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AATA NEWS

Nominating Committee Presents the 2018 Candidate Slate



Gioia Chilton, PhD, ATR-BC, LCPAT, CSAC, Nominating Committee Chair



The Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the 2018 election slate for leadership positions for the American Art Therapy Association. The AATA Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee extend their collective gratitude to the individuals represented on this year's ballot for their willingness to serve the Association. In support of AATA's mission and critical strategic priorities, the Board and the Nominating Committee remain committed to increasing diverse representation across all volunteer positions. All individuals nominated for a volunteer position have been asked to run for this election. [Please login to MyAATA](#) for a full list of this year's candidates,

their biographies, and their responses to questions posed by the Nominating Committee as well as the full volunteer position descriptions. **READ MORE**



Lewis & Clark College Takes in Oregon Art Therapy Graduate Program



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The AATA is thrilled to share the news that art therapy graduate students who were enrolled at Marylhurst University will be able to complete their degrees at Lewis & Clark's Graduate School of Education and Counseling! Following Marylhurst's sudden closure announced in May, faculty and students found themselves in a state of uncertainty, not knowing where they would continue their education and careers. Marylhurst was home to the only AATA-approved art therapy program in Oregon, one of 34 approved programs across the country.

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Call for Papers — The International Art Therapy Practice/Research Inaugural Conference f t in e

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The British Association of Art Therapists (BAAT), in collaboration with the American Art Therapy Association (AATA), will host the inaugural **International Art Therapy Practice/Research Conference in London, UK, July 11 to July 13, 2019, at Queen Mary University of London**. We will explore a wide array of topics pertaining to art therapy practice and research in the art therapy profession by offering a robust range of themes and tracks. We invite members of the international art therapy community to submit proposals for this unique opportunity. **READ MORE**



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Featured Member f t in e

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Ernesto Atkinson, ATR-LPC graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2014 and founded Integration Healing/Alivio Integral, a bilingual private practice, in 2017. Atkinson is active in his chapter the Wisconsin Art Therapy Association (WATA) and works to spread awareness about the profession throughout the larger Milwaukee area, "engaging the community in art making and offering information about what art therapy is and what it does for the community." He values his membership because "AATA has helped me connect with more art therapists in the community, which makes me feel deeply connected and believe in what I do."



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ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

Art for the Mind



The Hindu

An art therapy practitioner, Girija Kaimal, is currently assistant professor, department of creative arts therapies, at Drexel University College of Nursing and Health in America. She is a visual artist. In an interview, Kaimal explains the concept of art therapy and its efficacy. [READ MORE](#)

Art Therapy Students Study Trauma and Art in Germany and Czechia



Caldwell University

Art therapy students learned about trauma and art on a study-abroad trip to Germany and Czechia June 11-20. As part of the Treatment of Trauma course developed and taught by Dr. Marie Wilson, coordinator of art therapy programs and professor, the group visited sites such as the Prinzhorn Collection at the University of Heidelberg Psychiatric Clinic, which is named after art historian and psychiatrist Hans Prinzhorn, who was educated in medical science during World War I and sought to merge his two disciplines after the war. [READ MORE](#)

Do You Like 'Dogs Playing Poker?' Science Would Like to Know Why



The New York Times

If you've ever wondered whether the title on a work of abstract art — say "Blue No. 2" — influences how you feel about it, you'll be intrigued by a new study from the University of Pittsburgh. Researchers there found that people prefer works with straightforward titles like "Curved Lines" or "Dots of Color" to those with figurative titles like "Ice Dancing" or "Sabotage." [READ MORE](#)

Turning a Blind Eye ... to Art



Sonoma West Times and News

Most people think of the visual arts as being, well, visual. So you might wonder what to expect from two new shows at Sebastopol Center for the Arts, "Blind Stitching" and "In Touch with Art," both of which feature works of art by people who are legally blind or visually impaired. To say that the work is more about self-expression and the process of creation rather than the final product threatens to condemn it with faint praise. [READ MORE](#)

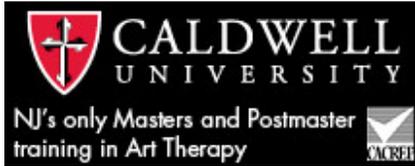
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