

Special Edition!

ART THERAPY SYMPOSIUM

Developing Leadership: Art Therapy Advocacy At Home and Abroad

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Key Note Speaker

Honorary guest Wayne Ramirez, MFA, MS, ATR-R is a legend in the field with a history of experience that is sure to impress. We are thrilled to welcome him as our Key Note Speaker and excited to learn more about "In Search of Neorico & Art Therapy"

Special Guest

We are honored to have special guest Kathleen Mears, MPA, FSU Chief Legislator Affairs Officer who will play an integral role in Florida's fight for Art Therapy licensure.

Faces of FATA & FSU

Meet the dynamic teams of the Florida Art Therapy Association and Florida State University. These faces are eager to impart knowledge, share experiences, and answer your important questions at the Spring Symposium.



Breaking News!

What happens when two passionate entities combine forces toward a common goal? In this case! FATA and FSU are collaborating to explore local and international leadership in Art therapy an exciting weekend of panels, workshops, art making, and idea sharing at the Spring Symposium! Attendees will explore what it means to be a leader within the field of art therapy on both international and local levels. The event will kick off with an opening reception and art show, followed by a full day of presentations and open art studio, and ending with a "Day on the Hill" speaking with legislators to promote our licensure bill and advocating for the field of art therapy at the state capitol. We hope what you take away from this weekend will motivate, invigorate, and stimulate your practice of art therapy and the role you play for advancement of the field. Welcome to the 2018 Art Therapy Spring Symposium!



Key Note Speaker

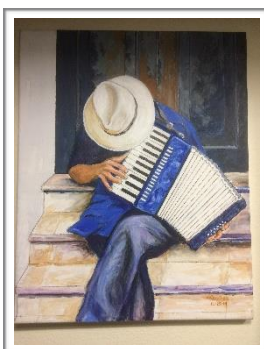


Wayne Ramirez, MFA, MS, ATR-R

was born in New York City of Puerto Rican parents in 1941. The family returned to Puerto Rico in 1955, where Wayne attended Colegio Ponceno de Varones high school, graduating in 1958. He continued his education, earning a bachelor's degree in Art from Interamerican University in San German, Puerto Rico in 1961 and went on to earn a Masters of Fine Arts degree from the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia in 1963 and a Master's of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee 1971.

Ramirez's professional career spans 54 years, including positions held as an Artist, Art Therapist, Counselor-Therapist, College Counselor and Instructor, High School Teacher, Special Education Coordinator, Statewide Director of Special Education, Middle and High School Principal, Headmaster/School Superintendent, Director of Non-Profit Organizations and Grant Writer in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

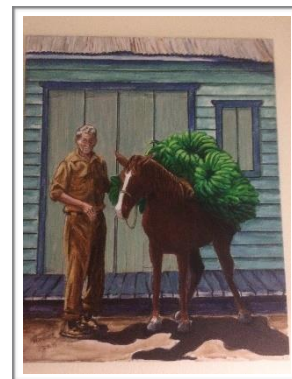
Ramirez was awarded Honorary Life Membership to the Wisconsin Art Therapy Association in 1969 and was recently awarded Honorary Life Membership and Board Membership to the Puerto Rico Art Therapy Association. Other accomplishments include: Founding President of the Wisconsin Art Therapy Association, the first art therapy organization established in the U.S.A. (incorporated May 16, 1969); Designed and taught the first art therapy courses at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, and Mount Mary University; Created the first art therapy internships for



graduate students and artists in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands; as the first Puerto Rican Headmaster/Superintendent of the college-preparatory Robinson School in Santurce, Puerto Rico, obtained funds to establish the first accessible learning center for students with learning disabilities, and an art gallery at the school; with his wife, MaryAnn Ramirez, jointly developed a Very Special Arts Festival program for Pennsylvania and

