

Delegate Newsletter

Hello!

As your delegate to the American Art Therapy Association, I wanted to keep you updated on my time at the conference.



Delegate lunch:

Highlights:

AATA is breaking up the country to have a Regional Government Affairs Chair. Our regional representative will have from Virginia down to Puerto Rico! Email's will be sent out soon for anyone interested in running.

The ATR is changing! There was talk of an exam out of graduate school to go along with the ATR. Once this exam was passed then the 1,000 hours can start and the board exam

after. Also, starting January 1, 2018 you will need to be a BC in order to supervise anyone obtaining the ATR. Please, please, please do not let your BC lapse you will need it going forward!

AATA is working on a Universal Art Therapy Insurance panel. Once we hopefully have a license, an insurance panel will accompany the credential.

AATA is also working on CACREP accreditation for all Art Therapy graduate programs. This is to go along with the NBCC only taking counseling degrees for the LPC (2022). If you are on the fence with obtaining the LPC think about doing it now. I am in the middle of the process and can help anyone with questions.

The Accreditation Council for Art Therapy Education (ACATE) is currently seeking nominations for positions beginning November 2016. Expected vacancies include a need for (3) art therapy educators, (2) art therapy practitioners and a (1) public member. Members will begin serving immediately following their election (expected to be November 1, 2016). For more information, including position descriptions, roles and time commitments, please visit <http://www.caahep.org/acate>

I had the opportunity to speak about the chapter restarting. I also made a shout out to the new officers!

License?!?!

During the meeting NJATA spoke about their process. They went back after many attempts and decided to follow the LPC. Since this seemed to work, along with a little luck, I would like partner with NJATA to have some help to introduce the LPCAT within the next three years. Anyone who has the BC would be grandfathered in, so again, please do not let your BC lapse!

Other ideas on this topic- CTATA (Connecticut) mentioned that they have been promised their bill would be signed as soon as the state has the funds to hold a meeting. In the meantime they were granted Title Protection. Anyone within the state of CT who is not an art therapist (does not hold a Masters in Art Therapy) and is practicing Art Therapy will be arrested and charged with a Class D felony. This is also something we as a chapter can

speak about at a later date. I would like to table licensure until after the November election. I have reached out to local candidates who are running.

With that I will need people to volunteer their time to help me with licensure!!!

My time at the conference:

When I wasn't networking....

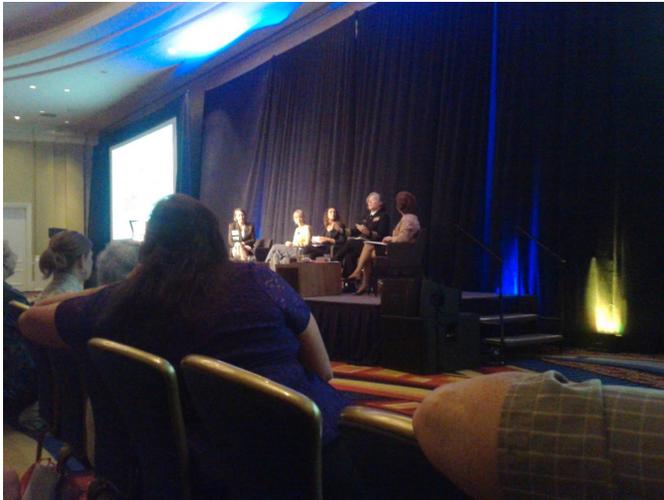
I attended:

Art Therapy in the Real World (Thursday Plenary Session)

Plenary

Donna Betts, *PhD, ATR-BC*

Donna Betts, PhD, ATR-BC, is President of the AATA, and Assistant Professor of Art Therapy at the George Washington University. An award-winning researcher and author, Dr. Betts has presented internationally on diverse topics reflecting her clinical work and research experiences. Dr. Betts was granted the 2012 AATA Research Award for her role in leading the study An Art Therapy Study of Visitor Reactions to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. She was a co-investigator on a 2012 multidisciplinary autism study funded by GW Medical Faculty Associates, which used Betts' strengths-based Face Stimulus Assessment (FSA). As the GW Art Therapy Project Lead for a Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) SBIR-funded study, Dr. Betts assisted in the development of a computer-based tool to help military service members express combat-related experiences through personal narratives in a graphic novel/sequential art format, through 2015.



This discussion was informative about real world applications of Art Therapy. The thing that stuck with me the most was a metaphor about a puzzle: " All the pieces of the puzzle are needed to make a whole." This was in reference to a multicultural need in Art Therapy.

Art Therapy and Behavioral Health: Exploring the Continuum of Practice (PP6155)

Paper

Jordan Potash, *PhD, ATR-BC, LCPAT*

Jordan S. Potash, PhD, ATR-BC, REAT, LCAT (NY), LCPAT (MD) is Assistant Professor in the Art Therapy Program at The George Washington University. He is also chairperson of the AATA Ethics Committee. Jordan's focus is on social change, community development, and cross-cultural relationships.

