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AATA NEWS

AATA Signs Joint Letter of Support for Medicaid



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AATA joins 41 other mental health organizations in signing a joint letter protecting medical coverage for vulnerable populations, specifically people living with mental health or substance use disorders. The letter, sent to the Hill earlier this afternoon, was facilitated by the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG), addresses Speaker Paul Ryan, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Democratic Minority Leaders Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer and opposes recent proposals that would restructure the federal-state financing partnership of the Medicaid program. **READ MORE**

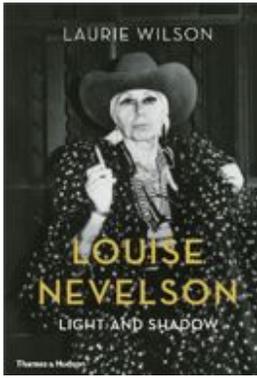
Artist's biography offers role model for art therapists



Laurie Wilson, PhD

Art therapy case reports are small discreet biographies. As clinicians we look at the history of each patient and the history of the patient's pathology. Then we work in the present, encouraging patients to make art that will both reveal their inner lives and connect them with reality. In doing so clinicians become part of that reality, as is their current life situation. I have found that it is invariably useful to think about how the past history is connected with the present dilemma — why did this person become a patient? What does the artwork reveal? In the course of being an art therapist I also researched and wrote a biography of a 20th century artist — Louise Nevelson. I discovered many links between Nevelson and art therapy.

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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.

Creative Arts Therapies Week: March 12-18, 2017



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March is just around the corner, and it's time to prepare for this year's Creative Arts Therapies Week! Each year the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations (NCCATA) promotes the week in March when "creative arts therapists sponsor special workshops, exhibitions, career days and other events to share their work with the public and other professionals." Check out what's happening in your area by visiting NCCATA's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#). **READ MORE**

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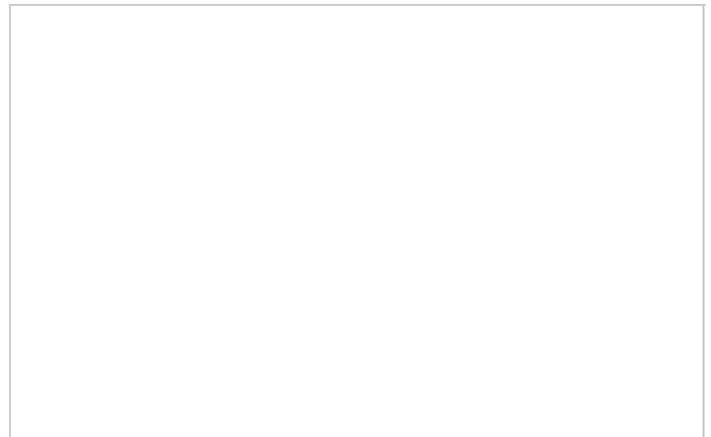
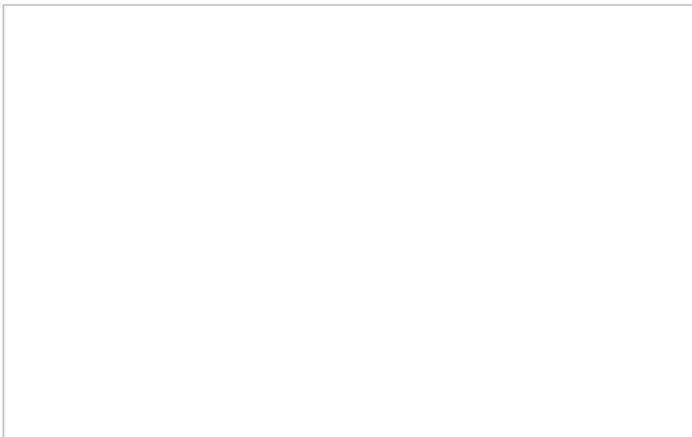


