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AATA NEWS

Conference News: 2018 Call for Proposals



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

For those who attended the 48th Annual Conference in Albuquerque, we hope that you left feeling inspired and with additional knowledge gained. It's now time to think about our next great adventure in Miami, FL for the 49th Annual Conference to be held October 31 to November 4, 2018! The theme, *Honoring Yesterday, Celebrating Today, and Building for Tomorrow*, will frame our overall program. The Call for Proposals is now open. Submissions will be due on February 1, 2018. **READ MORE**

Introducing the New MyAATA Site



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AATA is pleased to announce the launch of our new members-only site, MyAATA. The newly, redesigned MyAATA expands access to the critical research, tools, and connections available exclusively to AATA members. MyAATA is also our exclusive online members-only source of valuable professional development advice and resources to assist you in building a successful career in art therapy. **READ MORE**



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AATA Opposes Provisions Calling for Repeal of ACA Individual Mandate and Medical Expense Deduction



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The American Art Therapy opposes the repeal of the ACA individual mandate and medical expense deduction in the House and Senate versions of the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act*, and has joined the Mental Health Liaison Group (MHLG) in a [letter](#) to House and Senate leadership specifically opposing these provisions. The letter cites the potential destabilization of the individual insurance market as a result of decreased enrollment and increased costs for families impacted by mental health conditions and substance use disorders nationwide among other reasons for rejecting the repeal. Below you will find additional statements in opposition:

- [Families USA statement on individual mandate repeal](#)
- [Patient/consumer groups letter opposing individual mandate repeal](#)
- [APA Urges Congress to Reject Latest Proposal to Remove Mandate in Affordable Care Act](#)

AATA Thanks Outgoing Leadership and Welcomes Newly Elected Leaders



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The American Art Therapy Association would like to offer our sincere gratitude for the outstanding individuals who have dedicated their time and expertise through various leadership roles and will be rotating off their positions this year. Board of Directors and Committee Chair roles are volunteer positions that work to support the Association's mission to advance the art therapy profession and serve its members and the general public to promote knowledge in and about the field. The AATA thanks President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC; Secretary Michelle Dean, MA, ATR-BC, LPC, CGP; and Board member Cheryl Doby-Copeland, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMFT, for their years of service from 2015-2017. **READ MORE**

Help Us Reach Our Fundraising Goal to Support Community Relief



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We extend our thanks to all of those individuals, chapters, and organizations who have already joined as fundraisers and donors to "Art Therapy Relief for Our Communities." By mobilizing resources through our local chapters, we hope to fund art therapy-based services and events for children, adults, and communities impacted by these life-changing circumstances. It's not too late to participate and help us achieve our goal! **READ MORE**



AATA Featured Member



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Kimberly Knowles earned her BFA in Art Therapy from Endicott College (2016) and completed a culminating arts-based thesis on the role of visual narrative as a tool of empowerment & healing from trauma. She is working on her MA in Clinical Mental Health Counseling & Art Therapy (expected 2019) from Lesley University. She is interns at Mt. Auburn Hospital Wyman Center in Cambridge, where she works with patients in a geriatric psychiatric unit. Her previous internship experiences have included working at La Tina Center for Expressive Arts in Florence and running teen groups at The Artful Life: Counseling Center and Studio in Beverly, MA. **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

It happened one Friday on a fall day: Jillian's surrender



HuffPost

A usual Friday afternoon routine was interrupted upon walking into an apartment on the 4th floor of an assisted living facility. Seeing a cleaning cart in front of an open door of this particular resident's apartment was an unusual sight. All the flowers and pictures that greeted her front door were gone, yet her name that was etched on a plaque near the doorbell, remained. Walking into her apartment, it was empty, expect for a woman cleaning out the resident's oven. **READ MORE**

Research shows art therapy helps the brain to heal



The White House

Second Lady Karen Pence writes: "Recently, I had the privilege of visiting the Indiana University Health Neuroscience Center in Indianapolis. What was so exciting about this visit was learning about the Neuroscience Center partnering with Herron School of Art and Design art therapists. It is becoming increasingly evident to the scientific and medical community that art therapy can help patients dealing with trauma or stress or anxiety or depression or a host of other medical and mental health issues." **READ MORE**

A new kind of therapy for veterans



The Mount Aloysius College Belltower

From the year 1776 to 2012, more than 40 million men and women have served in the seven branches of the Unites States military, making them 7.3 percent of all U.S. citizens. Considering there are 300 million civilians in the United States, that may seem like a small number of people. However, these men and women bravely give up their freedom to protect ours. Veterans can sometimes be forgotten. When they are returning from war, they are not always equipped to deal with civilian life once again. Negative stigmas can be attached to people reaching out for help. Furthermore, when art therapy and expressive arts are mentioned to the soldiers, it is almost like they don't understand what you are saying. With hope, the stigmas can be reversed, and America's heroes can be helped. **READ MORE**

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