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AATA NEWS

The effects of using clay in art therapy: A new article published in the *Journal of Affective Disorders*



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Joshua Kinman Nan, MA. M.Div., Ph.D., ATR is a registered art therapist who lives and works in Hong Kong. He earned his master's degree in art therapy from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College in 2010 and his doctorate of philosophy from the University of Hong Kong in 2015. Kinman Nan's doctoral research journal article, "Effects of clay art therapy on adults outpatients with Major Depressive Disorders: A randomized controlled trial" has been published in the *Journal of Affective Disorders*, after five years of intensive clinical investigation, research, and academic writing. With an acceptance rate of only 22%, The *Journal of Affective Disorders* is one of the most prestigious journals in the field of Clinical Neurology and Psychiatry. The article, co-authored with Rainbow T. H. Ho, Registered & Board-certified Dance Movement Therapist (BC-DMT) of the American Dance Therapy Association (ADTA); Professor, HKU, is currently available online and will be in print August 2017. [READ MORE](#)



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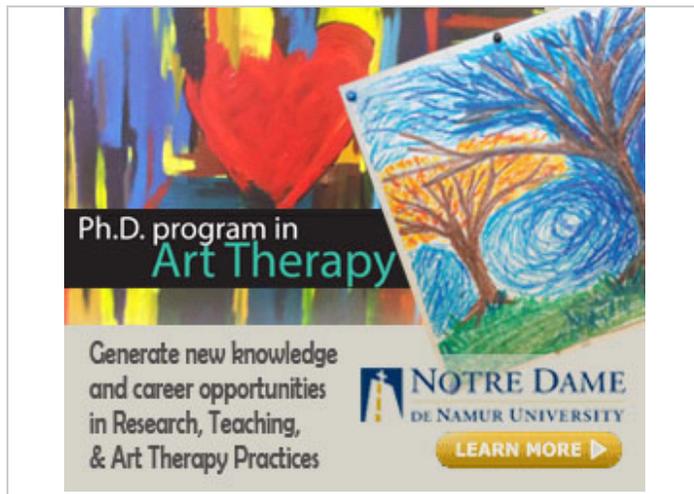


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The American Art Therapy Association seeks applications for the position of Editor of *Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*. The journal is a peer-reviewed scholarly publication which has a readership

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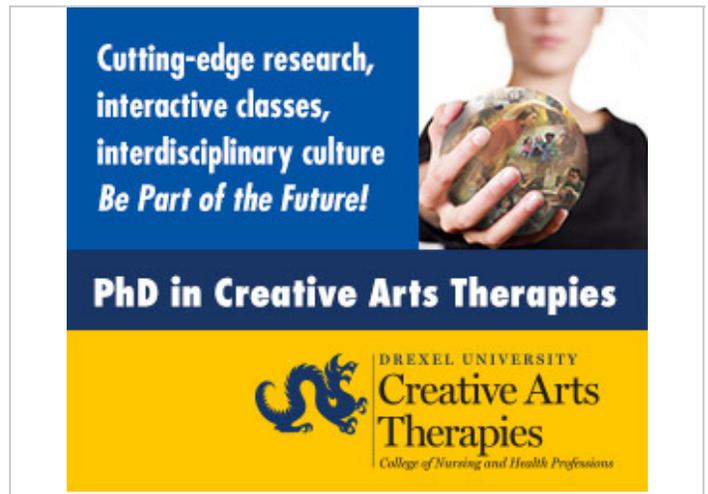


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AATA Continues to Sign its Support of Mental Health Coverage and Education



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The AATA and partnering organizations recently signed three letters to protect and advocate for mental health services and funding for education. The letters urged: (1) support of the Medicare Mental Health Inpatient Equity Act of 2017, (2) funding for Title II-A of the Every Student Succeeds Act at its current level, and (3) that requested that grave concerns with provisions of the American Healthcare Act (AHCA) be taken into consideration in any Senate revisions to H.R. 1628. **READ MORE**

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Dr. Emily Nolan, DAT, ATR-BC, LPC, is a full-time assistant professor at Mount Mary University and President-Elect of the Wisconsin Art Therapy Association (WATA). In 2012, she created Bloom: Center for Art and Integrated Therapies, LLC, a studio art therapy practice in Milwaukee, WI. As director of the studio, Emily sees clients in private sessions and develops and oversees the community art therapy programs. She is an active member of the AATA at both the local and national level. As a member of the Wisconsin Government Affairs Committee special project in licensure, Emily says that she feels “Wisconsin is supported at the national level in our efforts to amend our license to have parity with

counselors.” **READ MORE**



IN THE NEWS

Facilities to promote therapeutic power of making art



Times Union

Stephen Piorkowski, surrounded by brightly colored artwork on the walls and deep in concentration, was busy painting the lines of a mandala across a clay tile. First, he dipped his brush in a jar of pale, pink glaze; then he dabbed it, slowly, to form a design of intersecting teardrop shapes across the white square. In between brush strokes, Piorkowski was happy to extol the benefits of his art for wellness and remembrance. It opens "a gateway to your mind," he said, and unlocks the door to long-past recollections. **READ MORE**

Cutting Medicaid would hurt veterans



Families USA

Efforts in Congress to cut Medicaid jeopardize a critical source of health coverage for veterans. Approximately 1.75 million veterans — nearly 1 in 10 — have Medicaid as a source of coverage. This coverage ensures that veterans get the primary and specialty health care they need when they need it. About 340,000 veterans nationally receive coverage through the Affordable Care Act's Medicaid expansion. Most of these veterans would likely lose that coverage if Congress passes the Republican proposal to slash funding for the Medicaid expansion. **READ MORE**

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