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AATA NEWS AND EVENTS

AATA's Role in School-Based Prevention and Intervention Services



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The National Alliance of Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (NASISP) is a coalition of organizations of professionals working in schools to support student success. The American Art Therapy Association is pleased to be one of NASISP's 20 member organizations. This important affiliation enables the AATA to make a difference in school-age children's lives. NASISP aims to empower professionals, including art therapists, by encouraging multidisciplinary collaboration, and affirming our role in education's best practices and involvement in school improvement efforts. [READ MORE](#)



2016 Annual Conference on Track to Be Largest Ever!



Jane DeSouza, MPS, ATR-BC, LCAT

Early bird registration for the 2016 Conference has broken all previous records! Advanced registration is now open so if you have not yet registered you can still get great rates. There is still room in the All-Day Advanced Practice Courses to be held on Wednesday, July 6, and the Half-Day Advanced Practice Courses to be held on Sunday, July 10. Additionally, you can still find several workshops on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, that are not yet full — so [register today!](#) [READ MORE](#)

PRODUCT SHOWCASE



Professional Doctorate of Art Therapy

Mount Mary University's professional doctorate prepares working art therapists to transform their profession and advance their careers. This three-year professional doctorate combines an annual 12-day residency on campus with online coursework and independent doctoral study with activist leaders in the field.

New cohorts begin each summer. Learn more at www.mtmary.edu/dat

Participate in Creative Arts Therapies Week!



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AATA is a member of the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations and we invite you to participate in Creative Arts Therapies Week March 13-19, 2016! Organize an event that celebrates or educates about the Creative Arts Therapies at your workplace or in your community. Publicize your event using #CATW2016 via your favorite social media! In addition, send the details of your event to NCCATA — visit the website www.nccata.org and click on "contact." Your event will be posted to the NCCATA web site.

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AATA Featured Member



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Nomita Advani, MA, LCPAT, began her career as an art teacher at McLean School, a private school for students with learning disabilities. Noting the effect that art had on her students, she explained, "I watched everyday how the qualities inherent in the art making process gave them the chance to relax, build their confidence, and give them another language for expression." This provided Nomita with the impetus to pursue a degree in art therapy from The George Washington University (class of '11) and attain her license as a professional art therapist. As a member of the AATA, she feels proud and supported by the national platform that the organization provides for the profession of art therapy. **READ MORE**

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

An advertisement for Lesley University. The background is a blurred image of a colorful abstract painting. The text reads: "PURSUE HEALING THROUGH THE ARTS" in large white letters. Below that, "Master's degrees in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with specializations in Art, Dance/Movement, Drama, Expressive Arts, and Music Therapies" and "PhD program in Expressive Therapies". At the bottom left, it says "Faculty position open. Visit our website for details." The Lesley University logo is at the bottom right.

An advertisement for Texas Tech University. The background is an aerial view of a large brick building with a red roof. A white box on the right contains the text: "NATIONAL RESEARCH UNIVERSITY" followed by "with a" and "GROWING CAMPUS". Below that is the Texas Tech "TT" logo and "TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY".

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

'I'm no good at art, miss!' – Why art should not be just for the experts



The Huffington Post

Dr. Val Huet writes: "I will never forget how shocked I felt when, having volunteered in my children's school to run art activity groups, several eight year olds declared loudly 'I'm no good at art, Miss!'. I thought: 'Who told you that? You are too young to feel like this!'. The sad thing was that they were all very keen to join in, attracted by the display of bright collage materials, paints and crayons, but the feeling of 'being no good at art' definitely held them back, making them hesitate. Not long ago, they would have all crowded around the table, confident in their ability to make messy and exuberant artworks full of stories and meaning: the fact that these would end up looking soggy and messy did not lessen their enthusiasm and enjoyment." **READ MORE**

Art therapy faculty are guests on Life and Living TV program



Caldwell University

Art therapy faculty Dr. Marie Wilson and Professor Diane Quiroga are guests on Life and Living with Joanna Gagis. They explain how art therapy is a mental health profession that uses the creative process of art making to improve and enhance the physical, mental, and emotional well-being for people of all ages. Prof. Quiroga talks about how she has been able to use art therapy in helping children heal through trauma. They discuss the Art Therapist Licensing Act that was recently signed by Governor Christie. Prof. Quiroga, who is secretary for the New Jersey Art Therapy Association board, says the act will help the art therapy profession get services to those in need, work towards title protection, and most of all, make sure the public is even more protected with trained and experienced professionals. **READ MORE**

'Craftivism' meets art therapy at Lesley University




Lesley Public Post


A "Craft and Chat: 'Craftivism'" workshop exploring the issue of women's sexuality was held on Feb. 18, at Lesley University's Women's Center, led by Art Therapy faculty Michaela Kirby and Lauren Leone. Craftivism is using hand-made art to express opinions or to support a movement, a combination of craft and activism or crafts for activism. "I learned about craftivism at a workshop at the American Art Therapy Association Conference a couple of years ago," said Lauren Leone, Art Therapist and professor at the Lesley University Applied Therapy Programs. **READ MORE**

The AATA's Art Therapy Today includes a digest of the most important news selected for the AATA from thousands of sources. Guest articles may be submitted to Kat Michel at kmichel@arttherapy.org. Publication of any guest article is at the sole discretion of the American Art Therapy Association.

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