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**AATA NEWS**

## Youth Art Exhibition at the United Nations: Images of Identity, Home and Cultural Exchange



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The AATA warmly congratulates Eileen P. McGann, ATR-BC, LCAT, Director and founder of the Arts and Creative Therapies program at MercyFirst, one of New York’s leading non-profit human service agencies, for her work coordinating a recent youth art exhibition, “Hope Holds No Borders: Children’s Art of Compassion and Inclusion” at the United Nations. Ms. McGann formerly served on the Editorial Board of Art Therapy: Journal of the American Art Therapy Association and has a broad range of clinical experience concentrated in therapeutic milieu and studio approach with young people who have experienced complex and chronic trauma, including refugee children, adult survivors, and women veterans. The exhibition displayed works from two projects: “About Me” and “Hope Holds No Borders.” **READ MORE**



## Delaware Licensure Bill Passes Senate Unanimously, Now on to the House!

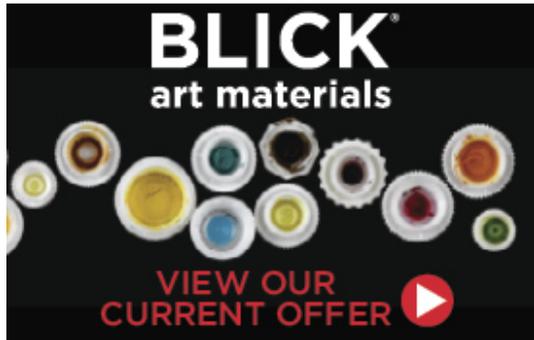


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Senate Bill 43 was approved by the Delaware Senate on June 22, 2017, with a vote of 18 to 0! The bill now goes to the House Policy Analysis & Government Accountability Committee where it is scheduled for a hearing today (June 29). The bill authorizes a Professional Art Therapist License and an Associate Art Therapist License to be

administered by the State Board of Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Professionals. As described in the [DE General Assembly](#) summary, “The Art Therapy Practice Act will serve and protect the public by defining the scope of practice of art therapy; setting minimum standards of qualification, education, training, and experience for art therapists; and maintaining certain standards in the delivery of art therapy services.” The bill also provides for the appointment of one or more credentialed art therapists to assist the Board in licensing art therapists. The AATA congratulates Jennifer August, MCAT, ATR-BC, Nicole Luther, MA, ATR-BC, and other Delaware art therapists for their dedicated work and leadership in this licensure effort. They worked tirelessly with the AATA national team to build the case for licensure and achieved strong legislative support in Delaware.

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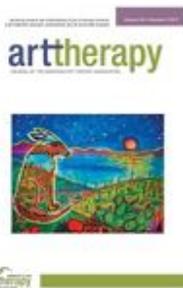
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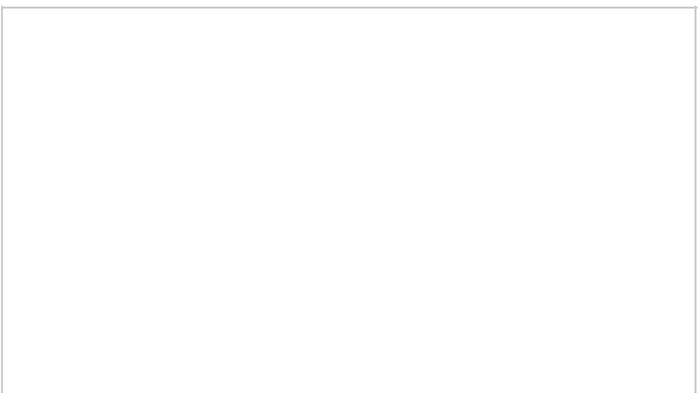
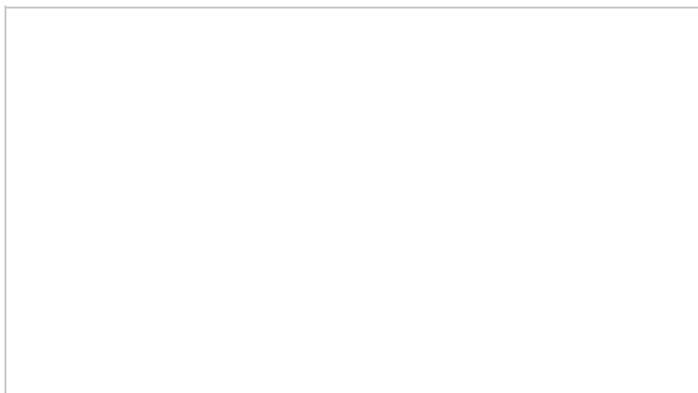
**Seeking Executive Editor for the Art Therapy Journal**



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.

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## AATA Featured Member



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At 81 years young, Margaret Carpenter Arnett, BSN, ATR still facilitates art therapy support groups for patients undergoing cancer treatment and works with a select number of clients in private practice. In addition to her clinical work, Margaret is an accomplished author, lector, and artist. During her 30 years as an art therapist, she has worked in private practice, medical and holistic settings, and the community at large. Margaret served on the Board of the Evergreen Art Therapy Association (1990-2003) and values her AATA membership because of networking opportunities and professional resources such as the Journal. Furthermore, she says, “I appreciate that the AATA has an increasing voice in education, government, and healthcare.” [READ MORE](#)

## IN THE NEWS

### Our Kids, Our Families, Our Communities June 2017: Art Therapy



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### 'They get better': How adding art to therapy changes lives



WUWM-FM

For people who are dealing with trauma, mental illness, or other challenging life circumstances, sometimes

traditional talk therapy isn't the best — or only — way to start the process of healing. Art therapy and other creative therapies are on the rise as primary methods of care for people with mental illnesses. Five Milwaukee art therapists work out of a recently renovated space on South Kinnickinnic Avenue in Bay View. **READ MORE**

### Working with Latina/os in counseling



Counseling Today

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, as of July 1, 2015, Latina/os made up approximately 56.5 million of the total U.S. population, making them the largest ethnic or racial minority in the country. The Latina/o population is projected to grow to 120 million by the year 2060. The question on many counselors' minds is, how can we work better with our Latina/o clients? With the growing number of Latina/os in the U.S., it is likely we will work with these clients at some point as counselors, and it is our professional obligation to be prepared. **READ MORE**

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