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## AATA NEWS

### AATA Encourages Responses to Immigration Order



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As the organization representing art therapy education, the American Art Therapy Association joins with other higher education organizations in opposing the Executive Order signed by President Trump that suspends the visas and other immigration benefits to nationals of seven countries with majority Muslim populations. The order has stranded students who have been approved to study here and are unable to return to US campuses, threatens to disrupt the education and research of other students and faculty, and presents potential risks for students and professional art therapists who may travel abroad. **READ MORE**



### Calls to Action for the Art Therapy Community



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Art therapists work with people of all ages across a broad spectrum of practice. The AATA commits to supporting the human rights of all persons. The AATA also commits to increase access to art therapy services through continued advocacy with state legislators and private insurers to secure public and private-payer insurance reimbursement of art therapy services provided by licensed and/or credentialed art therapists.

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## AATA Members Invited to Submit Input on AATA Values Statement



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Dear AATA members: The AATA strives for solidarity with every member of the art therapy community and those we serve. We have drafted a Values Statement reflecting that commitment to our members and the public in line with the socially responsible mission and ethical principles of the AATA. The initial draft of this Values Statement is included [here](#). The finalized statement will be used to guide us as we work to fulfill our mission.

The AATA has sent out a direct email communication to our members with a letter and an invitation to submit input on the draft of the Values Statement. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you.



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 The Undergraduate Art Therapy major will provide students with both theoretical foundations and practical experience while learning the diverse application of art therapy.

## AATA's Tennessee Chapter Issues Statement Opposing SB 0001



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In line with the AATA and American Counseling Association's commitment to oppose state laws that promote discrimination, the Tennessee Art Therapy Association (TATA) is taking action against Senate Bill 0001. TATA's Official Statement of Opposition to SB 0001 outlines the background of the legislation, details of the bill, TATA's stance, and suggests ways to get involved. **READ MORE**

## AATA Featured Member



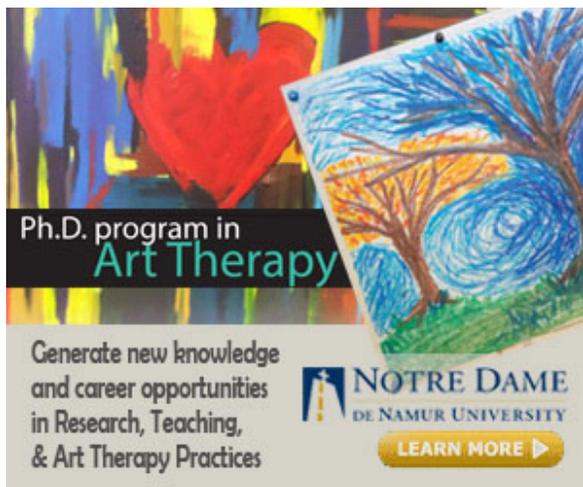
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Sheila Lorenzo de la Peña, PhD, ATR-BC, has worked in the forensic state hospital setting since 2007 and currently serves as the on-site supervisor for master's level art therapy students, provides Dialectical Behavioral Therapy, and incorporates art therapy into her mindfulness groups. She works with a wide variety of clients including those diagnosed with serious mental illnesses such as schizophrenia, schizoaffective disorder, and bipolar disorder with psychotic features. She has taught both undergraduate and graduate students as an adjunct professor at Florida State University, where she also received her PhD in Art Education with a focus in Art Therapy in 2015. She additionally supervises graduates of various universities

seeking their ATR. **READ MORE**

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## AATA's Institute for Continuing Education in Art Therapy Now Offers Courses Approved for New York LCATs



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As previously communicated, New York State approved AATA as a provider of continuing education for Licensed Creative Arts Therapists (LCATs) in New York. We are pleased to announce that the Institute for Continuing Education in Art Therapy (ICE/AT) is now ready to offer online self-study courses for New York LCATs. [READ MORE](#)

## Register for Arts Advocacy Day



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Become an advocate for the arts in the United States by registering for the 30th Annual Arts Advocacy Day! The event will take place March 20-21, 2017 in Washington, DC. Arts Advocacy Day is hosted by Americans for the Arts (AftA), as well as over 85 partner organizations, including the American Art Therapy Association. It is as important as ever to network, strategize, and advocate for the continued advancement of the arts. Arts Advocacy Day provides the training and opportunities to meet with Members of Congress to bolster support for the arts, and discuss the essential role of arts in life, health, and well-being, for all of America's peoples and communities. [READ MORE](#)

### IN THE NEWS

## Healing the divide: A values-based approach to politics



American Counseling Association

Audrey Mickelson writes: "On November 12, 2016, I had the honor of doing my first poster presentation at the 2016 Wisconsin Counseling Association Summit. I'm sure many of you are aware of the strong feelings surrounding the current election cycle, and have seen equally shocking actions and comments after last Tuesday's voter turnout. When it comes to politics and the policies that affect us all, we often feel that we don't really have a voice to be heard. The candidates seemed to many to be a choice between a rock and a hard place. This November's votes reflect a sense of despair and an increasing feeling of learned helplessness, as evidenced by the number of people who voted for anything and everything but the presidential seat." [READ MORE](#)

## Professional Doctorate of Art Therapy

This Mount Mary University program advances working professionals' careers through

an annual, summer 12-day residency, online coursework and practitioner-generated research to transform the profession.

## New art therapy group aims to provide creative outlet for veterans



The Shorthorn

What started as a class project between students in the Art Department turned into workshops that help veterans relax and channel stress into a piece of art. A group of students partnered with the Fort Worth Art Station's certified art therapists to give veterans a creative outlet. The idea for these workshops originated between students in an art and business course. Art education junior Christina Margelis was one of the original members who helped form the idea. **READ MORE**

## How art therapy helps you de-stress (even if you don't think you need it)



The Huffington Post

There were eight of us around the table. We'd signed up for a two-hour workshop with Madison, Wisconsin, art therapists Mary Williams and Kelly Toltzien, who together founded Madison Art Therapy in 2015. Our number included seven women and one man, mostly in our 30s and 40s. We were there to reconnect with our artistic sides — and our feelings. **READ MORE**

### Using clients' snapshots (and photo-based questions) to enhance their therapy sessions



#### MARCH 4-5: "Introduction to PhotoTherapy Techniques" Workshop.

• More: <http://bit.ly/2hSbMgR> • contact: [jweiser@phototherapy-centre.com](mailto:jweiser@phototherapy-centre.com)

#### JUNE 12-17: "Intensive Guided Experiential Training in Judy Weiser's PhotoTherapy Techniques" (advanced Therapists only)

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## Marian University exhibits work from Syrian, Burmese and Somali refugees



Nuvo.net

The timing for Marian University's Refugee Art exhibit couldn't come at a more crucial moment. The work reflects the dreams and aspirations of newly arrived refugees from Syria, Burma, and Somalia who created it. The show geared up just weeks before President Trump's executive order to ban immigrants from Iraq, Syria, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen. **READ MORE**

## Local veterans find hope and healing through the arts



Shepherd Express

It wasn't too long ago that Willie Weaver-Bey and Jeff McNeil could have been written off as hopeless. The odds were stacked against both men in so many ways. Willie Weaver-Bey had spent 40 years in prison. Although he grew up in St. Louis, when he was released he was given \$100 and a one-way ticket to Milwaukee, where he had relatives he didn't know. Weaver-Bey worked, but he was homeless, living out of his van and estranged from his children. **READ MORE**

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