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Get involved with NWPPA

Volunteers are always welcome. Consider helping to organize an event, serving on the Executive Board, update the website, or helping with the newsletter. We welcome all.

Contact Vic Masone or any of the other executive board members.

President's Message

The Northwest Pennsylvania Psychological Association (NWPPA) has historically supported the advancements of the practice of psychology by providing a forum for the sharing of empirical research. Each year NWPPA hosts an academic panel that provides students and scholars a forum for sharing their research. This core value is reflected in our purpose which states:

The Purpose of the Association will be:

- 1. To enhance and advance relationships among professional psychologists in Northwestern Pennsylvania.*
- 2. To further the application of psychology as a field of scientific inquiry and professional practice.*
- 3. To promote quality psychological service for the betterment of human welfare through the maintenance of the ethical standards of the American Psychological Association, the Pennsylvania Psychological Association.*

The second article of our purpose clearly reflects our commitment to the enhancement of the field. Our organization has sponsored or co-sponsored numerous academic panels and are committed to continuing this tradition as long as the organization exists. Empiricism is one way

of connecting research with practice. It is also the vehicle that has led to the consistent expansion of our profession. Simply stated, empirical research is a way of gaining knowledge by means of direct and indirect observation or experience (From Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia). Such efforts have led to significant advances in the treatment of depression, PTSD and anxiety, just to name a few of the conditions improved by empiricism.

In furthering this tradition, NWPPA will be hosting its annual academic panel on February 27th at the Hilton Garden Inn on Peach Street in Erie, PA. The meet and greet (with hors d'oeuvres) will begin at 6:00 pm and the program will start promptly at 7:00 pm and last until 8:30 pm. Please support this worthy program by either participating or attending. If you are interested in presenting your work, please email me at vicmasone@yahoo.com.

Please invite your colleagues to our events and urge them to join NWPPA using the included form.

Victor Masone, Ph.D.
President, NWPPA

Announcements

Penn State Erie, The Behrend College,
Psychological Sciences & Human Behavior Series Present

The Psychology Colloquium Series

From Beginning to End: A Case Study of a North American Cult

Dr. Nicole Shoenberger, Assistant Professor of Sociology,
Penn State, Erie, The Behrend College
Wednesday, February 21 @ 6:00 pm Reed 117

Diverse Experiences of Gay Fathers

Dr. Samantha Tornello, Assistant Professor of Human Development
and Family Studies, Penn State, University Park
Tuesday, March 14 @ 6:00 pm Reed 117

All talks are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact: Carol Wilson, PhD, clw33@psu.edu

Food Addiction and Body Image

Why we use food as a drug
How it has such a powerful hold on us
What tools to use to overcome it

Kimberly Day

Author, Speaker, Blogger, Mother

Thursday, March 1, 2018 7:00 pm
Penn State Erie, The Behrend College Reed 117

Sponsored by: Penn State Erie Eating Disorder Support Team, Health and Wellness Center, Personal Counseling, and Athletics

NWPPA presents the

Annual Academic Research Panel

Speakers:

Steven Berg, Ph.D., Penn State Erie
*Release from proactive interference:
 Memory for words in segmentally similar contexts.*

Lisa Jo Elliott, Ph.D., Penn State Erie
Interface design matters.

February 27, 2017

Meet and Greet social and poster session with hors d'oeuvres 6 pm.
 Research panel 7:00 pm
 Hilton Gard Inn, Desert Dining Room

Faculty and graduate and undergraduate students are invited to share a poster presentation during the social hour 6-7 pm. Contact Vicki Kazmerski (vak1@psu.edu) or Vic Masone (vicmasone@yahoo.com) for more information.

Future Event

Regional Advocacy Day. We are planning with PPA for a Regional Advocacy Day to be held this spring. Similar events are planned for Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. These events discuss current legislative issues at the regional, state, and federal level. PPA staff will provide you with updated information and discuss current initiatives of APA. More information will follow.

