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## AATA NEWS

### Three Dynamic Plenary Sessions Sure to Wow!



Susan Boxer Kappel, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, CGP, Conference Chair

We are pleased to announce that all three of the plenary sessions at the American Art Therapy Association's 50th Annual Conference to be held October 30 to November 3, 2019 in Kansas City, Missouri are now confirmed. These outstanding sessions are part of the top-notch program that offers more than 220 educational sessions attendees will discover at the AATA conference. To explore more of our learning options and to register [visit the conference website](#). **[READ MORE](#)**

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Volume 36, Issue 1 of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association* is now available online. This year, the Journal editorial team seeks to feature three themes in art therapy:



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## Featured Member



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Michelle Anne Hololob MS, ATR-BC, LCAT, ATCS, is the Chief of Creative Arts Therapy at [Jamaica Hospital Medical Center](#), in Jamaica, Queens NY. For the last 12 years, she has been employed with Jamaica Hospital, providing art therapy to adults in the Inpatient Psych Units and the Psychiatric ER. "It has been a privilege to work in Queens all these years, as it is the most ethnically diverse county in the US," she says. "Seeing how art therapy connects people, bridging gaps and creating commonality is continually reaffirming my belief in the healing power of art." As a first generation American, Hololob values supervising interns from diverse



backgrounds and hopes to see the growth in diversity within the art therapy community. [READ MORE](#)

## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### #AANAM — Art Therapy Can Improve Psychological Well-Being In ALS Patients



ALS News Today

Making digital art can be beneficial for the psychological health of people with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), a proof-of-concept study showed. The findings, "BRIDGE: Dynamic Imagery and Art Therapy in ALS- A Clinical Study to Improve Patient Expression and Wellness," were presented in a poster session at the 2019 American Academy of Neurology (AAN) Annual Meeting, being held through May 10 in Philadelphia. [READ MORE](#)

### VFW Post 1819 selected Maria L. Salazar to be the 2019 Grand Marshal



The Island Now

Maria L. Salazar was born in Peru in 1980. In 1992, her family relocated to the United States. Her father Jose Salazar, mother Maria Vasquez and sister Sandy and Andrea settled in Bridgewater, NJ, where she attended and graduated high school in 1998. Salazar earned an associate degree for Paralegal Studies from Raritan Valley Community College in 2000. [READ MORE](#)



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### Father and Son Author-Illustrator Team Win Top Prize in National Book Award



EIN News Desk

International author and human rights activist Patrick Atkinson has been awarded the prestigious 2019 National Gold Medal by the Independent Book Publisher Association (IBPA), it was recently announced. Atkinson won for his 2018 book, *The Powerful You!*. The awards, now in their 23rd year, recognize independent authors worldwide and attempt to showcase the best from among the nearly one million books published each year. [READ MORE](#)

### A Long Walk Home Uses Art And Activism To Center Sexual-Violence Survivors of Color



Chicago Reader

To sisters Salamishah and Scheherazade Tillet, cofounders of the nonprofit A Long Walk Home, the six-part documentary *Surviving R.Kelly* not only brought much-needed attention to the R&B singer's alleged crimes; it helped to finally center the voices of sexual-violence survivors of color who have traditionally been left out of mainstream conversations about gender-based violence. [READ MORE](#)

### Forever Family: Healing Through Art Therapy



KENS-TV

"More paint, until you've reached the outer circle, deal?" art therapist Yadi Puente is working with a group of

children. "It's one community when we come and make art," she said. Some kids come from what we might call normal backgrounds, others from foster to adoption journeys, but they're all together, on this day. "Getting to create art as one, as one community, because that's what it boils down to, because everybody is the same," Puente said. **READ MORE**

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