U.S. health care changes require increased wellness and prevention services in addition to therapy. Despite art therapy's diverse traditions, the field has frequently defined itself within a clinical context. The behavioral health perspective highlights various healthcare delivery models in which art therapists can demonstrate their relevance and efficacy.

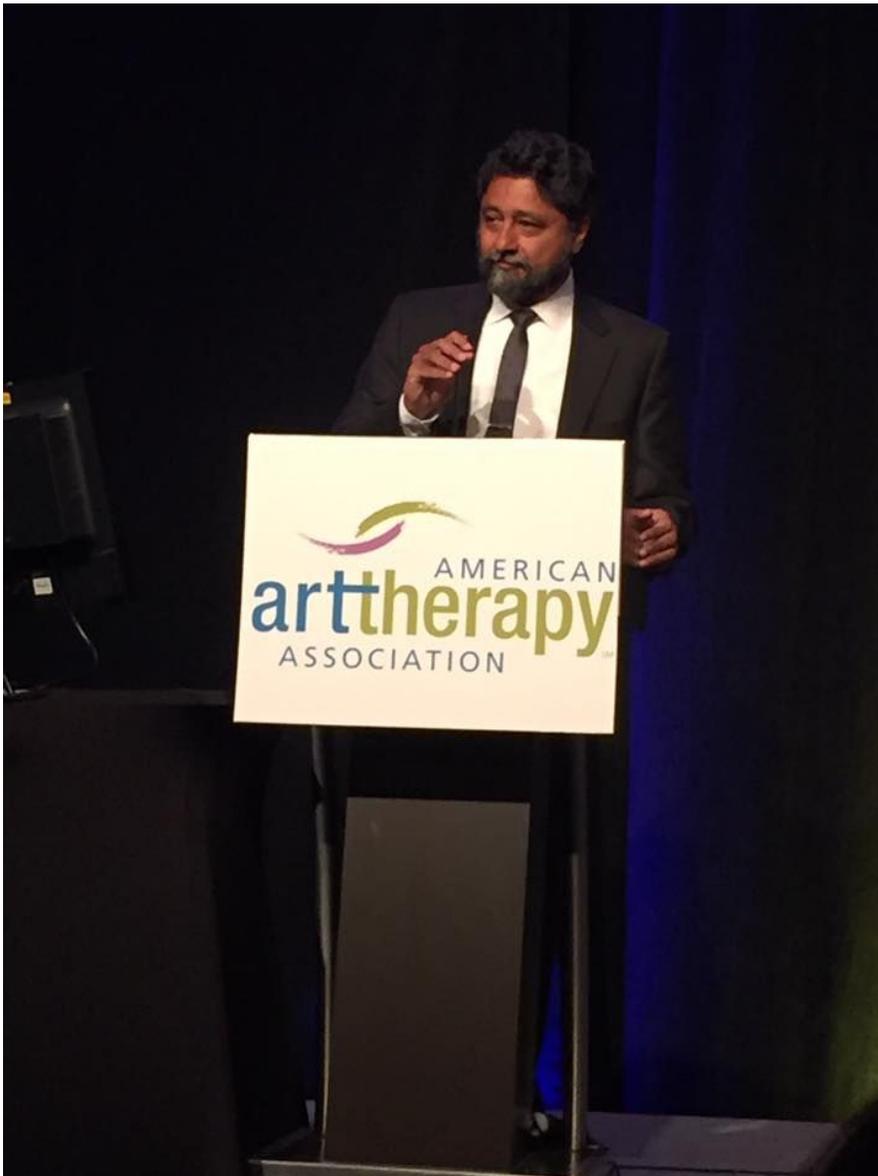
His paper gave me some idea's on how to start Art for Wellness groups here in NC.

The Neurology of Art (Friday Plenary) (RE)

Plenary

Anjan Chatterjee

Since the late 19th century neurology has played a critical role in advancing our understanding of large-scale human behavioral systems that underpin perception, language, emotions, and attention. Its role in aesthetics, however, has been limited. Qualitative observations on how neurological disease changes and sometimes improves art production will be presented.



His discussion went along with the panel discussion from the previous day. I was disappointed there was no time for questions. I feel like there should have been Q and A. This should be changed for next year. Funny story, I was leaving and on the elevator with him. He asked me what my letters on my name tag meant (See image below). I gladly told him and he wished me good luck in my endeavors! Hopefully he gave us some good luck!

For the complete conference brochure visit here:

<http://arttherapy.org/aata-conferences/>



Finally, I leave you with a thanks for sending me to my first conference! I was elated to be your delegate. Hope to see you all (seriously) in New Mexico!





Until next time!

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