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AATA NEWS

Professional Conduct in the Digital Age



AATA National Office

Art therapists commit to upholding high standards of professional competence throughout their careers and conduct themselves in keeping with established ethical and professional principles. Standards established by the American Art Therapy Association (AATA) in the Ethical Principles for Art Therapists and by the Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) in the Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures ensure the protection of clients and the public, and guide art therapists in decision making across a range of contexts. Art therapists agree to abide by these ethical guidelines and standards for the safety of their clients, colleagues, mentors, and students, as well as to maintain the integrity of the profession. **READ MORE**

AATA Members, Please Remember to Vote: Elections Close August 31



AATA National Office

Please remember to vote in the annual election of the American Art Therapy Association. Voting opened on August 1 and will remain open until August 31, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. (EST). [Click here](#) to find a full candidate slate including each candidate's photograph, biography, and the responses they provided to questions posed by the Nominating Sub-Committee. If you are a voting member of the AATA, you should have already received an email with instructions to vote. If you need any assistance or have any questions, please contact Christina Easterly at info@arttherapy.org. Please keep in mind that any paper ballots need to be received before the August 31 deadline to be electronically entered into the election. [Access the voting site here](#), and remember that **voting is open now through August 31**. Thank you in advance for participating in the AATA's current election.

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Seeking Logo Artwork for the 2018 AATA Conference in Miami



Craig Siegel, ATR-BC, ATCS, Florida Local Arrangements Committee Chair



Even as we gear up for the 2017 American Art Therapy Association conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico, the AATA is already planning for the 2018 conference in Miami, Florida. The Florida local arrangements committee (LAC) would like to engage the AATA membership in creating artwork based on the conference theme: "Honoring Yesterday, Celebrating Today, and Building for Tomorrow." **READ MORE**

Invitation to Join Gov. John Carney for Signing of Delaware Art Therapy Licensure Law



AATA National Office

Delaware Governor John Carney will sign art therapy licensure bill S.B. 43 into law on Friday, September 8 at 2:00 p.m. The signing ceremony will take place in the executive offices of the Governor at the Edward Tatnall Building in Dover, Delaware.

The unanimous passage of Delaware's Senate Bill 43, Art Therapist Licensing Act, establishing the LPAT (Licensed Professional Art Therapist) and LAAT (Licensed Associate Art Therapist) licenses, is a significant accomplishment for the profession. The AATA warmly congratulates art therapists Jennifer August, MCAT, ATR-BC; Nicole Luther, MA, ATR-BC; Lorraine Dempsey, MA, ATR-BC; Christine McCann-Giardina, MS, ATR-BC LPCMH; Lindsay Lederman, MPS, ATR-BC, LCAT; Terri Willis, ATR-BC; and everyone else who played a role in achieving this success! For an in-depth look into the advocacy process from start to finish, read an interview with Jennifer August in an upcoming issue of Art Therapy Today.

AATA will have representatives at the signing ceremony and invites art therapists in Delaware and neighbouring states to join. Please contact the AATA national office at info@arttherapy.org with questions or to RSVP. **The deadline for RSVPs is August 30, 2017.** Space is limited.

Seeking Applicants 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. [Click here](#) to view the full Journal Editor position description and requirements. Please direct any questions to info@arttherapy.org. **The extended deadline for nominations or applications is September 30, 2017.**

AATA Featured Member



AATA National Office

Amy Bogdon, MA, ATR-BC, LPC currently works in a variety of areas. She practices art therapy at a trauma agency and Northeastern Pennsylvania "Studio – e" Art Therapy



Program, where she provides services to individuals with epilepsy and their family members. Additionally, she is an Adoption Advocate at an adoption agency, where she works with children to create "Life Books," which validate their early lives, their present circumstances, and their futures. Last but not least, she teaches art therapy at both the undergraduate and graduate levels at Marywood University and coordinates the program's Graduate Art Therapy Practicums. Ms. Bogdon values her AATA membership for the Journal access and for the networking opportunities. **READ MORE**

IN THE NEWS

Art Therapy: Disaster Response



Society Resource

This TEDx talk explores the profound impact of art therapy in post disaster settings around the world. Dr. Gaelynn Wolf Bordonoro shares stories and artwork of her experiences in helping children process trauma through art. Prior to joining the faculty at ESU, Gaelynn taught art therapy coursework at Florida State University, the University of Louisville and La Trobe University. **READ MORE**



Pontiac arts nonprofit raising funds for art therapists in schools



Oakland Press

The Art Experience in Pontiac is looking to raise \$8,000 by mid-September to bring free arts programming to hundreds of area children over the next year. The program, dubbed the Community Art Lab, both brings students into The Art Experience's open studio at 175 South Saginaw St. and takes art teachers and art therapists into classrooms across the city. Combined with presence at local events and other programming, The Art Experience touched about 800 Pontiac children last year through its Community Art Lab, according to Audra Pieknik, communications coordinator. In total, the organization reached about 5,500 people in 2016. **READ MORE**

The benefits of art therapy



KING-TV

Zandi Salstrom, founder of Seattle Expressive Art Therapy, stopped by New Day to discuss the benefits of art therapy. Salstrom said art classes and art therapy are different. Her approach to art therapy is about communication, so the art does not have to be 'pretty.' **READ MORE**

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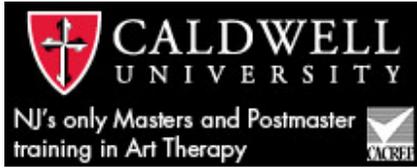
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