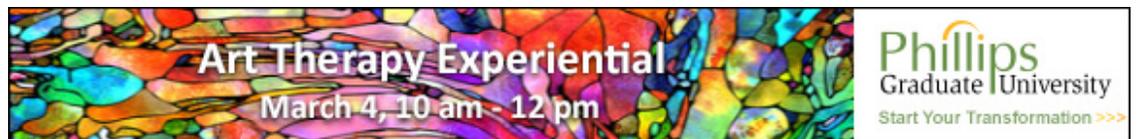


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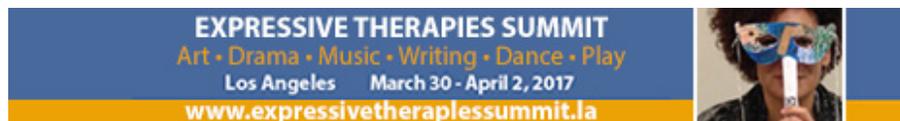
## AATA NEWS

### 2017 Call for Honors



Craig Siegel, MA, ATR-BC, ATCS, Honors Working Group Chair

The Honors Working Group has opened the 2017 Call for Honors nominations. Nominations may be submitted until May 1, 2017. Professional Members of the Association may make nominations for art therapists to be considered for honors in 2017 for their outstanding contributions to the American Art Therapy Association, the profession of art therapy, art therapy education and clinical work. The Honors Working Group encourages all Professional Members to review the award categories and nominate those colleagues who best fit the description for each respective award. **READ MORE**



### SoCalATA Honors Lauryn Hunter: Art Therapist Helps Standing Rock Children and Families



Teresa Grame, LCSW, ATR-BC, RPT-S, Chair of SoCalATA Honors Committee

The Southern California Art Therapy Association was honored to present Lauryn Hunter, LMFT, ATR with the Art Therapy Distinguished Service Award at our Annual General meeting held on Feb. 4, 2017. The award recognized Lauryn for her important role in responding to the needs of the children and families of the water



protectors at Standing Rock in North Dakota, in addition to her work in the local schools of Los Angeles. Lauryn took time to travel to North Dakota during a Thanksgiving break from work as a Mental Health Clinician for Cedars-Sinai Hospital's Share and Care Program in Los Angeles. In her role as counselor for the Share and Care Program, Lauryn runs art therapy-based intervention groups for students in grades K-12, along with parent and teacher workshops, in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

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## Art Therapists Honored by the Southern California Art Therapy Association



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The Southern California Art Therapy Association awarded Angelique Poisson with the Art Therapy Clinician Award and Lauryn Hunter with the Distinguished Service Award at the Annual General Meeting on Feb. 4, 2017. The Southern California Art Therapy Association also thanked Emmy Akiyama for her service as Treasurer and Serena Duckrow for her service as Secretary.

### School of Arts & Sciences | Art Therapy



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

## Nominate Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board



Megan Robb, ATR-BC, LPC, NCC, Nominating Committee Chair

The American Art Therapy Association has opened nominations for Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board. AATA's Nominating Sub-Committee invites nominations of qualified members to the following positions for a two-year term (2017-2019):

- President-Elect (1)
- Secretary (1)
- Directors (3)
- Nominating Sub-Committee (1)

You may submit your own name or a colleague's name for consideration as a nominee. **READ MORE**

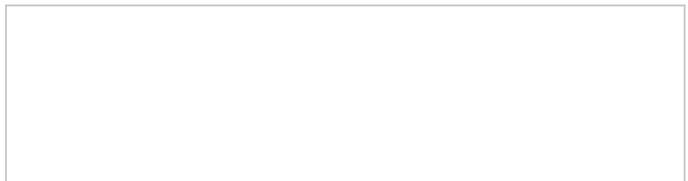
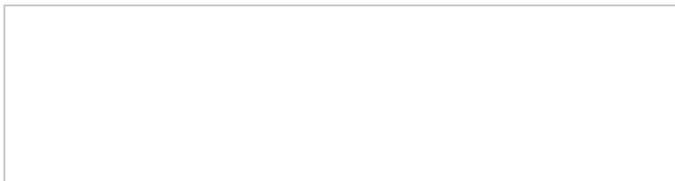
## Creative Arts Therapies Week Begins March 12-18, 2017

