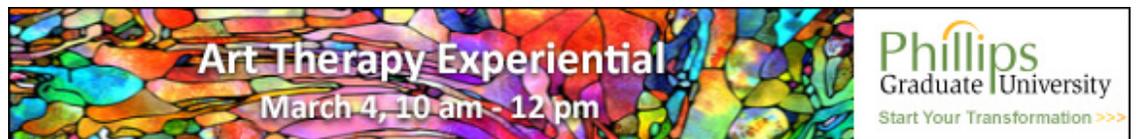


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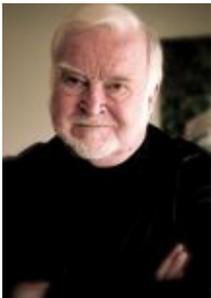

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AATA NEWS

Dr. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi Confirmed as Featured Keynote at AATA's 48th Annual Conference



Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-AT, Conference Chair



We are pleased to present our featured keynote presenter, Dr. Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, Distinguished Professor of Psychology and Management and Founding Co-Director, Quality of Life Research Center, at Claremont Graduate University. He is the former head of the Department of Psychology at the University of Chicago and of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Lake Forest College. Dr. Csikszentmihalyi, a Hungarian psychologist, recognized and named the psychological concept of flow, a highly focused mental state.

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Updates from the AATA Board of Directors



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The AATA Board of Directors holds regular teleconference meetings, as well as two in-person meetings per

year. Our first in-person meeting of 2017 will take place on February 24th and 25th, and we look forward to discussing many topics of importance to the art therapy profession. In particular, we will discuss the strong interrelationship between our socially responsible mission, vision, values and ethical principles. Important to this discussion will be our members' input on the draft Values Statement that was directly emailed to members on January 29th. **READ MORE**

Art Therapists Embrace the Diversity of GLBTQ Youth & Families



Paige Asawa, PhD, MFT, ATR-BC, AATA Treasurer

EDGY (Embracing the Diversity of GLBTQ Youth & Families) is a one day conference presented by Penny Lane Centers dedicated to evolving practices for professionals who work with GLBTQ (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning) youth and families. Each year Penny Lane strives to bring together a variety of experts who are excited to share their knowledge and experiences working in this field. **READ MORE**

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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.

The National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military 2017 National Summit



Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, AATA President

The AATA works to increase access to art therapists' services for a range of client populations in myriad ways. This includes our participation in events and opportunities to advocate for access to the arts and arts in health. A recent example is our involvement in the 4th National Initiative for Arts & Health in the Military National (NIAHM) Summit: Reintegration & Resilience, Exploring the Role of the Arts in Recovery, Transition & Transformation across the Military Continuum. This year's event took place February 2 – 5, 2017, at the University of South Florida, Tampa. **READ MORE**



