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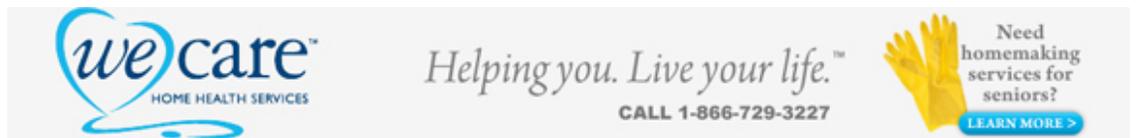
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## AATA NEWS

### A Message of Love and Compassion for Orlando



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In light of the devastating and inconceivable tragedy which took place at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, The American Art Therapy Association extends our compassion to all affected. We are working with our state chapter, the [Florida Art Therapy Association](#), to determine how we may support them and those impacted. AATA and FATA are coordinating to honor the victims and provide support for and acknowledgement of all those impacted by this event and its aftermath at our upcoming [Annual Conference in Baltimore](#).

We offer this [Emergency Trauma Guide](#) for additional resources.

We are profoundly saddened. Our thoughts are with all impacted by this tragedy.

### The International Congress for Qualitative Inquiry: Challenging the Research Status Quo



Nancy Gerber, Ph.D., ATR-BC

The International Congress for Qualitative Inquiry (ICQI) is an annual conference held at the University of Illinois in Urbana (UIUC), IL. Developed by Norman Denzin, a pioneer, innovator and leader in Qualitative Research and the Social Sciences, the ICQI is an annual activity that partially fulfills the mission of the International Institute on Qualitative Inquiry. This mission "is to facilitate the development of qualitative research methods across a wide variety of academic disciplines. In addition, it provides leadership to

demonstrate the promise of qualitative inquiry as a form of democratic practice, to show how qualitative inquiry can be used to directly engage pressing social issues at the level of local, state, national and global communities". **READ MORE**



## Seeking Nominations: Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE)



Dana Elmendorf, ATR-BC, LPC, Chair of ACATE

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is currently seeking nominations for positions beginning November 2016. Expected vacancies will require art therapy educators, art therapy practitioners and a public member. Please consider 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 educate all art therapy education stakeholders. **READ MORE**

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- [This year's SVA MPS Art Therapy conference features Pablo Helguera. Click here to join us on September 23, 2016!](#)



## AATA Featured Member



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Julie Gant, ATR-BC, grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. After graduating from the Art Therapy Counseling program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (class of '05), she returned to her hometown to work as an art therapist. Julie's graduate training focused on object relations and attachment theory has served her well as the first full-time art therapist at St. Louis Children's Hospital, where she has been employed for over 10 years. As an AATA member and a member of the St. Louis community, Julie values local and national opportunities to connect with other art therapists through the exchange of ideas, knowledge, and time. Her passion is for

empowering her child and teen clients to help capitalize on their strengths and teach them ways to cope with many of life's challenges in positive ways. **READ MORE**

### ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

## At any skill level, making art reduces stress hormones



DrexelNow

Whether you're Van Gogh or a stick-figure sketcher, a new Drexel University study found that making art can significantly reduce stress-related hormones in your body. Although the researchers from Drexel's College of Nursing and Health Professions believed that past experience in creating art might amplify the activity's stress-reducing effects, their study found that everyone seems to benefit equally. **READ MORE**

## Cafe Zoe hosts art show created by vets as part of art therapy at Menlo



## Park VA

InMenlo

For about seven years, a group of vets has been gathering once a week at the Menlo Park VA for PTSD art therapy led by Lisa Giovannetti. The purpose is to give voice to their experience and support them in coping with symptoms and developing skills. While the resulting artworks have been displayed at the VA, this is the first time that some of the vets have chosen to share their works with the larger community. The PTSD Healing Art Show at Cafe Zoe in the Willows is the result. **READ MORE**

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