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AATA NEWS

The Case Made for Art Therapy Licensure at the 2017 National Conference of State Legislatures



Deborah A. Good, PhD, ATR-BC, ATCS, LPAT, LPCC

The AATA was invited to participate in a panel presentation entitled “The Arts and Well Being Across the Military Continuum” at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Capitol Forum in San Diego, California. I was honored to represent the AATA in this capacity and to speak on the pressing need for every state to pass licensure for art therapists. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Jay Dick, Senior Director of State and Local Government Affairs at Americans for the Arts for including art therapy in this important presentation. [READ MORE](#)



Message of Support to Santa Barbara County, California



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Our thoughts are with the people of Southern California, who are confronting deadly mudslides from a flood Tuesday in the wake of a devastating wildfire season. We mourn the 17 deaths in Santa Barbara County and hope for swift recoveries for all those injured and that the missing people are accounted for soon. Our hearts go out to the communities who have faced continuous trauma and displacement as they begin the long journey towards recovery.

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The American Art Therapy Association’s Institute for Continuing Education (ICE/AT) is available 24/7 and offers a robust catalog of courses from prominent and well-respected art therapists, researchers, authors, and educators. AATA’s ICE/AT includes courses in Assessment, Multiculturalism, Ethics, Trauma, Supervision,

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Featured Member: Emmy Lou Glassman, 2017 Distinguished Clinician Award Recipient



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Emmy Lou Glassman, MA, ATR-BC is the 2017 recipient of the Distinguished Clinician Award – Adolescent Services. This honor is conferred on a Professional member of the Association in recognition of significant contributions to work with clients, rather than service to the Association or contributions to the field of art therapy in general. In their nomination letters, colleagues commend Glassman for her clinical excellence, her ability to connect with youth, her talent to draw the community and whole care team together, and the example she sets for others in the practice of art therapy.

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Conference News: 2018 Call for Proposals



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

As 2018 begins, we hope you are making plans to attend the AATA 49th Annual Conference in Miami, FL, from 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. We invite you to attend a second offering of **"how-to" webinar on Thursday, January 18, at 12:00 p.m. EST** to receive a virtual demo of the online submission site, and learn tips to ensure your proposal is a success!



We had a good attendance for the first webinar in December and we received positive feedback on the content. Visit the [Proposal Submission site](#) to learn how to join the webinar. To review the 2017 Conference Program to include abstracts, handouts, and collect your Continuing Education Certificate visit <https://www.xcdsystem.com/aata/proceedings2017/>.

Undergraduate Call for Posters for AATA 2018 Conference



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

Jennifer Schwartz Mrazek, MAAT, ATR-BC, Undergraduate Education Sub-Committee Chair

The AATA Education and Conference Committees are pleased to announce a new proposal offering for Undergraduate Students for the 2018 Conference to be held October 31 to November 4, in Miami, FL. Undergraduate students are invited to present their scholarly and creative work in their study of art therapy at the AATA 2018 Annual Conference Undergraduate Poster Session. This new AATA Conference presentation category provides undergraduate students with the opportunity to share their scholarly and creative accomplishments with others. [Click here](#) to download information and guidelines about the new Poster sessions. **Undergraduate Poster proposals must be submitted electronically to conferenceinfo@arttherapy.org, not later than March 16, 2018.** **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Navy doctor promotes the healing power of artistic expression



U.S. Medicine

If Capt. Sara Kass, MD, has any regrets about the path that led her to her current role of military medical adviser for Creative Forces — a unique program that straddles DoD, VA and the National Endowment for the Arts — it might be that she didn't recognize the power of art therapy sooner. READ MORE

Inspiration studios welcomes guatemalan artist, Ernesto Atkinson



Urban Milwaukee

Guatemalan artist, Ernesto Atkinson, entitled "Conversations with Color: What Do You See? / Conversaciones de Color: ¿Qué Ves?" The exhibit will feature a variety of oversized original paintings created over the past several years. Conversations/Conversaciones will adorn the gallery walls at 1500 S. 73rd Street for a brief exhibit from Jan. 20 to Jan. 28, 2018. An Opening Reception with Atkinson is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 20, 5-7 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. READ MORE

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