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**AATA NEWS**

**New Courses Published Online in the AATA's Institute of**



## Continuing Education in Art Therapy

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If you are looking for a way to expand your knowledge about the newest techniques and theories in art therapy or you want to earn continuing education, you should check out AATA's **Institute for Continuing Education in Art Therapy (ICE/AT)**! During AATA's 48th Annual Conference held this past November in Albuquerque, NM, more than 30 educational sessions were recorded, and 15 of those have now been converted into brand new online courses and added to the [course catalog](#). Additional courses recorded from the conference will be coming soon! **READ MORE**

## AATA Sends Message in Support of Southern California



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The AATA sends support and thoughts of perseverance to all those impacted by all of the Southern Californian wildfires, including the Thomas Fire, which has been burning out of control for 11 days. Only two months after the tragic fires in Napa Valley, Ventura County faces the fifth-largest fire in the state's history. We commend all of the first-responders, including over 8,000 firefighters, who have worked tirelessly to gain control of the blazes and limit destruction. We mourn the lost life and hope that the flames may be soon contained to prevent further loss. We recognize the community trauma that results from the destruction of over 700 homes and the displacement of more than 100,000 people.

## Only a Few Weeks Left to Support #ArtTherapyRelief for Our Communities



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*"I'm donating because I think art allows us to find beauty and strength in the moments when darkness tries to overcome light."*



As of today, we've raised a total of \$1,435 through our online fundraiser to support art therapy for communities recovering from disasters. We will continue to raise funds through December 31, 2017. **This means that there's still time to donate directly or to create a personal fundraiser** to assist the AATA in the development of art therapy events for relief and recovery efforts in devastated communities. **READ MORE**

## Voices of Art Therapy: Reflections on the Impact of Hurricane Irma on Antigua and Moments of Healing in the Aftermath



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Art therapists continue to share meaningful moments with clients, self-discoveries, and highlights of their careers through our *Voices of Art Therapy* campaign. In the story below, an art therapist in Antigua reflects on Hurricane Irma's attack on her island and her own efforts to offer what relief she could by providing art therapy to children who experienced and witnessed the unimaginable. Find our full [Story Library](#) under the "About Art Therapy" tab on our website, and **if you have not already done so, submit your story today!** **READ MORE**

## DVATA supports Pennsylvania Licensure with Fundraising Workshop



Rachel Brandoff, ATR-BC, ATCS, BCPC, LCAT



The Delaware Valley Art Therapy Association (DVATA) – soon to be the Pennsylvania Art Therapy Association – proudly hosted a fundraising workshop on September 16, 2017, at Jefferson University in Philadelphia. Art Therapists Mindy Jacobson-Levy, MCAT, ATR-BC, LPC, DVATA HLM and Laura Bauder, MA co-led the three-hour workshop on creating Origami Folio Books for use in the creation of safe spaces. This event was a fundraiser for Pennsylvania Art Therapy Licensure Council (PAATLC), an organization that is focused on the goal of title-specific licensing for Pennsylvania Art Therapists. **READ MORE**

## Deadline Tomorrow for Public Comment on Proposed Revisions to the ATCB



### Code of Ethics

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The Art Therapy Credentials Board (ATCB) has made [minor revisions](#) to the ATCB Code of Ethics, Conduct, and Disciplinary Procedures, and the ATCB Board of Directors invites credentialed art therapists as well as members of the public to review the proposed revisions and send comments by Dec. 15, 2017. Responses may be submitted by email, [atcbinfo@atcb.org](mailto:atcbinfo@atcb.org), or by postal mail: ATCB, Attn: Code Revisions, 7 Terrace Way, Greensboro, NC 27403.

### AATA Featured Member



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Pinar Matles-Montalvo, MFTI is working toward her ATR and is pursuing her PhD in art therapy at Notre Dame de Namur University. Currently she serves as a mental health clinician in two local public schools. In Turkey, her native country, Matles-Montalvo studied mathematics and business at Bogaziçi Üniversitesi, Istanbul's highest ranked university. She worked for nine years as a TV host for various national television channels before deciding to move to the United States. She started her education from scratch, majoring in psychology and completing Master's degrees in art therapy and marriage and family therapy. She values the connections possible through her AATA membership and shares, "I had a wonderful time at the last conference in Albuquerque, as I not only formed new relationships, which confirmed I chose the right career path, but also learned from others and improved my skills and knowledge about the art therapy field." **READ MORE**

### ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

## Coloring books make you feel better, but real art therapy much more potent



Drexel University via Medical Xpress

A new study shows that while those adult coloring books can reduce stress, they're still not art therapy. Often, the now-ubiquitous adult coloring books will advertise themselves as "art therapy." But actual art therapists contend that such a claim is misleading, that true art therapy is about growth and relationships and not simply about "feeling better." **READ MORE**

### Art therapy is good



The Wakulla News

Maggi Horseman is passionate about art therapy. She is an intern for Big Bend Hospice's art therapy program. "I knew I wanted to work in hospice off the bat," Horseman says. "It has the psychology background. There are parts of your brain that are activated when you do creative processes that can reduce pain and help with trauma recovery. Then, there are emotions that may not have words — like grief, grief is a big one." Art therapy seeks to improve the lives of those suffering from mental health issues. **READ MORE**

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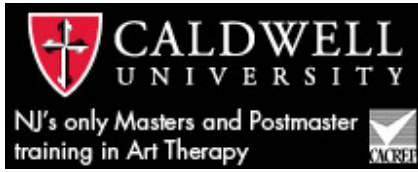


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