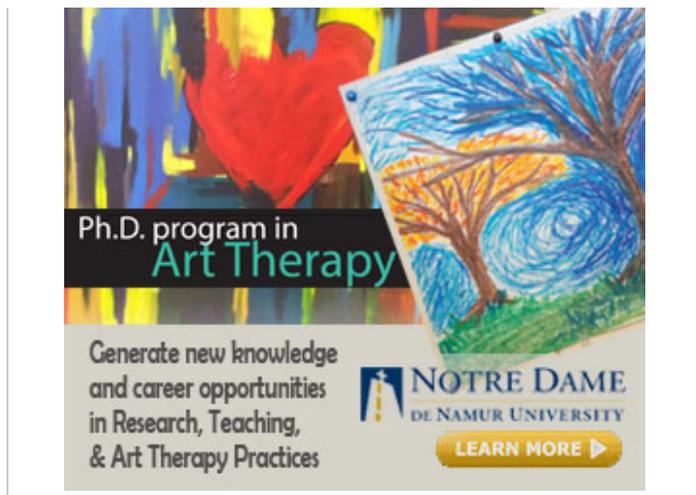
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Sarah Hamil, Ph.D., LCSW, RPT-S, ATR-BC, works in private practice, higher education, and supervision. She recently completed her Ph.D. in Expressive Therapies at Lesley University and is currently an adjunct instructor for Low Residency Expressive Therapies graduate students. Sarah's research interests include examining arts-based community practice methods and integrating art in the community arena with a focus on museum-based art therapy. She has partnered with the Memphis Brooks Museum of Art since 2007 to provide access to art therapy for diverse groups in the community. Recently, her students had the opportunity to enroll in an undergraduate field study course on art therapy in community practice. They observed museum-based art therapy with groups from an Alzheimer's and dementia care agency. **READ MORE**

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Call for Submissions to the Journal of Art for Life (JAfL)



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The Journal of Art for Life (JAfL) is welcoming submissions for an upcoming issue entitled: *Intersections of Art Education, Art Therapy, Arts Administration and Art Museum Education for Underserved Populations*. Dedicated to prior JAfL editor, Dr. Marcia Rosal, ATR-BC, HLM, and her impact on art therapy and art therapy education, this call seeks articles from scholars, clinicians, and educators that take inspiration or vision from Dr. Rosal's work. Submissions that exemplify (theoretically, practically or artistically) concepts supporting intersections between Art Education, Art Therapy, Arts Administration and Art Museum Education for Underserved Populations are encouraged. **The deadline for submission is March 31, 2017.** Visit the [website](#) for details.

IN THE NEWS

Bolinsky supports licensure of art therapists



Newtown Patch

State Representative Mitch Bolinsky testified in support of House Bill 6252; An Act Requiring the Licensure of Art Therapists before the legislature's Public Health Committee on February 22. This proposed legislation, introduced by Rep. Bolinsky, has attracted bi-partisan support from around the state of Connecticut, and seeks to make it possible for Licensed Creative Art Therapists, like constituent Alison Trainor-Cello, a Newtown therapist who must practice in New York State, to apply this creative mental health discipline in their home state. **READ MORE**

Expressing culture through abstract art



Stuff

A disability is no barrier for their artistic talent. Yung Chen and Yuri Kingsley-Smith both have cerebral palsy and use art to express themselves. Art therapist Marion Gordon-Flower, who works with Chen and Kingsley-Smith, said they both have the goal of becoming recognized artists. "They are united through this idea of working through abstract and expressionism," she said. Chen uses abstract expressionism to portray his cultural heritage. **READ MORE**

Cancer patients' art therapy to be showcased



WHAS-TV

It's a dimly lit room, filled with art supplies. It's not a place that screams "Las Vegas," but that is how Connie Moody describes it. "That is like my Vegas and what happens there stays there," Moody said. She has spent a lot of time in this room over the last few years. "I am on my second round of chemo right now," Moody said. After battling Stage 3 breast cancer in 2013, the cancer came back. It is now Stage 4 and has spread to her bones. This is the room where she comes to art therapy with Nancy Plymale. **READ MORE**



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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.



Creative expression at center of art therapy

Tribune-Review

Dani Moss blends her interest in art with her desire to help others as a board certified art therapist and licensed professional counselor. She has a master's degree in art therapy with a specialization in counseling from Seton Hill University, where she now works as an art therapy instructor and internship program coordinator. She lives in Greensburg with her husband Shawn Mannas, whom she calls "an awesome stay-at-home dad" to their sons Nolan and Devon. Mannas, she says, has earned an honorary degree in art therapy as they discuss ideas for her work on a doctorate in the field from Mount Mary University in Milwaukee. **READ MORE**

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The ATCB Review

In all that we do at the ATCB, decisions are driven by our mission: To protect the public by promoting the competent and ethical practice of art therapy through the credentialing of art therapy professionals. Five years ago, the Board determined that there was a gap in our ability to fulfill this mission. Graduates working toward the ATR were practicing art therapy without a credential, and subsequently had not attested to function under the Code of Ethics, Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures (The Code). **READ MORE**

Canton, Ohio, Museum of Art launches 'Art for Health and Healing' expressive art therapy program



Akronist.com

In response to the growing need for expressive art therapy services in Stark County, Canton Museum of Art began the Art for Health and Healing Program in January. This unique hands-on program was conceived and developed by the CMA staff and local art therapy consultant, Gail Wetherell-Sack. Group leaders and therapists from local service organizations use the museum's exhibitions and art therapist-led experience in conjunction with existing therapeutic efforts, or as a way for their patients to visually express themselves and focus on positive life experiences. **READ MORE**

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