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AATA NEWS

Final Results of 2018 AATA Annual Election



AATA National Office

The results of the 2018 Annual Election are in! A warm congratulations to all those who were newly elected and reelected to the following positions:

Treasurer: Nadia Paredes, ATR, LMFT

Speaker, Assembly of Chapters: Elizabeth Hlavek, ATR-BC, LCPAT

Board of Directors:

- Louvenia Jackson, PhD, MFT, ATR
- Girija Kaimal, EdD, MA, ATR
- Lisa Wasserman, PsyD, ATR-BC, ATCS

Nominating Sub-Committee: Gaelynn P. Wolf Bordonaro, PhD, ATR-BC

Honorary Life Member: Cheryl Doby-Copeland, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMFT

2018 Conference: Just One Week Left to Register at the Advanced Registration Rates



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

Time is running out to get the lower registration rates for the 49th AATA Annual Conference, to be held October 31 to November 4, 2018 in Miami, FL. If you have not yet registered, but plan on attending, be sure to [register](#) before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time (EDT) on Friday, September 28.

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Ashes2Art: First Responders 9/11 Art Show



Clara Keane



The Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department's (FCFRD) Behavioral Health Section in collaboration with local artist Kathy Sullivan offer the Ashes2Art Program for first responders. According to the FCFRD, the weekly art class "allows participants to employ the unique creative abilities of emergency personnel directed in new ways." This month, to honor the victims and survivors of 9/11, participants of Ashes2Art displayed their work at the Reston Art Gallery & Studios. The gallery was open September 6-20, and a special reception took place on September 11th. [READ MORE](#)

In Support of those Impacted by Hurricane Florence and Remembering Hurricane Maria



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The AATA extends our deepest sympathies for all those impacted by Hurricane Florence. We mourn the 37 lives lost and our hearts are with their family and friends. We wish the swiftest recovery for the communities in the Carolinas as they return home, continuing to face the dangers and damage of the flooding, and begin to rebuild. Here are some [resources](#) to support communities recovering from Florence.

Today also marks the year anniversary of Hurricane Maria, the [deadliest](#) natural disaster to hit the United States in the last 100 years, which devastated Puerto Rico, claiming nearly 3,000 lives. The island still has a long journey of rebuilding ahead. Here are some [ways you can help](#).

Art therapists are trained to provide integral support to their communities in the face of tremendous tragedy. If you are an AATA member organizing a community event, please consider applying for the [AATA Trauma Recovery Fund](#), which has supported projects in the wakes of hurricanes [Maria](#) and [Irma](#) among others. Donations to support the fund can be made [here](#).

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The AATA adds Introduction to Position Statement on Supporting the Affirmation and Healthy Development Across the Lifespan of Individuals within LGBTQIA Communities



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In October 2017, the AATA adopted the following statement supporting the affirmation and healthy development across the lifespan of individuals within LGBTQIA communities. In response to sexual orientation change efforts (SOCE), The American Art Therapy Association unequivocally affirms LGBTQIA orientations are natural, positive, and moral variations of human sexual expression. This introduction and statement are intentionally strengths-based to clarify and confirm The Association and members affirm and embrace the LGBTQIA community. The Association unequivocally opposes SOCE as unethical. **READ MORE**

Featured Member



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Valerie Chu, ATR-BC, LCAT, LPCC, has a [private practice](#) in Los Angeles and is currently spending a year abroad in South Korea. Staying in touch with some clients via videoconference, Chu is exploring the realm of telehealth. To her, "AATA is a place where I find help, resources and stay connected with the art therapy community at large wherever I am. Many people in AATA are generous to offer their advice, input, experience and thoughts when I've had queries or quandaries." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Study to Explore Art Therapy for Improving Visuospatial, Motor Function in Parkinson's Patients



Parkinson's News Today

A new exploratory study intends to assess the benefit of art therapy in improving visuospatial function and gait in Parkinson's disease patients. The study's experimental protocol, "Visuospatial exploration and art therapy intervention in patients with Parkinson's disease: an exploratory therapeutic protocol," was published in the journal *Complementary Therapies in Medicine*. **READ MORE**



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Second Lady Pence Visits Riley's New Art Therapy Program



Associated Press via WTTV-TV

Second Lady Karen Pence was in Indianapolis Monday rolling up her sleeves at Riley Hospital for Children. Riley's new art therapy studio allows patients to leave their rooms for sessions with a focus on improving mental health. "It's one of the great programs that they do for art therapy here at Riley because it takes something – a syringe that may be something that's intimidating to a child, and makes it something fun.," Pence said of the program. **READ MORE**



Meet an Art Therapist Who Unlocks Emotions Through Images



Nest
 A picture is worth a thousand words, or so they say. After meeting art therapist Dr. Patricia Fenner, it's hard not to be thoroughly inspired by that idea, or the transformative power of art to express the most profound, and difficult, aspects of the human condition. As senior lecturer and coordinator of La Trobe University's Master of Art Therapy program, Dr. Fenner is an expert on the role of art therapy in mental health recovery. **READ MORE**

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