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AATA NEWS

The AATA's Response to the Violence and Discrimination in Charlottesville



AATA National Office

The AATA extends its condolences to members of the Charlottesville community following the abhorrent acts of senseless violence and racism that took place during the weekend of Aug. 12. Our hearts go out to the victims and families of Heather Heyer, Lieutenant, H. Jay Cullen, and Trooper-Pilot, Berke M. M. Bates who died and the dozens who were injured as well as to the nation – all are impacted by these devastating events. Consistent with AATA's [core values](#) of inclusivity and social justice, the AATA rejects any and all emboldened racism across the country. As the community confronts the injustice of discrimination, the AATA would like to share the following resources:

- The AATA's [Chapter Emergency Trauma Recovery Guide: Providing Art Therapy Services Following Natural and Man-made Disasters](#) that was created to offer support in the event of terrorism and other disasters. This includes a special [Trauma Recovery-Art Therapy Program Fund](#) to support a victimized community.
- [Citizenship & Social Justice – Curriculum for White Americans to Educate Themselves on Race and Racism—from Ferguson to Charleston](#)
- The Washington Post – [The first thing teachers should do when school starts is talk about hatred in America. Here's help.](#)
- The Human Rights Campaign – [What to Do If You've Been The Victim of a Hate Crime](#)

- Southern Poverty Law Center – [Ten Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide](#)

Application Deadline Extended To Sept. 30 For Executive Editor of 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 that 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.

The appointment of Editor is for a 3-year term beginning January 2019. The appointment is made by the Board of Directors with the recommendation of the Search Committee. The successful candidate will begin serving as Editor-Designate in January 2018. The Editor-Designate will be mentored by the current Editor for a period of 12 months. Please direct any questions to info@arttherapy.org. **The extended deadline for nominations or applications is Sept. 30, 2017.**

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Colorado Chapter Hosts a Pop-Up Art Show Featuring Art Therapists



Nissa Jackman, MA, LMFT, ATR, ATACO Board Member

Recently, the Art Therapy Association of Colorado (ATACO) held a pop-up art show showcasing art therapists as artists at hOMe Collective in Wheat Ridge, CO. The show featured artwork from a dozen local art therapists and a station was set up for people in attendance to create artist trading cards that would be displayed at the Lakewood Public Library as part of an installation. The show's focus was to bring art therapists and people from the community together for an evening of relaxed revelry and art making while getting to know some of the art therapists in their community through their artwork on display. [READ MORE](#)



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Opportunities to Donate in Ron Hays' Memory



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Donations in Ron's memory may be made to the Drexel University [Ronald E. Hays and Nancy Scheller Hays Art Therapy Scholarship Fund](#), the [Clay Studio](#), Philadelphia, the [Delaware Valley Alzheimer's Association](#), or the charity of your choice.

The AATA would also like to announce revisions made on the article [“A Tribute to Ron Hays”](#), which appeared in our August 3rd edition. The revised document clarifies the attribution of the tribute written by Nancy Gerber PhD, ATR-BC, LPC and includes an additional tribute submitted after the deadline.

Featured Member



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Ed Regensburg, MA, ATR-BC, CHT, LCAT, combines his wide-ranging expertise as an artist, author, lector, and consultant with his 40 year career as an art psychotherapist. He has practiced in a variety of settings including inpatient, medical and psychiatric units, and education services, specializing in working with children with special needs. He co-developed the graduate program of clinical art therapy at Long Island University – Post Campus (LIU Post). He served as an adjunct professor of art therapy at LIU Post for ten years and continues to help organize intern-training programs throughout the tri-state region. [READ MORE](#)

IN THE NEWS

A Psychoanalytic Perspective On Hatred And Bigotry



Robert Irwin Wolf

In response to the violence in Virginia over this past weekend, when a neo-Nazi fanatic violently plowed his vehicle into a crowd of protesters, killing one woman and wounding 19 others, I would like to offer a brief response, to help understand group hatred from a psychoanalytic perspective, and hopefully offer a way to help promote more social tolerance. [READ MORE](#)

7 science-backed reasons you should make art, even if you're bad at it



Business Insider

Art is intrinsically linked to humanity. We've been making it for about as long as we've been called humans, and few would argue against its value as culturally enriching as well as emotionally and often intellectually rewarding. Making art for art's sake is plenty. Yet as scientific research has shown, our minds seem built to enjoy and analyze art deeply, and creating it, no matter your skill level, is good for you. [READ MORE](#)



Jen Berlingo: Marketing and diversifying as an art therapist



Naropa University Blog

Jen Berlingo is an art therapist working out of San Francisco, California, working both online and in the community. She has wonderfully marketed herself on Facebook, Instagram and through her website JenBerlingo.com. Jen is an alumni from Naropa's graduate program in Transpersonal Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Art Therapy. In this interview, Jen answers questions about her experience and the importance of offering diverse supports such as online and on location workshops, one on one counseling, and SoulSpace, an online series for therapist's self-care. [READ MORE](#)

North Tonawanda gallery exhibit focuses on art as therapy



The Buffalo News

Those who created more than 30 artworks for a new exhibit in North Tonawanda, New York, have been challenged by depression, anxiety, schizophrenia and other mental illnesses. Some have endured deeply traumatic experiences. Others have been homeless. All find therapy, and greater understanding, when drawing or painting. [READ MORE](#)

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