

## ILLINOIS ART THERAPY ASSOCIATION 2017 ANNUAL CONFERENCE: September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017

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### *Call for Presentation Proposals*

#### **The Tree of Life: Reaching Out Across the Lifespan**

The Tree of Life is a metaphor that can be found in many different cultures, symbolizing growth, knowledge, the cycle of birth and death, and spirituality, among other ideas. The tree is also the dominant visual element of Darwin's theory of evolution, depicting living things as one giant family, with roots that stretch into the past, and branches that compete and cooperate with each other in an ongoing process of growth and change.

This year, our conference will explore art, art therapy, and human development throughout the life cycle. We welcome clinical, theoretical, community-based, multidisciplinary, and social justice focused proposals, as well as work that is addressing the current political climate. People from all backgrounds are encouraged to submit their work. Please elaborate on this theme in whatever direction inspires you the most. We anticipate that this conference will be a multifaceted discussion about being human.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:** Midnight on June 26th, 2017.

*IATA will notify all applicants of acceptance by July 16th. All presenters must register for the conference. Presenters will receive a 50% discount on the conference registration fee.*

To submit, please email your proposal as an attachment to [conference.iata@gmail.com](mailto:conference.iata@gmail.com). Questions may also be sent to IATA Conference Co-Chairs Amelia Thomley and Jenn Ross at this address.

#### **Types of Proposals Accepted**

- A. Lecture (50 minutes)
- B. Panel Discussion (80 minutes)
- C. Workshop (80 minutes)

#### **Please include the information below:**

- Cover page with name, credentials, address, email address, phone number, and type of presentation.
- Biographical Statement (do NOT include your name; 50 words or less)
- Title and Abstract (100 words)
- Summary of Presentation (600 words)
- Presentation Objectives (3 observable, measurable objectives)
- Reference List
- Any audio visual requests (i.e. projector, screen, dvd player) \*note that laptop and projector adaptors are not supplied through IATA. Please plan accordingly.
- Workshop proposals only: Include a list of requested art materials (please optimize for easy clean up) and statement of any anticipated risk to participants.

*\*\*\*This is a blind review process. Please include your name **only** on the cover page.\*\*\**

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

1. The Conference Committee strives to select proposals that will provide a variety of topics and presenters to create a diverse program. Due to the volume of high quality proposals submitted every year, many proposals will not be selected due to space and time limitations, although many rejected proposals hold a great deal of merit.
2. To avoid disqualification, please follow submission guidelines and adhere to deadlines.
3. Only emailed submissions will be accepted.