Puerto Rico that were recognized as a

national model by founder, Jean Kennedy Smith, and they were awarded a grant from The National Committee of Arts for the Handicapped to jointly establish the First Arts in Special Education program at the Victor Paris Special School in Hato Rey, Puerto Rico; In the U.S. Virgin Islands, received recognition from Senator Lorraine L. Berry stipulating "Their accomplishments would be recognized in a formal resolution that acknowledged the chronology of their endeavors covering the past decade for extraordinary work on behalf of disabled people." Ramirez published a children's book and directed a documentary film based on the Special Education Arts Mobile project which was featured at the Council for Exceptional Children's Conference and at the International Special Education Convention. More information about Wayne Ramirez is available in the Art Therapy Journal of the American Art Therapy Association, in a special report titled "Broadening History, Expanding Possibilities: Contributions of Wayne Ramirez to Art Therapy", by Jordan Potash and Wayne Ramirez (30(4) pp.169-176, 2013), and in a viewpoint titled "Restoring Wisconsin Art Therapy Association in Art Therapy History: Implications for Professional Definition and Inclusivity", by Jordan Potash, Michele Burnie, Rosemary Pearson and Wayne Ramirez (3(2)pp 99-102, 2016).



Special Guest



Kathleen Mears, MPA

is the Chief Legislative Affairs Officer at Florida State University. Prior to her work at Florida State University, Ms. Mears spent twenty years in various leadership positions in the Florida House of Representatives, the Florida Senate, and the Florida Governor's Office. She most recently served an unprecedented back-to-back term as the Chief of Staff for two Florida House Speakers. As the Chief Lobbyist for FSU at the State Capitol, Ms. Mears and her office staff work as a liaison between the FSU community and the executive and legislative branches of government. Special emphasis is placed on monitoring the Florida legislative process, from which the University receives funding. Ms. Mears earned her bachelor's in Sociology, graduating summa cum laude, and earned her master's in Public Administration from Florida State.

Meet Our Florida Art Therapy Association Members!

Lindsey Brooks, MS, ATR-BC, LMHC



has provided art therapy and mental health counseling to families across Tampa Bay since her graduation from Florida State University in 2013. She has experience working for community mental health nonprofits, serving individuals, families, children, teens, and couples within home, community, and school-based settings, as well as instructing undergraduate level art therapy courses at the University of Tampa. Additionally, Lindsey has spent the last four years as the contracted art therapist for the Children's Cancer Center in Tampa, providing individual and group art therapy to families whose child is battling pediatric oncology or chronic blood disease; she is currently working with the CCC to further develop and expand the reach of their art therapy program. Over the course of 2018, Lindsey plans to build her private practice in St. Petersburg. As Secretary of FATA, Lindsey hopes to continue efforts toward state licensure for art therapists in Florida.

Cristina Coffling-Blain, MA, ATR



Creator, explorer, mother and healer changing the world one heart at a time. Living in Europe, completed a BA at Richmond University, London, England and a MA from Notre Dame, Belmont, CA one of the first of few graduate art therapy programs in US. Since 2011 self employed Art Therapist specializing in PTSD, addiction and terminal illness from private pay, recovery centers to now over 25 Jacksonville based agencies I.e Wounded Warrior Project, Americorps, Children's Home society, Gulf Coast Jewish Family Community Services. In addition to individual clients and providing art therapy workshops, I welcome all advocacy opportunities to share the "art" of art therapy and how this unique approach can heal emotional constructs in ones life. Outside of my professional life, I am passionate about yoga, backpack Journeys, relish being a mother of two awesome boys, and exotic desserts and laughing -but not necessarily in that order.



Holly Ellison, MS, ATR-BC, LMHC

After graduating from the Art Therapy program at FSU in 2013, Holly has gained experience providing art therapy to individuals and families in the larger Tampa Bay area, providing in-home and school-based therapeutic services. Recently, Holly started her own practice, Creative Wellness, and also works part time at an acute inpatient psychiatric hospital. Holly is currently serving as Treasurer for the Florida Art Therapy Association.



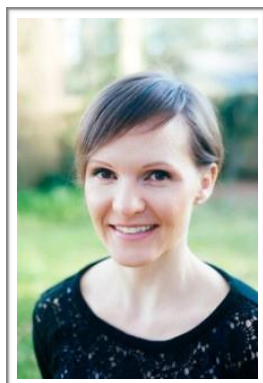
Franchesca Lastra Vicente, MS, ATR-P, RMHCI

recently graduated from the Art Therapy master's program at Florida State University and is a registered mental health counselor intern and a provisional registered art therapist in the Tampa, Florida area. She currently works at Bay Area Behavioral Services in Brandon, Florida providing art therapy services to children, families and adults as an outpatient therapist. As the State Conference Committee Chair of FATA, Franchesca is currently assisting with efforts to achieve licensure for art therapists in Florida.



