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Although racial and ethnic minorities as a whole comprise approximately 30 percent of the U.S. population, and comprise a similar percentage of those receiving mental health services according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, this diversity is not reflected in the behavioral health workforce. According to another report by SAMHSA, racial minorities account for only: 19.2 percent of all psychiatrists; 5.1 percent of psychologists; 17.5 percent of social workers; 10.3 percent of counselors; and 7.8 percent of marriage and family therapists. The field of art therapy faces a similar homogenous demographic, with only 12.2 percent of participating art therapists identifying as ethnic or racial minorities in a 2013 survey (Elkins et al., 2013). [READ MORE](#)

Celebrate the Arts: #CATW2018 and Arts Advocacy Day Are Next Week



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Creative Arts Therapies Week is almost here! Use #CATW2018 to celebrate with us from March 11 to 17! The AATA will be starting the week off strong alongside members of the National Coalition of Creative Arts Therapies Associations as National Partners of Arts Advocacy Day, March 12-13. Throughout the week, the AATA will feature resources and information about the use of the creative arts therapies in treatment, prevention, and wellness. And it's not too late to join us in person at Arts Advocacy Day (AAD). [READ MORE](#)



Nominations & Applications Now Accepted



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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. The AATA is also currently accepting applications for annual scholarships. [READ MORE](#)



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Anna Riley-Hiscox, DAT, ATR, LMFT is a Forensic Art Therapist with the State of California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), has a private practice providing culturally diverse art psychotherapy to children, couples and families, and is the CEO of Domestic Violence Enterprises, an organization that focuses on art-based techniques to reduce intimate partner abuse. Dr. Hiscox has served on many AATA Committees over the years including: the Strategic Planning Committee (2015), Multicultural Committee (member 2012-14, Mosaic Committee Chair 1994-96), the Honors Committee (2003), and Chair of the Supervision Ad Hoc Committee (1999). She also served on the AATA Education Program Approval Board (2012-14) and the Art Therapy Credentials Board Certification Committee (1996-97). Visit her [website](#) to learn more about her practice.

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Call for Undergraduate 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 MORE**



ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Podcast: Embracing Arlington Arts Talks with Art Therapist Donna Betts about Profession/ Successes



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It was an enlightening and hopeful interview with Art Therapist and Immediate Past President of the American Art Therapy Association Donna Betts. Janet Kopenhaver talked with Dr. Betts about the mental health profession, latest research into art therapy, her background and advocacy efforts to spread the word about the importance of this mental health profession. Dr. Betts also highlighted several uplifting success stories about how art therapy has helped so many diverse patients and clients. **READ MORE**

Congressional Arts Handbook



Americans for the Arts

The Congressional Arts Handbook is compiled annually to support the work of participants at Arts Advocacy

Day, organized by Americans for the Arts and cosponsored by more than 85 national organizations, representing thousands of arts, culture, business, civic and education organizations and individuals nationwide. Within this handbook, you will find a plethora of resources including facts, figures, related legislation, research, talking points and more to help inform you on the major policy issues we are working to positively impact. **READ MORE**

The AATA's Art Therapy Today includes a digest of the most important news selected for the AATA from thousands of sources. Guest articles may be submitted to Clara Keane at ckeane@arttherapy.org. Publication of any guest article is at the sole discretion of the AATA. The opinions expressed and/or contents of guest articles, advertisements, and external links included in any AATA publication do not represent the positions or policies of the AATA. The AATA makes no warranty or representation concerning the accuracy of such content.

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