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AATA NEWS

Good Art: Bad City

Liz DelliCarpini, ATR-BC, LCAT



In an effort to strengthen the interpersonal and institutional resources available for youth involved in the juvenile justice system, School of Visual Arts' (SVA) MPS in Art Therapy program has formed a partnership with [Artistic Noise](#), an independent nonprofit that “exists to bring the freedom and power of artistic practice to young people who are incarcerated, on probation, or otherwise involved in the justice system” (“Artistic Noise,” 2018). Building on my relationship with Artistic Noise co-founder, artist and educator Lauren Adelman, MA, we developed a short-term group and community-based art therapy project that locates the source of juvenile delinquency in the social

context rather than in the individual. The youth titled this project *Good Art: Bad City*. [READ MORE](#)

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 Committee 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, no later than March 16, 2018.** [READ](#)



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2018 Call for Honors

Andrea Davis, MA, ATR-BC, LPC-AT-S

The Honors Working Group has opened the 2018 Call for Honors nominations. **Applications may be submitted until May 18, 2018.** Professional members of the Association may nominate art therapists to be considered for these prestigious awards that honor their outstanding contributions to the American Art Therapy Association (AATA), the art therapy profession, art therapy education, and clinical work. The Honors Working Group encourages all Professional Members to review the award categories and nominate colleagues that best fit the description for each respective award. Please keep in mind that submitted nomination packets should include the [Official Honors Nomination Form](#) and full supporting documents as described for each individual award below. **READ MORE**

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Leah Gipson, LCPC, ATR-BC is an assistant professor in the art therapy department at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC). Her current research interests include womanism, black feminism, black church, and the use of cultural spaces to explore the politics of individual and social change. She is working on several projects including: [The Rectory](#), an Austin Neighborhood Studio Co-op for which Gipson received the Propeller Fund Award (2016); Care Sessions through the SAIC Office of Engagement at [Homan Square](#); and [DIVISIVE](#), a radio show Gipson co-created with Craig Harshaw and Keith Brown. Listen to a recent episode, "[Are Black Women Fearless? Part 2: Lena, Lena, Leontyne.](#)" **READ MORE**

Take a Stand to #SAVEtheNEA! Join us for Arts Advocacy Day, March 12-13

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Check out the 2018 [Congressional Arts Handbook](#) and Arts Advocacy Day [schedule](#), now available online! AATA Immediate Past President Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, will be presenting in two breakout training sessions: "Advancing Arts and Health" and "Supporting our Military and Veterans through the Arts." Visit the Arts Advocacy Day Facebook page to [watch Dr. Betts](#) share why she advocates for the arts! Advocating for the arts is critically important and timely. For the second year in a row, the Administration has called for the elimination of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) and other cultural agencies. **READ MORE**

**ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS****Marywood students express their 'Call to Art Therapy' through exhibit in Scranton, Pennsylvania, Feb. 16-March 21**

NEPA Scene

Marywood University's art galleries will hold an exhibition titled "Our Natural Call to Art Therapy" from Friday,

Feb. 16 through Wednesday, March 21 in the Suraci Gallery at the Shields Center for Visual Arts on Marywood's campus in Scranton. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, Feb. 17 from 4 p.m.-6 p.m. The exhibition and reception are free and open to the public. **READ MORE**

Brownsburg students make art for Florida school shooting victims



WISH-TV

Art students at Brownsburg High School are sharing messages of hope and love with the victims of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland, Florida. Art teacher Lori Woodcock directed students in her six art classes to create an inspiring piece of art that she will send to the staff at Douglas High. **READ MORE**

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