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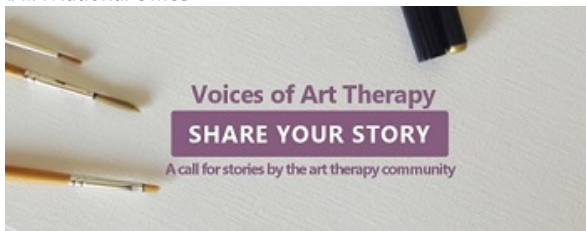


AATA NEWS

Voices of Art Therapy: We are Art Therapists



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“What is art therapy?” – A question art therapists find themselves answering frequently. Creative Arts Therapies Week is a chance each year to reflect on what it means to be an art therapist and an opportunity to educate others on the profession. Read three stories about how these art therapists answer the question as they also reflect on their

identities as art therapists and the reward of helping others reach their potential. Join the conversation online using #CATW2018 and #WeAreArtTherapists!

Share with us how you answer, “What is art Therapy?”! Submit your story through our [Voices of Art Therapy](#) campaign, and visit our [Story Library](#) for more stories of art therapists’ meaningful moments with clients, self-discoveries and career highlights. **READ MORE**

Late Show with Stephen Colbert Auctioning Art to Support the AATA



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Yesterday, March 14, The Late Show with Stephen Colbert featured a segment on art therapy with AATA member, Rachel Brandoff, PhD, ATR-BC, LCAT. He spoke with Dr. Brandoff about the profession and even made some art himself. The show is generously auctioning off three pieces of Colbert's art and donating the proceeds to the AATA! Please [check out the auction page](#) and [watch the segment](#) if you missed it!

Call for Proposals for New Research Seed Grants and Research Award Applications



Girija Kaimal, EdD, MA, Research Committee Chair

The Research Committee is proud to announce two unprecedented opportunities this year: seed grants intended to support pilot studies and clinician-researcher partnerships in art therapy. The Research Committee is also accepting applications for 2018 Research Awards. The AATA and its generous donors provide these annual

awards which are publicly presented at a special ceremony during the AATA's Annual Conference.

The Research Awards encourage the growth of the art therapy profession by rewarding excellence and enabling access to information and resources for the members who are selected by the Research Committee. The Research Committee, through a highly competitive selection process, will bestow two research seed grants and four awards:

- *American Art Therapy Association Research Award*
- *Doctoral Student Research Award*
- *Gladys Agell Award for Excellence in Research*
- *Rawley Silver Research Award*
- *Seed Grant*

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Last 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**



Featured Member



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Miki Goerd, LCSW, ATR-P grew up in Japan and moved to the U.S. 20 years ago. She specializes in working with older adults with mental illness and individuals with chronic medical illness/disabilities. After working in Arlington County's mental health teams for nine years, she recently transitioned to a group practice setting. Goerd has worked at a dialysis center, in hospice, a nursing home, an assisted living facility, and an inpatient psychiatric unit. This year, she was excited to start volunteering with the AATA and hopes to focus her effort on increasing the number of art therapists with various ethnic, racial and cultural backgrounds.

Ms. Goerd most values her AATA membership for the journal subscription and the conference discount. She adds, "I have also consulted them with an ethical concern related to a clinical situation in the past, and they have provided me with a very thorough guidance." **READ MORE**

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Military Men 'Saved' by Art



JD News

A round of applause followed the introduction of Alfredo Hurtado before he took the stage with his fellow Black Box dancers. It wasn't something the retired U.S. Army paratrooper originally thought he'd be doing — dancing — but he also didn't expect to be savaged by shrapnel during an Iraq deployment, after which he suffered. "Art," he said, "saved me." **READ MORE**

Democrats Seek More Money for Mental Health Services, Counseling in Schools



Education Week

To help create safer schools in the wake of a Florida school shooting, several Democratic senators want Congress to give more money to an Every Student Succeeds Act program in order to fund more counselors, trauma-informed classroom management and mental-health services for schools. In a letter to top Senators on the Senate appropriations committee, the Democrats said the Student Support and Academic Enrichment grants — which are a part of Title IV in ESSA — should be funded at "the highest possible level" for fiscal 2018. **READ MORE**

Bid on Paintings by Stephen Colbert to Help the American Art Therapy Association



CBS

When Stephen Colbert visited with licensed art therapist Rachel Brandoff for a segment on The Late Show, he found some emotional relief in the process of painting and drawing. Now, for the first time, Stephen is making his art pieces available through this public auction, with 100 percent of the proceeds going to the American Art Therapy Association. **READ MORE**

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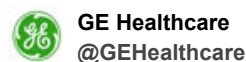


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