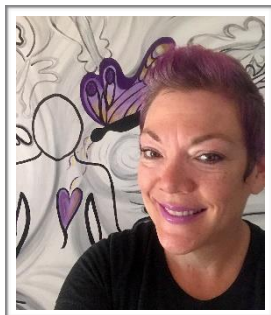
Joseph Scarce, MA-AT, MFT, ATR-BC

is a registered, board certified art therapist, with a specialization in community outreach and trauma services. Current areas of treatment are with children in hospital settings and with adult substance abuse groups. Past clinical experience includes art therapy with adult psychiatric inpatient, youth group homes, homeless outreach, foster care, residential treatment centers, and family and couples treatment. Joseph has been providing art therapy services to families in the Tampa Bay and surrounding area for over 15 years. He is a practicing artist and has been exhibited in many community-wide events related to raising community awareness of mental health issues including legislative issues, treatment, funding, and de-stigmatization. Joseph is the current President of the Florida Art Therapy Association, and is a professor at the University of Tampa in their Bachelor's Art Therapy program.



Jessie Spraggins Rochford, MS, ATR, LMHC

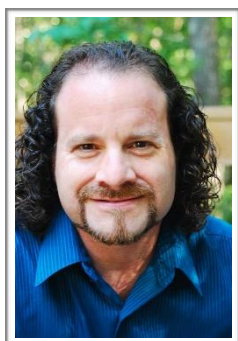
is a licensed mental health counselor in Florida and registered art therapist and has worked with young adults in a university counseling center setting for over nine years. She is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Art Education with a specialization in Museum Education and Visitor-Centered Exhibitions at Florida State University. Her current research interests focus on art therapy and wellness in museums, and her clinical interests include eating disorders, body image, and mindfulness.



Stephanie Wray, MA, RMHCI

graduated with a masters degree in Art Therapy with an emphasis in counseling from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods and was the recipient of the Alumni Outstanding Service and Responsible Leadership Award. Stephanie has dedicated the last 25 years in service to people with a range of mental health needs, including homelessness, addiction, domestic violence victims, youth at risk, and LGBTQ youth services. She simultaneously works as a professional artist, process art facilitator, and most recently, an art therapy and counseling intern at Pasadena Villa in Orlando and adjunct professor at the University of Tampa. Stephanie is FATA's membership chair and has assisted on various other committees since June of 2016. Recently she was able to go to Puerto Rico with members of FATA, PRATA and Stars of Hope to deliver art therapy services to hurricane survivors still living in shelters. Stephanie also co-presented with Joseph Scarce at the 2017 AATA National Conference to describe their community art response to the Pulse Nightclub shooting.

Meet the Florida State University Faculty Members!



David E. Gussak, PhD, ATR-BC

is Professor of Art Therapy and Chairperson of the Department of Art Education at Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL. He has published numerous articles and book chapters, and has lectured widely both nationally and internationally on art therapy in correctional settings, working with aggressive and violent clients, and forensic art therapy. He is the author of "Art on Trial: Art Therapy in Capital Murder Cases", and co-editor of the "Wiley Handbook of Art Therapy" with Dr. Marcia Rosal.

Barbara Parker-Bell, PsyD, ATR-BC

is Associate Professor and Director of the Art Therapy Program at Florida State University. She has extensive art therapy teaching and clinical experience with diverse populations and has presented in international and national venues. Most recently, Dr. Parker-Bell completed a Fulbright Teaching and Research Scholarship at Tomsk State University, Siberia, Russian Federation. Dr. Parker-Bell is currently the President of the Art Therapy Credentials Board as of January 2018.

Theresa Van Lith, PhD, ATR, AThR

currently works as an Assistant Professor and Clinical Coordinator at Florida State University. Her current research interests include: art therapy professional development, art therapy service delivery models within mental health services, art therapy evaluation models for mental health services, and mixed method and art-based research methods in art therapy. Most recently, Dr. Van Lith's interests have enabled her to work with art therapists from Iran and Ukraine, as well as with specific clinical populations including children with Autism Spectrum Disorder and children from Latino farm worker families.