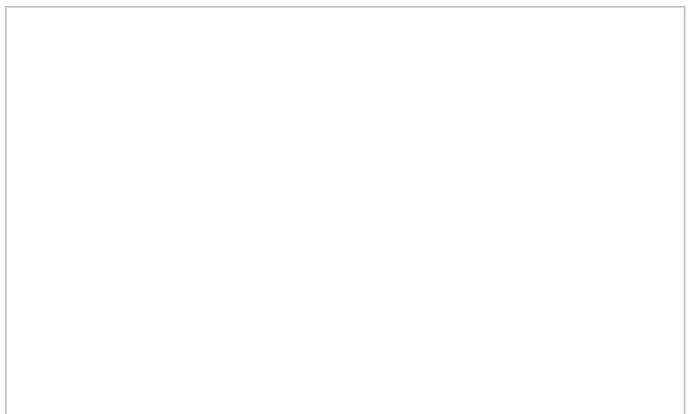
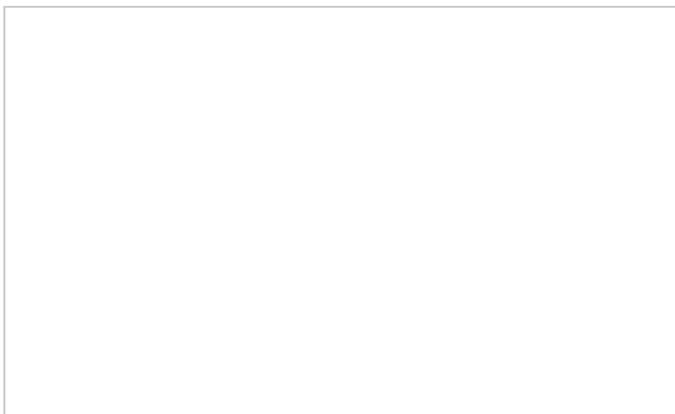
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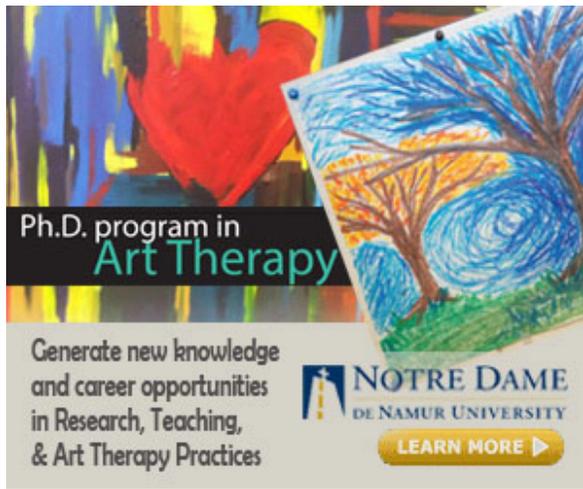


Dana Elmendorf, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, ACATE Chair

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is pleased to announce that ACATE has launched the official processes for the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) accreditation review. The accreditation materials have been posted to the ACATE website. We invite educators to begin to review the *Standards and Guidelines for Accreditation of Educational Programs in Art Therapy* along with the Initial Self-Study Report Handbook. **READ MORE**

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Kim Anderson, MSW, LCSW, ATR-BC, REAT, has had a diverse career leading her to art therapy. During her early work as a free-lance writer, photographer and graphic artist, she explored her interest in outsider art (i.e. expressions of oppression and liberation beyond conventional artistic borders or boundaries), a theme that remained consistent through all her artistic and clinical endeavors. After many years as a licensed clinical social worker, clinical supervisor, and educator, Anderson received her certification in art psychotherapy. Currently, she maintains a private practice in St. Louis, Missouri and is an adjunct professor and Program Coordinator of the Expressive Arts and Integrative Therapies Programs for Fontbonne University.

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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.

IN THE NEWS

Michael Phelps and Allison Schmitt named Honorary Chairpersons for SAMHSA's National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day 2017



SAMHSA

Olympic champions Michael Phelps, the world's most decorated Olympian, and Allison Schmitt, an eight-time Olympic medalist, are partnering with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration over the next year to focus attention on the needs of children, youth, and young adults who experience behavioral health disorders, such as mental illnesses and addictions. [READ MORE](#)

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Healing the inner child through portrait therapy: Illness, identity and childhood trauma



The British Association of Art Therapists

Susan Hancock is a former university lecturer who was diagnosed with incurable cancer shortly after retirement; her publications include "The Child that Haunts Us: Symbols and Images in Fairytale and Miniature Literature". In her Ph.D. project, Carr researched portrait therapy as a collaborative art therapy intervention for people living with life-threatening and chronic illnesses who experience illness as a disruption to their sense of self-identity. **READ MORE**

Son's death leads mom to bring art therapy to Quincy, Illinois, for grieving parents



The Herald-Whig

Donna Rupert has explored different avenues to work through grief after her 21-year-old son, Parker, died in December 2015 from injuries in an ATV crash. Grief is an ongoing process for Rupert; her husband, Jim; and their two younger children, Jenna and Donovan. "I have been seeking to help us get through that," Donna Rupert said. "Sometimes, it's things we do together as a family, and sometimes, it's just something I have to do for myself." From her research, Rupert learned that many people benefit from art therapy to deal with emotions that arise from grief, post-traumatic stress disorder or other trauma. **READ MORE**

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