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AATA NEWS

Oregon Art Therapy Licensure Bill Signed into Law



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Oregon House Bill 2434, which provides art therapy licensing and title protection for credentialed professionals, was signed into law by Governor Kate Brown on May 25, 2017. The bill passed the Senate on May 15, twenty-three to seven, and the House on May 17, forty-seven to twelve. For more details on the history of the bill, visit the Oregon State Legislature website or LegiScan. This accomplishment for the profession was achieved thanks to the dedicated work of AATA

members in Oregon who worked closely with the AATA national team and advocates in other states. Mary Andrus, DAT, ATR-BC, LPC took on a leadership role in Oregon's licensure efforts and shares her experience throughout the process in the following interview. [READ MORE](#)

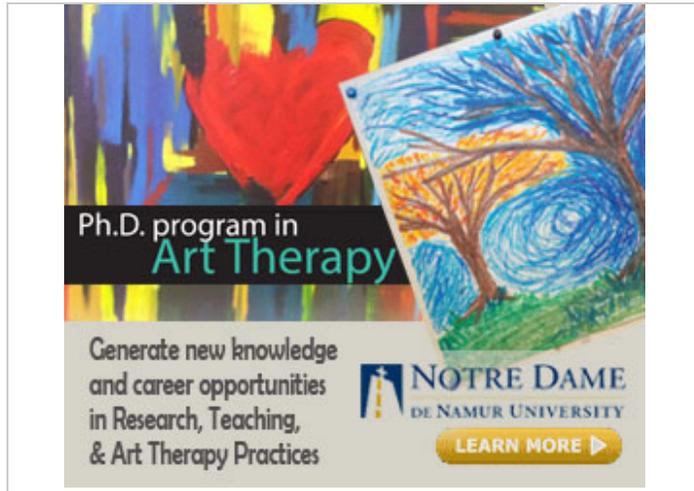
Last Call for Scholarship & Award Applications



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The American Art Therapy Association and its generous donors provide a number of annual awards which are presented at the Annual Conference to encourage the growth of the art therapy profession. Friday, June 2 is the deadline for Scholarships, Multicultural, and Research Award applications. Visit the [MyAATA member's site](#) for more information about each award and direct any questions to the National Office (info@arttherapy.org). [READ MORE](#)

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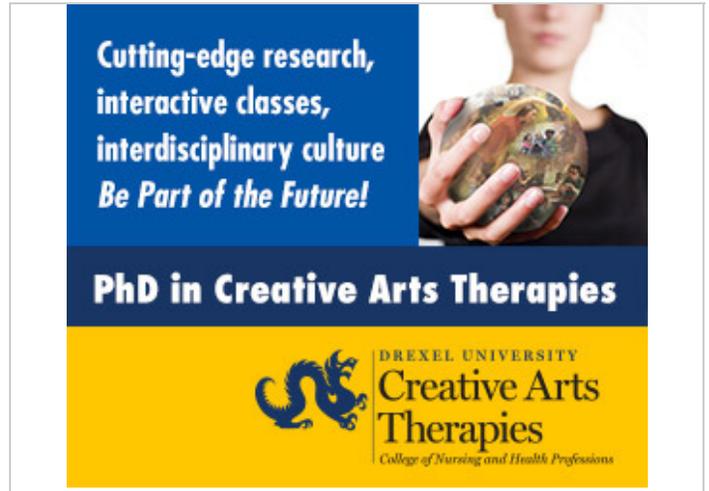


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Heidi Tournoux-Hanshaw, MA, LPC-AT-S, ATR-BC, ATCS, Conference Chair

If you are looking for unique way to learn the latest art therapy techniques consider one of the experiential learning sessions. These unique sessions which provide both didactic and experiential elements in a smaller classroom environment provide a “learn by doing” approach. Experiential sessions include the all-day advanced practice courses on Wednesday, November 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., half day advanced practice courses held on Sunday, November 12 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m., and the workshops that are 1.5 hours in length held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Workshops tend to fill up as early bird registration closes, and some are already closed, so if you want to attend any of these sessions, we encourage you to register as soon as possible! **READ MORE**



