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**AATA NEWS**

## Mental Health Awareness Month 2017 & Related Efforts



Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, AATA President

May was Mental Health Awareness Month across the United States, and the AATA and several of our state chapters participated in events to raise awareness of the importance of mental health care and the role of art therapists. We continued our collaboration with SAMHSA for Children’s National Mental Health Awareness Day (May 4), this year as a Change Agent Supporter, and the AATA was represented at key briefings on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, throughout the month.



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## #AATA2017 Conference: Early Bird Registration Ends on June 16 at 5:00 p.m. EDT



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

If you want to catch the lowest rates of the year for the 48th Annual AATA Conference to be held \*November 8-12, 2017 in Albuquerque, NM, be sure to register before June 16 at 5:00 p.m. EDT. You could pay more...but why? Workshops are quickly filling up, so please don't wait until the last minute to register. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of all advanced practice courses and workshops, and [click here](#) to access the online registration

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## 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 and 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.

## AATA Featured Member



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Tami Joe DeLisle, MSAT, LPC-IT founded UnMasked Expressive Therapies in June of 2016 to provide art therapy to the Dodge County, WI area. The studio offers groups for domestic violence survivors, veterans, people with intellectual and physical disabilities, people with early onset memory loss, and for people who are seeking to improve and maintain emotional wellness. Individual sessions are provided for both children and adults across a variety of populations. Tami values staying connected with the profession. This fall, she will be traveling to Albuquerque to attend the National Conference and take her Art Therapy Credentials Board Examination. **READ MORE**

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Americans for the Arts

Merryl Goldberg writes: "Most of us know this already. We live it. We experience it on a daily basis. We don't actually feel the need to have tons of research to back it up, because we know it in each and every inch of every bone of our body. Some, like me, have even been the researchers uncovering this research and disseminating it. And, yet, we still have to convince principals, superintendents or school boards using similar talking points. But even with years and years of practice, I still haven't been all that effective when it comes to changing policy. It has felt like arguing for the importance of arts education is the equivalent of Groundhog Day — the arts education movie!" **READ MORE**

## Art therapy helps young cancer patients



WBAL-TV

A Maryland hospital is helping young cancer patients cope with their diagnosis and treatment through art therapy. Tracy's Kids is having a positive impact at Sinai Hospital, where art therapy has been just as important to Evan as it has been to his 8-year-old sister, Elise, who was diagnosed last year with leukemia. Her family said it changed everything. **READ MORE**

## Getting mental health services in St. Louis can be tough — especially if you don't speak English



KWMU-FM

Insurance coverage, transportation, child care and work schedules can all stand in the way of a person's access to mental health services. For some St. Louis residents, language is the biggest obstacle, because only a handful of organizations in the region offer services in languages other than English — and demand is growing. Fewer than 4 percent of residents in St. Louis and St. Louis County are Latino. And even though the community is relatively small, Judy McGrath, an art therapist at St. Francis, says the people need more support. **READ MORE**

## PSCU partners with Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona



CU Insight

PSCU, the nation's leading CUSO, has partnered with Free Arts for Abused Children of Arizona (Free Arts), a nonprofit organization in Arizona, to host an art installation and employee painting event on June 5, 2017 at its Phoenix, Arizona Operations Center to benefit children ages 3 to 21 who have endured abuse, neglect and homelessness. Free Arts uses the healing powers of the arts to help abused and homeless children build resiliency and learn to trust and heal. All of the children in Free Arts programs have experienced combinations of family trauma, homelessness and violence. **READ MORE**

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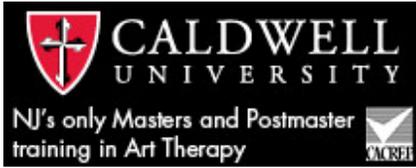
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