and will help to inform all art therapy education stakeholders. To ensure diverse geographic representation of the council, there is a need for individuals from the western United States. Potential nominees must demonstrate a commitment to art therapy education, knowledge of contemporary art therapy and allied health practice, and sensitivity to the needs of art therapy students and consumers. Sitting ACATE members will review and approve all applications. **READ MORE**

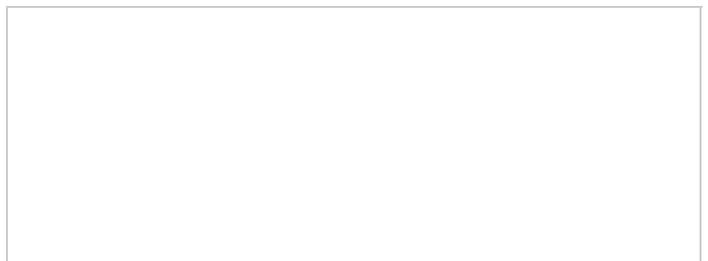
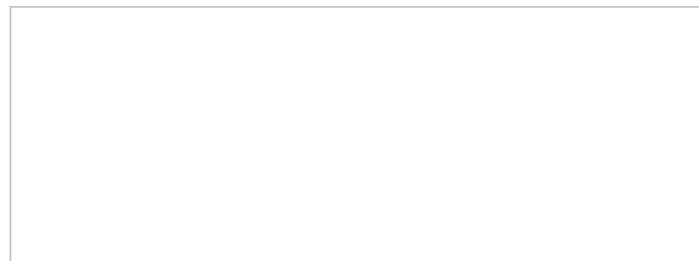
**Seeking Executive Editor for the Art Therapy Journal**

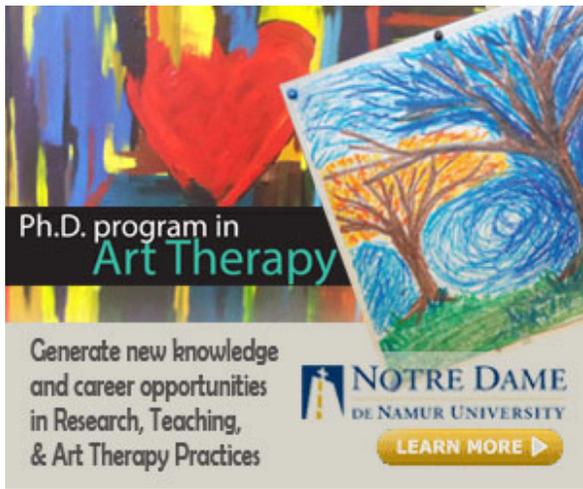


Michaela Kirby, PsyD, ATR-BC, LMHC, Journal Editor Search Committee Chair

The American Art Therapy Association seeks applications for the position of Editor of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*. The Journal is a peer-reviewed scholarly publication and has a readership comprised of educators, practitioners, and students. Its mission is to inform the readership of research, recent innovations, and critical issues related to art therapy. [Click here](#) to view the Journal Editor position description and requirements. The deadline for nominations or applications is August 1, 2017.

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### AATA Featured Member



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Molly Green, MA, LCPC, has a private practice, Green Art Therapy that celebrated its one-year anniversary in May 2017. Since earning her Art Therapy Counseling degree from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville in 2006, she has worked with a variety of client populations across settings, including: men, women, and families in a substance abuse program; adults and older adults in a psychiatric hospital; adults in the criminal justice system; and children, teens, and adults with mood disorders. Molly feels connected to the AATA through the Annual Conference, where she reports, "I always get excited to meet some of the legends in the field." **READ MORE**



### President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities Recognizes Art Expression Inc.



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The American Art Therapy Association warmly congratulates Art Expression, Inc. for being selected as a finalist for the National Arts & Humanities Youth Program Award (NAHYP). The selection was made by NAHYP's President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities and its partner agencies, including the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Organizations from 46 states, the District of Columbia, and two U.S. territories were considered. Art Expression's selection as one of the 50 finalists distinguishes it as one of the top arts- and humanities-based programs in the country. **READ MORE**

#### IN THE NEWS

### Art Therapists on the Grid: Carolyn Mehlomakulu



YouTube

Art Therapists on the Grid: Art Therapy Meets Social Media Conversations, is an interview series hosted by Art Therapist and Author Gretchen Miller, MA, ATR-BC featuring a variety of art therapists and how they use the power of the Internet and social media in relationship to sharing their work with others, professional

development, nurturing creativity, cultivating community and more! [READ MORE](#)

### Art as resilience and another form of therapy



YouthToday

Taylor N. writes: "When I was little I would stay up at night watching my mom draw. I had really bad insomnia, and I'd love seeing what my mom would do. I love that image of her — of when she was healthy. It's much better of the last image I have of her, all sucked up, tweaked out, and crying. That was Oct. 10, 2014 — the last time I saw her." [READ MORE](#)

### Making art activates brain's reward pathway



Drexel University via ScienceDaily

Your brain's reward pathways become active during art-making activities like doodling, according to a new Drexel University study. Girija Kaimal, EdD, assistant professor in the College of Nursing and Health Professions, led a team that used fNIRS (functional near-infrared spectroscopy) technology to measure blood flow in the areas of the brain related to rewards while study participants completed a variety of art-making projects. [READ MORE](#)

### A buzz about Montreal's awesome art hives



National Observer

At a small cooperative in the underprivileged neighborhood of Centre-Sud in Montreal, you can pick up a pencil, a paintbrush or knitting needles and let your imagination run free. Two people from the local community are sitting at a wide table painting and sharing ideas. A man resting in an armchair watches. Others drop by to provide material or just to hang out in the vibrant, creative environment. [READ MORE](#)

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