Seeking Executive Editor for the Art Therapy Journal



Michaela Kirby, PsyD, ATR-BC, LMHC, Journal Editor Search Committee Chair

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 comprised of educators, practitioners, and students. Its mission is to inform the readership of research, recent innovations, and critical issues related to art therapy. [Click here](#) to view the Journal Editor position description and requirements. **The deadline for nominations or applications is August 1, 2017.**



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In recent years, the National Endowment for the Arts' research agenda has focused on yielding new knowledge about the value and impact of the arts. Through the NEA Research Labs, the NEA seeks to extend this agenda and its impact by cultivating a series of transdisciplinary research partnerships, grounded in the social and behavioral sciences, to produce and report empirical insights about the arts for the benefit of arts and non-arts

sectors alike. One recent development in the grant program is the addition of a track into creative arts therapies. [Click here](#) to view last year's grant recipients and [click here](#) for the complete solicitation and application instructions. **The proposal receipt deadline is July 18, 2017.**

AATA Featured Member



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Lisa Cohn, MAAT, LPC-C earned her Master's in Art Therapy from Albertus Magnus College in 2016. Her thesis examined the impact of art therapy with elders affected by Alzheimer's disease and was awarded the departmental research award. Newly relocated to mid-coast Maine, Lisa takes every opportunity to educate the public and healthcare professionals about the positive value of art therapy, particularly as it applies to the mission and values of the AATA. Lisa often shares relevant AATA Journal articles and information with workshop participants and local healthcare professionals to enhance their understanding of the profession. **READ MORE**

IN THE NEWS

The best way we can honor our veterans is by giving them access to the arts



Quartz

On May 23, U.S. President Donald Trump revealed his government budget proposal for fiscal year 2018. The military initially appeared to be a clear winner in his financial calculus: The proposal would increase defense spending by \$469 billion over the next decade and also augment funding for the Veterans Administration, including an additional \$29 billion for the Choice program, which enables veterans to receive treatment from private doctors. But it's not quite that simple. In his proposal, Trump also seeks to defund the National Endowment for the Arts. **READ MORE**

3 ways students with autism benefit from art, music and recreation



eSchool News

According to curriculum therapists, multidisciplinary sessions appeal to students' creativity, are relevant to their everyday lives, and help them acquire important skills — especially students with autism. In a recent webinar, "Art, Music & Recreational Therapy: Incorporating Creative Approaches for Students with Autism," Courtney Carnes, MS, ATR-BC, art therapist; Julie Hopkins, MT-BC, music therapist; and Erin Witschey, CTRS, recreational therapist, discussed how these types of therapies are used to support individuals with autism by focusing on specific needs of younger and older students and targeting a variety of goals. **READ MORE**

Art therapy can help you reclaim your self-worth



The Tribune

Doodling as a therapy. Story-telling as a tool to heal the emotional scars. Well, art therapy is a form of psychotherapy used for the purpose of emotional healing. "Art therapy uses creative process to improve the well-being of individuals of all ages. It is based on the belief that expressive art helps in resolving conflicts and reducing stress. Art therapy may also be used to manage behavior, improve self-esteem and integrate an individual towards wholeness," says city-based art therapist Gunjan Adya. Art therapy is not just 'arts and crafts'. It is art created within the context of a therapeutic situation which is intended to help clients engage in self-exploration and also purposeful ways to derive meaning through art, be it drawing, painting, story-telling or dance, Adya explains. **READ MORE**

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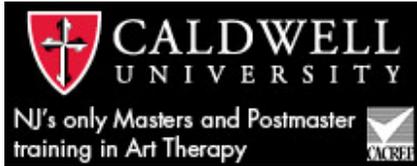


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