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**AATA NEWS** 

# 2018 Conference News: Announcing Speakers and Open Registration







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



Early Bird registration for the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference to be held October 31 to November 4, 2018, in Miami, FL, is now open! Registering early ensures you receive the lowest rates, and the best selection of workshops and advanced practice courses. These "experiential" sessions tend to fill up by the end of early bird registration. We don't want you to be disappointed that you missed out, so be sure to register early!

The Conference Committee is pleased to announce that Dr. Joy DeGruy will be our featured keynote speaker during the opening plenary session on Thursday, November 1.

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# Appreciating Specialized Instructional Support Personnel: Here's what this **Means for Art Therapists**









**AATA National Office** 

"April 16-20, 2018, is Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP) Appreciation Week! Check out the Congressional Resolution (H. Res. 823) introduced on April 12, to honor art therapists and other SISP

colleagues during this special week. I want to take this opportunity to share some information on art therapists in schools and how we work with our SISP colleagues to foster safe and supportive learning environments for students. I am an art therapist and art educator in Washington, D.C. and serve as AATA's Elementary and Secondary Education Policy (ESEP) Advisor. I help monitor changes in national educational policy and advise on how these changes can affect the AATA and its members. READ MORE



## Call for Nominations and Applications

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The American Art Therapy Association (AATA) is now accepting nominations for annual Honors Awards as well as Volunteer Officers and Directors of the Board. Applications are also open for annual scholarships, the new Research Seed Grants, and a new Governmental Affairs Award. Read below for details and deadlines for each opportunity. READ MORE

### **Featured Member**







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Kimberly Nguyễn is a second-year student of Emporia State University's Art Therapy and Clinical Counseling Dual Curriculum Program. She earned her BA of Art History degree from the University of Oklahoma, where she met AATA Past-President, Dr. Joan Phillips, PhD, ATR-BC. Dr. Phillips and the Art Therapy Association of Oklahoma (ATAO) guided her pursuit of becoming an art therapy professional. Nguyễn has actively volunteered through her local chapters, first as Secretary of ATAO and now as a member of the Kansas Art Therapy Association member (KATA). Nguyễn values her AATA membership for the connections it facilitates to the art therapy community. "As a student, AATA helped me with my professional development by providing opportunities

to network with influential art therapists," she says. READ MORE

### **ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS**

# **Patients and Healthcare Workers Benefit from Art Therapy**









WFYI

Art therapy is a growing trend. A year and a half ago, a program was started with patients at the Indiana University Neuroscience Center. It's now also used as a tool for some of the center's healthcare workers to decrease stress and avoid burnout. Dr. Bob Pascuzzi chairs Neurology at the IU School of Medicine. On a daily basis, he sees serious neurology cases – people with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinson's and other brain disorders. He says many of them have had unmet needs. READ MORE

## **Jacoby Arts Center Recognizes National Autism Awareness Month With Exhibit**









The Telegraph

In recognition of April as National Autism Awareness month, Jacoby Arts Center presents "Art in the World of Autism," which coincides with the upcoming Bankside Repertory Theatre Company's production, "Falling," focusing on a boy within the autism spectrum. The art show will be on display through May 3, in the East Gallery in Illinois, celebrating the creative artworks of children, adolescents and adults with autism spectrum disorder. **READ MORE** 

# 2 Local Counselors on Why Art Therapy is Gaining Ground









Milwaukee Magazine

On the third floor of a warehouse near Halyard Park in Milwaukee, Lori Vance strides across an airy, loft-like studio space. Express Yourself MKE serves about 16 juvenile detention centers, mental health facilities and

schools in the metro area. Groups of four instructors (practicing artists working across disciplines and licensed therapists) visit the sites weekly to teach dance, music, visual art, theater and poetry to young people between the ages of 7 and 21. **READ MORE** 

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