For information about the Philadelphia event:
<http://www.papsy.org/page/RegAdvocacyDay>

Opportunity

Licensed Psychologist wanted to join Independent Practices of Psychology in Millcreek/Erie area. Office space available with secretary support for appointments starting January 2018.

For inquiries, please contact Dr. Jerry Troncone at 814-833-6898



MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Art Therapy Program Presents:

Monday, April 16, 2018

COMMUNITY LECTURE 6:00-7:30 P.M.

Social Media: Connection, Community, and Creativity
Mercyhurst Heritage Room

Come hear Gretchen M. Miller, Author of *The Art Therapist's Guide to Social Media* speak about how social media can enhance and strengthen professional engagement, collegial relationships, and creative practice. Discover how, as mental health professionals we can take a meaningful look at some of the challenges and benefits that social media can have on the clients we serve, the therapeutic relationship, and how to best navigate social media with purpose and responsibility in our own use. The significance and value of digital community for professionals will also be explored and its role in building knowledge, cultivating collegiate relationships and exchange, support, and professional identity. Finally, the role of how social media sites can also support creative drive, artist identity, and enthusiasm for art making and art-based endeavors will be presented. Meet the Author and Book Signing to follow. Free and open to the public.

FREE 1.5 Continuing Education (CEs) available. Sign in and registration for CEUs 5:15-6:00 PM.

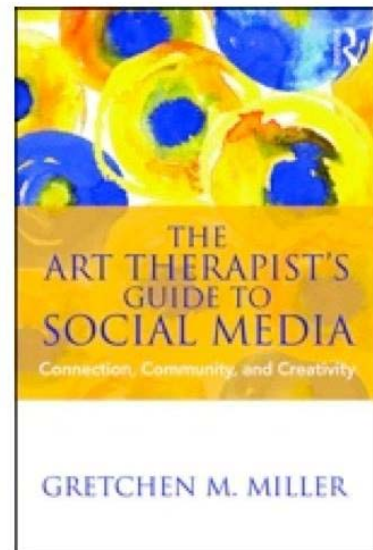


About the Presenter:

Gretchen M. Miller, MA, ATR-BC, ACTP is an art therapist who practices in Cleveland/Akron, Ohio. She is also an Adjunct Professor for Ursuline College's Counseling and Art Therapy Program. Her technology contributions include creating and managing various sites, forums, and blogging related to art therapy, creativity, and community organizing for art therapists; including serving as Web Editor of the American Art Therapy Association (AATA), the AATA's Social Media Committee, and Founder of the online communities Art Therapy Alliance and 6 Degrees of Creativity. She currently serves on the AATA Board of Directors.



ArtTherapistsGuideToSocialMedia.com



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2018 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

New Member: Y N

Professional ____ Student ____

DIRECTORY INFORMATION

NOTE: Please print clearly and as you would like information to appear in the directory.

Name _____ Degree _____

Licenses/Certifications _____

Area(s) of Specialization _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone (office) _____ (home) _____

EMAIL _____ FAX _____

Please indicate whether you would like to receive all correspondence via paper mail or email.

____ Send my newsletters via **email**. ____ Send my newsletters via **paper mail**.

Please indicate whether you agree to having your information published.

____ I *do* / *do not* agree to have the above information included in the membership directory

____ I *do* / *do not* agree to have the above information included on the NWPPA website (home phone #'s will not be used on the web).

Directory information may be used for referrals or for mailings regarding professional opportunities.

PLEASE MAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH PAYMENT TO:

**NWPPA
c/o Michael Bucell
12607 Forrest Drive
Edinboro, PA 16412**

DUES OPTIONS

____ \$55.00 PROFESSIONAL TWO YEAR MEMBERSHIP (Jan 2018 - Dec 2019)

____ \$30.00 Professional One Year Membership (Jan - Dec 2018)

____ \$10.00 Student (Jan - Dec 2018)

Checks should be made out to NWPPA. _____ Dues Amount

Additional Gift Contribution _____ Contribution

\$ _____ **TOTAL Enclosed**