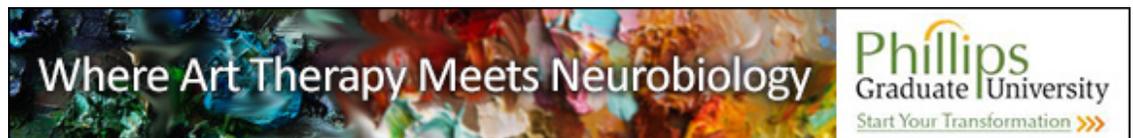


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AATA NEWS

Neuroscience, Art & Related Therapeutics Symposium



Juliet L. King, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, LMHC

It was with active minds and a collaborative spirit that the Schools of Art, Medicine, Engineering, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, Nursing, Informatics and Liberal Arts came together to host the international symposium 21st Century Great Conversations in Neuroscience, Art and Related Therapeutics at Indiana University–Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in April. **READ MORE**



#AATA2017 Conference: New Features This Year!



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

If you think the AATA Annual Conference to be held *November 8-12, 2017 in Albuquerque, NM is the “same old, same old” you would be wrong! The conference will provide several brand new features to enhance the learning, networking and inspiration to reinvigorate your career! Early bird registration is now open until June 16 with the best rates of the year! In addition to our magnificent setting in the “Land of Enchantment” we believe a new mobile app, expanded program, and state-of-the-art meeting space at the newly remodeled Convention Center will make this conference one of our best ever! Early bird registration is already outpacing all of our previous attendance records, and we want you to be there! **READ MORE**



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Seeking Applications for the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE)



Dana Elmendorf, ATR-BC, LPC, Chair, Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is currently seeking applications for members from the western United States for one (1) practitioner slot and one (1) public member slot. Please consider applying or nominating someone that you believe will work tirelessly to promote best practices for art therapy educational programs. Members of ACATE will be on the forefront of the implementation of the new accreditation standards and will help to educate all art therapy education stakeholders. The current need is for individuals from the western United States in order to ensure diverse geographic representation of the council. Potential nominees must demonstrate a commitment to art therapy education, knowledge of contemporary art therapy and allied health practice, and sensitivity to the needs of art therapy students and consumers. **READ MORE**

Call for Research Award Applications



Girija Kaimal, EdD, MA, Research Committee Chair

The Research Committee is now accepting applications for the 2017 Research Awards. The American Art Therapy Association and its generous donors provide these annual awards which are publicly presented at a special ceremony during the AATA's Annual Conference. The Research Awards encourage the growth of the art therapy profession by rewarding excellence and enabling access to information and resources for the members who are selected by the Research Committee. **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.

Chapter Completes Board of Directors Retreat with Grant Funding



Michigan Association of Art Therapy (MAAT)

The Michigan Association of Art Therapy (MAAT) was awarded a professional development grant in the amount of \$1500 from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Anton Art Center. The funds were used to hire Vic McCarty of McCarty Collaborative Consulting, LLC from Marietta, Georgia to facilitate a Board of Directors Retreat, which took place on April 29, 2017 in Royal Oak, MI. [READ MORE](#)

AATA Featured Member



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Elim Mak, MPS, ATR-BC, LCAT is an art therapist working at Housing Works, an advocacy organization in New York City dedicated to helping clients living with and affected by HIV/AIDS and homelessness. She has experience with a variety of populations, ranging from adolescents to the elderly, in diverse settings, including inpatient psychiatry, addiction disorder facilities, outpatient clinics, and community health settings. Before her career in art therapy, Mak was a professional comic book/storyboard illustrator and graphic designer in advertising, publishing, and media for over 17 years. Regarding her AATA membership, Mak says "it is a vital way to stay connected with the art therapy community at large." [READ MORE](#)

IN THE NEWS



'Memories in the Making' helps people with Alzheimer's and caregivers



The Berkshire Eagle

There's a cozy artists' studio located in the basement of Pittsfield's Ralph J. Froio Senior Center where, once a week, an intimate crowd of a half-dozen guests or so gathers around a table set with easels, sturdy sheets of paper, trays of watercolors and brushes neatly set out before them. For some, this place, the tools and these people are familiar. For others, despite the weekly routine, everything seems new. Once seated, Kaye Shaddock, a young art therapist with a warm smile, patient demeanor and genuinely calming voice welcomes and gently guides each person through the process of art making. [READ MORE](#)

Helping veterans build connections between creative arts therapy programs and their local arts communities through telehealth



Americans for the Arts

The past five years have been a renaissance for those of us who incorporate the arts into our work with Veterans. Movements such as Americans for the Arts' National Initiative for Arts in Health in the Military and partnerships between the National Endowment for the Arts and the Department of Defense have brought this work out of the dim recesses of our relative corners of the world and illuminated it, often quite publicly. One particularly poignant example is the 2015 National Geographic issue that highlighted the masks created by wounded, ill and injured service members at the National Intrepid Center of Excellence at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. [READ MORE](#)

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