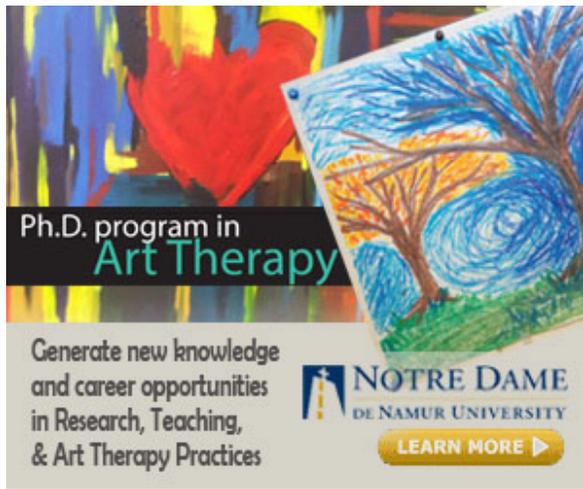


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March is just around the corner, and it's time to prepare for this year's Creative Arts Therapies Week! Each year the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations (NCCATA) promotes the week in March when "creative arts therapists sponsor 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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## AATA Featured Member



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Sze-Chin Lee, MAAT, AThR, LPC practices in a hospital in Singapore where he provides art therapy for patients with dementia and works with the Red Pencil (Singapore) to deliver art therapy services to other hospitals, social service agencies and schools. He graduated with a Master of Arts in Art Therapy from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) and worked for a year in Chicago before returning to Singapore. Lee is an AATA New Media and Art Therapy Shared Interest Group Member and a member of the Illinois Art Therapy Association (IATA). He is additionally active in other global and local art therapy organizations. Lee benefits from the AATA journal and weekly e-briefing as well as the annual conference that help him keep up with “trends and the latest developments in the art therapy field” and provide “opportunities to network with others.” **READ MORE**

## IN THE NEWS

### Decoded: Here's why some people are more creative than others



The Economic Times

The most creative people have more nerve connections between the right and left sides of their brains, reveal American researchers who analyzed connections in 68 different brain regions. Long believed to be key in fostering imagination and intuition, as well as an artistic awareness, and visual and auditive approaches, the right hemisphere isn't the only part of the brain with a role to play in determining creativity, according to new research from Duke University. **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.

### Bringing it all back home



American Theatre

“No one would understand my story.” It’s a refrain Andrea Assaf hears often as she works with U.S. military veterans, and it gives voice to a perception that only contributes to the challenges — psychological, physical,

emotional — that complicate the reentry process. “The hardest thing coming out of service is to reintegrate to civilian life,” said Assaf, whose collective, Art2Action, based in Tampa, Florida, has incorporated several arms of veteran outreach into its cultural organizing mission. “Veterans carry this feeling that no one can understand that experience.” **READ MORE**

## Vice President Pence's wife aims to raise awareness about art therapy



The Associated Press

Karen Pence wants people to know that art therapy isn't exactly arts and crafts. The wife of Vice President Mike Pence has been a passionate advocate of art therapy for many years, including during her service as first lady of Indiana. Now, she hopes to use her new and loftier public profile to raise awareness of the mental health profession and help change the public's perceptions about what art therapists actually do. "They can do things that help the patient have a little more control," Pence told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview. **READ MORE**

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



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

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

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## These veterans are beating post traumatic stress disorder with art therapy



The British Association of Art Therapists

Meet Senior Art Psychotherapist, Jan Lobban who talks us through the art therapy sessions offered to veterans at Combat Stress, Tyrwhitt House. BuzzFeed visits Tyrwhitt House to find out exactly what art therapy is and how it can change the lives of people physically and mentally scarred by conflict. Many veterans interviewed described hiding their post traumatic stress disorder under a mask, hoping to keep their trauma inside. Art therapy allows them to take that mask off, visualize what they're feeling, and, in doing so, begin to process it. **READ MORE**

## Eating Disorder Awareness Week encourages people to be 'body positive'



NIU Today

Spearheaded by the National Eating Disorders Association, the goal of National Eating Disorders Awareness Week is to shine the spotlight on eating disorders and put life-saving resources into the hands of those in need. This year's theme is "It's Time to Talk About It," and the campus community is invited to an awareness fair March 1, in the Holmes Student Center Gallery Lounge. Herbal tea, hot cocoa, myth busting, a screening and art therapy are a few of the event's offerings. **READ MORE**

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