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AATA NEWS

2018 Conference News: Early Bird Registration Ends Tomorrow — 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 day 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.



Art Therapy Licenses Officially Implemented in Delaware



AATA National Office



The AATA is thrilled to announce that art therapists in Delaware can now apply for the new Professional Art Therapist and Associate Art Therapist licenses. On June 7, the Division of Professional Regulation announced new rules effective June 11, 2018 to implement the licenses. Read more about the advocacy journey that resulted in the enactment of this legislation on the AATA Blog.

Call for Information: Art Therapy Programs Focused on Clients with Opioid Addictions



AATA National Office

Given the national interest to address the opioid epidemic and the significant research supporting art therapy as an effective treatment for issues of substance abuse, the AATA is gathering information on art therapy programs with a focus on people who have been affected by opioids. If you work with clients struggling with opioid addiction, please contact the National Office (info@arttherapy.org) with some information about your clinical work.

"Stop Border Separation of Children from Parents!" — Sign the Petition



AATA National Office

The AATA joined 10 mental health organizations and over 1,100 mental health professionals in signing a letter in opposition to the new Zero Tolerance policy that was sent to congresspeople on June 12, 2018. The letter cites clinical experience and decades of research on the psychological impact disrupted attachment [parental separation] has on children and asks policy makers to “remember what it feels like to be a child” as they consider the plight of over 700 children who have been separated from their families at the border between October 2017 and April 2018 in what amounts to systematic traumatization of children.

The letter authored by Dr. Dana Sinopoli has been expanded to three online petitions hosted by Child's World America and now has over 5,249 individual and 81 organizational signatures and counting! Art therapists, as mental health professionals, are encouraged to sign the petition.



Featured Member: 2018 Conference Logo Artist Contributor



Nina Hausfeld, ATR, LPC

"I feel deeply honored that my artwork was selected to serve as a visual representation of our theme of “Honoring Yesterday, Celebrating Today and Building Tomorrow.” I think that the Board’s decision to add the lotus mandala extending beyond the boundaries of the colored center is what really transformed a visually pleasing background conceived by me into a meaningful symbol that encompasses this conference’s theme.”

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New Scholarship Opportunity — Irene Rosner David Medical Art Therapy Scholarship



AATA National Office

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.

Don't Miss these Opportunities to Support Your Art Therapy Research



AATA National Office



Furthering research in art therapy is crucial to the continued growth and a priority of the Association's [Strategic Plan](#). The AATA works to support our researchers and future researchers by offering a variety of funding opportunities to reward excellence and promote further access to important research in the field. Whether your research project is still an idea unexplored or you are ready to be recognized for your contributions to the field, there is a research award or grant opportunity for you! The Research Committee is accepting **applications for research awards and the new Research Seed Grants**

through June 29. [READ MORE](#)

ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

NASP Calls for an Increase in Access to Suicide Prevention Resources



National Association of School Psychologists

The high-profile suicide deaths of Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain draw attention to the imperative to recognize and support individuals who may be experiencing a serious mental health problem or significant life stressors that can increase suicide risk. Suicide is a growing health crisis in this country. New data from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention indicate that suicide rates in the United States rose by 25 percent from 1999-2016. It is the third leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24 years, though the scope of the problem extends beyond actual deaths by suicide. [READ MORE](#)

War is Only Part of Many Traumas



Times Union

"S", the 24-year-old refugee, who escaped an unwanted marriage and physical abuse in Pakistan, had been fired from her job as an overnight cashier at the Albany Medical Center Dunkin' Donuts when trauma symptoms made her shake and faint, landing her repeatedly in the emergency room. Her county social services case manager closed her case because she was unemployed, costing her food stamps and rental assistance. She attempted suicide three times by overdosing on pills and spent a week in the Capital District Psychiatric Center. [READ MORE](#)

The Healing Power of Art (page 20)



Harlem Fine Arts Show Magazine

The term "therapy" can invoke an array of images: the psychologist's couch and notepad, candid group talk sessions and even pills of every color as prescription medications from Adderall to Zoloft. But an optic that has become increasingly more visible in therapeutic circles and scholarly literature is "art" — as painting, sculpture,

pottery and other creative forms are recognized as another set of instruments in the medicine bag to soothe troubled minds. **READ MORE**

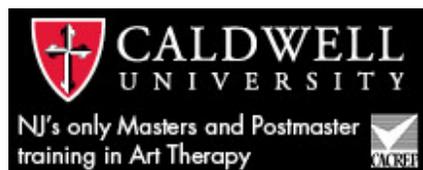
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