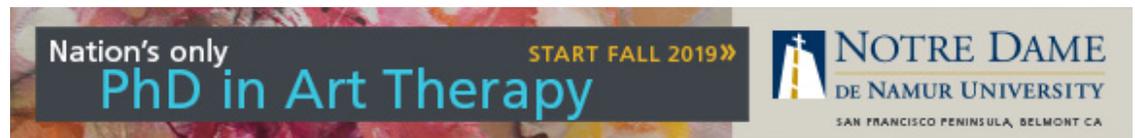


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## AATA NEWS

### Featured Member: Cheryl Doby-Copeland, 2018 Recipient of Honorary Lifetime Member Award



AATA National Office

During the annual conference, the AATA was honored to bestow the 2018 Honorary Lifetime Member (HLM) award to Cheryl Doby-Copeland, PhD, ATR-BC, LPC, LMFT, in recognition of her vast contributions to the field and Association. Throughout her career, she has demonstrated excellence in leadership, clinical work, research, character, and mentorship. Dr. Doby-Copeland is a pioneer in the field. In 1991, she became the first African-American Director of the AATA Board of Directors and is now the first African-American to receive the AATA's highest honor. [READ MORE](#)



### Legislative News: Connecticut, Nebraska, Tennessee, and New Hampshire



AATA National Office

The momentum of the 2019 legislative sessions continues to increase as legislation is introduced, public hearings are scheduled, and sunrise reviews are completed.

The latest:

- **Connecticut HB 5444:** On February 1st the Scope of Practice Review Committee on Art Therapists released their [Report to the General Assembly](#), concluding: "Committee participants did not oppose the concept of licensure and additional regulation of clinical art therapists as licensure would give the

Department of Public Health the authority to regulate and discipline art therapists.” Subsequently, the Joint Public Health Committee considered the bill proposed by Rep. Mitch Bolinsky (R) and voted to introduce it as a committee bill – this will likely give it higher priority and assure that it is considered this session! A public hearing has already been scheduled for February 11th.

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## Undergraduate Call for Posters for AATA 2019 Conference



Susan Boxer Kappel, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, CGP, Conference Chair and Jennifer Schwartz Mrazek, MAAT, ATR-BC, Undergraduate Education Subcommittee Chair



The AATA Education and Conference Committee are pleased to announce the Call for Undergraduate Student Poster sessions for the 2019 Conference to be held October 30 to November 3, in Kansas City, Missouri. Undergraduate students are invited to submit poster proposals to present their scholarly and creative work in their study of art therapy. [Click here](#) to download information and guidelines about the new Poster sessions.

**Undergraduate Poster proposals must be submitted electronically via email to [conferenceinfo@arttherapy.org](mailto:conferenceinfo@arttherapy.org), not later than March 18, 2019.**

## AATA Sends Letter to Second Lady Reaffirming Inclusivity



AATA National Office

Dear AATA Members: We have heard and share concerns expressed by some of our members regarding the discriminatory admissions and hiring policies at the Immanuel Christian School, where Karen Pence has recently returned to work as an art teacher. In response to this news, we promptly issued a [public statement](#) articulating our stance against discrimination in any form. Today, we sent a [letter](#) directly to the office of Second Lady Karen Pence making it clear that the school's exclusionary policies toward the LGBTQIA community and reinforcement of antiquated gender roles do not align with the values of our profession. **READ MORE**

## ART THERAPY IN THE NEWS

### Connecticut Art Therapy Association to Hold Advocacy Day



The Register Citizen

Board members and other art therapists will be present, educating state representatives on the clinical impacts of art therapy and the importance of state licensure. The Connecticut Art Therapy Association currently has 2 bills, H.B. 5444, An Act Requiring the Licensure of Art Therapists and S.B. 705, An Act Concerning the Licensure of Art Therapists. **READ MORE**

### SIUE Professor Emerita Endows Art Therapy Scholarship



Advantage News

A beloved educator in Southern Illinois University Edwardsville's art therapy counseling graduate program has never faltered from her mission of making a positive difference in students' lives. The program's first director, now professor emerita, Patricia "Gussie" Klorer, has contributed \$25,000 to the SIUE College of Arts and Sciences to create an endowment for the Art Therapy Founders Scholarship in support of students pursuing an advanced degree in art therapy. **READ MORE**

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## Art Psychotherapy Can Help People Explore Themselves Through Museum Exhibits



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The idea of receiving psychotherapy in a museum might seem unusual. However, art psychotherapists are increasingly looking towards the rich resources of museums and galleries to aid them in their clinical work. Art therapy, or art psychotherapy, sees people expressing their feelings and experiences through art, as well as (or instead of) through words. It can be used to help people of all ages, living with a wide range of emotional or physical conditions. [READ MORE](#)

## A Vow to 'Get Better, Not Bitter,' After Drunk Driver Takes Both of Her Legs, But Not Her Spirit



News 5 Cleveland

In the early morning hours of Sept. 29, 2017, Kim Locker finished her shift in Dover working for a cleaning and janitorial company. She stopped at a Walmart and used the store's WiFi to download music she planned to play on the way to an upcoming concert festival in Kentucky. About 25 minutes later, her life would be changed in a devastating way as she drove to her family's farm in Dellroy. [READ MORE](#)

## Girls in Justice System Need to Express Themselves; We Need to Hear Them



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In a society where those behind bars are unqualifiedly perceived as corrupt and deserving of punishment, "I Am the Voice: Girls' Reflections from Inside the Juvenile System" reminds us that girls are the fastest-growing segment of the juvenile justice system, largely due to the criminalization of their trauma. In order to create effective and sustainable systems reform, we must center the opinions of justice-involved girls who are the experts on their lived experiences. [READ MORE](#)

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