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Dear Subscribers: The article, "[Professional Conduct in the Digital Age](#)" has been updated to correct a reference error.

## AATA NEWS

### Our Hearts go out to South Texas



AATA National Office

Our thoughts and hearts are with the victims of Tropical Storm Harvey, which had devastating effects in Houston and the surrounding areas. The South Texas community continues to face overwhelming destruction, and the journey towards reconstruction and healing will be long and tremendously difficult. The leadership of the South Texas Art Therapy Association (STATA) has been proactively reaching out to members to determine their needs and to find avenues to support our members and the wider community. Several Houston members have evacuated and/or been impacted in a personal way, and STATA is contacting Austin and San Antonio members to gather their updates and access needs. The AATA National Office is in communication with STATA and will keep our members updated as we collaborate on ways to support the victims. **READ MORE**

### AATA Non-Discrimination and Non-Violence Statement



AATA National Office

AATA is committed to [non-discrimination and social justice](#) and [repudiates the racism and violent acts](#) that have occurred in our nation. While the AATA values the right of free speech and recognizes the power and importance of peaceful protest, we firmly reject hate speech, condemn incitement, and denounce violence in any form. We

encourage our members, as qualified mental health providers, to serve as a resource to their communities, particularly those affected by recent events, civil unrest and a climate of divisiveness.

#### Additional 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 Human Rights Campaign – [What to Do If You've Been The Victim of a Hate Crime](#)
- Anti-Defamation League – [After Charlottesville: Teaching about Racism, Anti-Semitism and White Supremacy](#)
- Southern Poverty Law Center – [Ten Ways to Fight Hate: A Community Response Guide](#)
- American Civil Liberties Union – [Speech on Campus](#)
- Counseling Today – [Addressing clients' prejudices in counseling](#)

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## Conference News: Advanced Registration Closes September 29 — Register Now to Save!



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



We invite you to join us for the 48th Annual AATA Conference to be held \*November 8-12, 2017, in Albuquerque, NM. Visit the conference website to learn more. Conference registration is breaking records, and we want to be sure that if you plan to attend you register in time to save! Advanced registration prices will end on September 29, at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

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## Elections Close Today: AATA Members, Please Remember to Vote



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 tonight (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](mailto: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 closing today, August 31**. Thank you in advance for participating in the AATA's current election.

## Deadline to Submit Logo Artwork for the 2018 AATA Conference in Miami is **Sept. 4**



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**

## 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](mailto:info@arttherapy.org). **The extended deadline for nominations or applications is September 30, 2017.**

## AATA Featured Member



AATA National Office



Elizabeth Aliberti, MA, ATR-BC, LPC works in private practice and acts as both a direct therapist and clinical supervisor for staff on the evening and overnight shifts at Deschutes Recovery Center, a 16 bed secure residential treatment facility which serves adults with severe and persistent mental illness. Her favorite component of the AATA membership is the annual conference, about which she states, "I use the annual AATA conference as a self-care weekend for myself and look forward to it every year." **READ MORE**

### IN THE NEWS

## A message from the National Organization for Arts in Health



NOAH

Dear Friends and Supporters of NOAH,

The effects of Tropical Storm Harvey and its longstanding impact on the Houston area are of utmost concern to NOAH. This afternoon, NOAH hosted a conference call of Houston arts organizations and cultural administrators, as well as arts leaders and responders across Texas and the nation. Deborah McNulty, the director of the Mayor's Office of Cultural Affairs for Houston, provided insight into the city's strategies for supporting artists and arts organizations as a recovery plan is developed. **READ MORE**

## Art therapists with experience of mental distress: Implications for art therapy training and practice



The British Association of Art Therapists

As part of its ongoing work to support and value the contributions to art therapy from service users, the British Association of Art Therapists conducted a survey of art therapists with dual experience as professionals and mental health service users. The survey aimed to establish if art therapists disclosed their experiences as service users when applying to train, during their art therapy training and/or when qualified. **READ MORE**



## The Delaware Art Museum helps cancer patients add color back into their lives through art therapy



WDEL-FM

The Delaware Art Museum shows this empowerment by displaying all their creations in an art exhibit. The definition of art is the expression or application of human creative skill and imagination, typically in a visual form such as painting or sculpture, producing works to be appreciated primarily for their beauty or emotional power. "All of us have difficult journeys now and then in life. Art is the perfect opportunity to be able to share that with others," said Kathy Hrenko, who works at the Delaware Art Museum and has been an art therapist for the last 20 years. **READ MORE**

## Grieving mom paints colorful portraits of lives lost to addiction



The Fix

A New Hampshire mother is turning her pain and heartbreak into art. After losing her youngest daughter Jacqueline to a heroin overdose in 2014, artist Anne Marie Zanfagna began creating oil paintings of people who have been lost to addiction. Zanfagna's nonprofit, Angels of Addiction, was born a year after Jacqueline's death. **READ MORE**

The AATA's Art Therapy Today includes a digest of the most important news selected for the AATA from thousands of sources. Guest articles may be submitted to Clara Keane at [ckeane@arttherapy.org](mailto:ckeane@arttherapy.org). Publication of any guest article is at the sole discretion of the American Art Therapy Association.

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