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AATA NEWS

Michigan Art Therapy Licensure Bill Introduced this Week



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On Tuesday June 5, 2018, Representative Abdullah Hammoud introduced [House Bill 6098](#). "By creating a clear framework for art therapists to provide services in the state, my legislation will help many vulnerable residents explore new ways of healing and addressing their mental health concerns," says Rep Hammoud in a [statement](#). Many thanks to our chapter the Michigan Association of Art Therapy ([MAAT](#)) for their hard and dedicated work leading to the introduction of this important legislation! The National Office will continue to work closely with the chapter's Legislative Chair Amber James, M.S. as the bill progresses to the Committee on Health Policy.

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2018 Conference News: Early Bird Registration Ends Next Week — Register Today!



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



If you are planning to register for the American Art Therapy Association's 49th Annual Conference, to be held October 31 to November 4 in Miami, FL, **you only have one week left for early bird rates!** *You could pay more...but why?* Also, some of the popular workshops are already full, so **register now** to avoid disappointment.

Here are the convenient ways you can register:

- **Register online.**
- **Register by Phone: (888) 290-0878 or (703) 548-5860.**
- **Download the registration form and register by FAX (credit cards only) or Mail.**

To learn more about the conference [visit the website](#) where you can [download the detailed brochure](#) or search for sessions and presenters using the [online schedule](#).

AATA Members receive a discount on conference registration, so if your membership is not current or you would like to join: <https://arttherapy.org/membership-starts-here/> or call (888) 290-0878 or (703) 548-5860.

Applications are Still Open for Awards and Research Seed Grants



AATA National Office



Time is running out to recognize colleagues for their accomplishments and apply for research funding! We are accepting **nominations for honors awards through Monday, June 11 and applications for research awards and the new Research Seed Grants through June 29.** We encourage you to take the time to explore details for each of these opportunities outlined below.

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Accreditation Process Reaches Another Milestone



Janet Kempf, MA, ATR-BC, Vice-Chair, ACATE



After years of discussion and planning, the Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education is happy to report the accreditation application process for art therapy master's programs is now active. By way of review, programs currently approved by the Educational Programs Approval Board are phasing into an accreditation process with ACATE. **READ MORE**

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New Scholarship Opportunity — Irene Rosner David Medical Art Therapy Scholarship



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The American Art Therapy Association and its generous donor will provide a new scholarship opportunity this year for AATA's student members. Application are being accepted now through July 1 for the Irene Rosner David Medical Art Therapy Scholarship. This scholarship focuses on the role of the medical art therapist. Please see [MyAATA for more information and the full application](#). Questions can be directed to the National Office: info@arttherapy.org.

Featured Member



AATA National Office

Danielle Fascione, LPC, graduated from Ursuline College with a dual degree in Counseling and Art Therapy in May 2018. As a student, she is grateful to have built relationships with art therapy faculty and supervisors and others in the wider mental health community. Now as a new professional, she views her AATA membership as “a continuation of my effort to be involved in the art therapy community.” Fascione has worked at [Total Education Solutions](#), a program that specializes in modified education for students on the autism spectrum, for two years as the art intervention specialist, developing new, modified and adapted art interventions to meet fine motor and sensory needs. Now that she has graduated with her master's, Fascione is looking forward to seeing how her



position can grow. [READ MORE](#)

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

What is Art Good For? Creative Healing



The Community World

Marianne Huebner writes: "Art therapy uses creativity as part of the therapeutic process to help people move toward a desired outcome. For the client, skill is not a prerequisite. One need not have any perceived artistic ability, talent, or creative inclination to benefit from art therapy. Having been in the field for a while now, I have found that many people, mainly adults, aren't necessarily even willing to start the process. They participate with great trepidation and come out the other side of art therapy moved, surprised, and often grateful for the experience." [READ MORE](#)

NEA Funding Increase Approved by Full Appropriations Committee



Americans for the Arts Action Fund

Earlier today, the full U.S House Appropriations Committee voted to approve May's Interior Subcommittee vote to increase funding by \$2 million each to the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities, bringing them up to \$155 million for FY 2019. New Congressional Arts Caucus co-chair Chellie Pingree was also successful in adding the following report language to the arts funding bill. [READ MORE](#)

Palos Verdes, California, Peninsula High Valedictorian Ready to Tell Powerful Stories



Palos Verdes Peninsula News

"When I was younger," Claire Easton said, "I often rejected my Korean heritage because it made me different, but over the years I've come to embrace my multicultural background as a formative part of who I am." Curious about why art therapy relieved her stress, Claire searched the internet for answers and found Dr. Paige Asawa, an art therapy professor at Loyola Marymount University. Together, Claire and Dr. Asawa implemented a 10-week pilot art therapy program at the high school, targeting at risk students. [READ MORE](#)

Scott Elliott: People With HIV are Living Longer, Which Brings a Whole New Set of Problems



The Province

Twenty-five years ago, when Dr. Peter Jepson-Young made the "Dr. Peter Diaries" documenting his experience living with AIDS, the idea of people with HIV aging into their senior years would have been unthinkable. Now, due to improved treatment regimes, we are beginning to learn about the impacts of aging with HIV. This is an emerging issue as over half of people in British Columbia living with HIV are over the age of fifty. Studies are beginning to show that seniors with HIV exhibit fragility at an earlier age. [READ MORE](#)

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