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## AATA NEWS

### AATA's Guidelines for Addressing Inaccurate use of 'Art Therapy'



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The AATA has developed guidelines for addressing the inaccurate use of “art therapy.” Please visit [this webpage](#) for information about products and instances that may use “art therapy” inaccurately, as well as resources that correctly align with the AATA’s official position on such matters. In cases of inaccurate categorization, the AATA encourages outreach and education about art therapy as a regulated mental health profession with rigorous educational and professional standards. Please share this source widely. Thank you for helping the AATA to disseminate accurate information about the art therapy profession.

### Color Party: TEDx NYU



Jordan Potash, PhD, ATR-BC, REAT, LCPAT, LCAT

On April 15, 2016, I had the opportunity to represent the American Art Therapy Association alongside fellow art therapists and digital arts developers to discuss adult coloring books at Color Party: TEDx NYU (New York University). TEDx NYU is a student organization that plans annual conferences, as well as more intimate community events through the year to address pertinent topics. Chastity Polk, Director of Community Events for TEDx NYU, invited a range of speakers to discuss coloring from different perspectives. We were joined by almost 200 students on the



top floor of the NYU Kimmel Center for University Life for an evening of food, coloring sheets, and learning.

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## Important Membership Announcement: Online Profile and Renewal Temporarily Unavailable



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The AATA will be making changes to its Association Management Software (AMS) in order to better serve our members. During this transition, the online renewal feature, as well as the ability to change your member profile information, will be temporarily unavailable. You will still be able to access the online members-only resources; the transition will only impact your access to membership renewal and your data profile. We expect to have the new system running by mid-late May. In the meantime, you may use the [membership application](#) or call us at 888.290.0878 to renew or make updates to your profile.

## Please Submit Information for 47th Annual Conference Memorial Ceremony



Juliet King, MA, ATR-BC, LPC

The AATA will honor the lives and work of art therapists who have passed away since our last conference. There will be a special Memorial Ceremony held during the AATA's 47th Annual Conference in Baltimore on Saturday, July 9. Please send information including the name, a brief biography, and a photograph of deceased members of the art therapy community to the AATA's national office. Information and/or questions can be directed to Christina Easterly at [info@arttherapy.org](mailto:info@arttherapy.org).

## AATA Featured Member



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Carrie May Ezell, PhD, LPAT, NCC, ATR-BC, currently works at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) Employee Assistance and Counseling Center, which provides services to a wide range of clients including doctors, professors, researchers, staff, and anyone who is part of the UAB community. As a recent graduate of the PhD in Expressive Therapies program at Lesley University, she found the AATA Journal to be a useful resource for her dissertation. Her interest in research extends to art therapy for older adults in particular. She explains, "Currently I feel more research examining the efficacy of art therapy will help move our field forward. I'm interested in how and why art therapy helps my clients and I would love to see more art therapy programs specifically

for older adults, who are often overlooked in our society." **READ MORE**

### PRODUCT SHOWCASE



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## Part-Time Position Available with the American Art Therapy Association



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The national office is looking to hire a part-time Policy and Professional Affairs Associate. This position works in collaboration with the AATA staff and public policy advisor to support public policy initiatives and activities, respond to member and chapter requests for information and assistance, monitor chapter public policy activities, and prepare policy reports and articles for the AATA's publications. The position supports the AATA's National Policy Agenda, researches national and state policy and legislation, and disseminates information about the AATA and chapter public policy activities. The full job posting can be viewed [here](#).

### EVENTS

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## AATA's Collaboration with Local Chapters to Raise Funds for Children's Mental Health Awareness



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The national office is teaming up with the [Florida Art Therapy Association](#) and the [New York Art Therapy Association](#) for a new campaign focused on raising awareness for children's mental health through art therapy. These participating chapters will be fundraising to create and develop an arts-based event for their communities to help promote this important cause. Kickoff for the campaign will coincide with National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day on May 5, 2016 and

we encourage all members to show their support; this is our chance to make a difference in the lives of children and improve access to mental health resources. We will be posting updates on the campaign through Art Therapy Today, [Facebook](#), and [Twitter](#). Use [#HeroesofHope](#) to join the conversation!

## San Antonio Art Therapists Host Their First Children's Mental Health Awareness Event



Deborah Murphy, LPC-S-AT, ATR-BC

The South Texas Art Therapy Association (STATA) is a collective group of approximately 50 members that include art therapists, related mental health professionals, friends and students. Our chapter covers a third of Texas - over 85,000 square miles. This is emphasized in order to illustrate our need to continually develop creative ways to connect, increase membership, educate, mentor and celebrate our universal passion for this unique and underrepresented profession in our vast state. Thanks to Sofia Torres, the San Antonio (SA) Group was alerted to a time sensitive funding opportunity to host a Children's Mental Health Awareness event, and were awarded nearly \$6,000.00. This award marks the beginning a partnership with Bexar CARES Project, the City of San Antonio and The Center for Health Care Services and provides validation that our city supports our work and mission to increase public awareness and services to children. **READ MORE**

## Update from the Buckeye Art Therapy Association



Molly (Mary) K. Kometiani, MA, ATR-BC, LPCC

On May 7th, 2016 Ursuline College will be hosting the presentation "Current trends in ethics: Professional scope for those dually credentialed" facilitated by DoHee Kim-Appel, Ph.D., LPCC-S, ATR, IMFT-S, LICDC, NCC, and Jonathan Appel, Ph.D., LPCC-S, IMFT, LICDC-CS. CEUs are offered free to members. The 35th Annual BATA Symposium will be held on September 29 – October 1 at [Embassy Suites Hotel Columbus](#) located in Columbus, Ohio and Elizabeth Warson, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, NCC, will be presenting "Healing Pathways Through Art Therapy." Please consider submitting a proposal to present a paper or a workshop. More information for these events can be found on our [website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

### ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

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# What role can artists play in prison reform?

Hyperallergic

Alexis Clements writes: "When I walked into the Greene Space for Creative Capital's first Creative Conversations event – focused on artists who make work about criminal justice and the prison system – I felt a little skeptical. Here were five artists who were given thousands of dollars by Creative Capital to make work and build careers, while many of the subjects of their work face life behind bars, often with stints in solitary confinement, or, when they're released, serious barriers to things like gainful employment and housing. The relationship between artists and their subjects has always been full of potential pitfalls, and in the midst of the presidential primary spectacle and a cultural environment in which trying to demonstrate social consciousness has become a kind of currency for mega-corporations and massive arts institutions alike, it can be tough not to feel the creep of cynicism. But this conversation surprised me." **READ MORE**

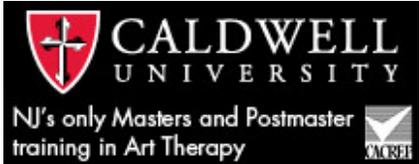
The AATA's Art Therapy Today includes a digest of the most important news selected for the AATA from thousands of sources. Guest articles may be submitted to Kat Michel at [kmichel@arttherapy.org](mailto:kmichel@arttherapy.org). Publication of any guest article is at the sole discretion of the American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

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