

Ann E. Lawton, MS-ATR

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Artist. Art Therapist. Art Educator.

Education

- 2011 **Masters of Science in Art Therapy**
Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, WI (MMC)
- 2008 **Bachelors of Science—Broad Area Art Major, Psychology Minor**
University of Wisconsin—River Falls

Present Positions

- August 2011-Present **Lecturer of Art**, University of Wisconsin—River Falls, Art Department (UWRF)
January 2016-Present **Art Therapist**, Canvas Health, Clubhouse Recovery, Stillwater, MN
August 2013-Present **Art Therapist**, Student Health and Counseling Services, UWRF
May 2008-Present **Artist**, River Falls, WI, Emphasis in mixed media and documentation practices, aelawton.com

Professional Activities

- 2017 **Solo Exhibition**, Westfields Hospital, New Richmond, WI
Artist Residency, BreckCreate, Breckenridge, CO
Commission, Utility Box Beautification Project, River Falls Utilities, River Falls, WI
Juried Group Exhibition, ArtsWest 38, Eau Claire, WI. 2nd Place Winner for *Chasing Sleep*
- 2016 **Duo Show**, Ann E. Lawton and Brittany Polzin, *Utilitarian Effects*, Breakaway Arts, Hastings, MN
Juried Group Exhibition, *National Parks: Personal Narrative*, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI
Group Exhibition, *UWRF Faculty Show*, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI
Group Exhibition, *Collections*, Gallery 101, UWRF
Judge, 44th Annual Mid-Winter Art Show, New London, WI
- 2015 **Featured Artist**, Free Clinic of River Falls Benefit, River Falls, WI
Guest Artist and Presenter, Wolf River Art League, New London, WI
Guest Artist and Presenter, Gallery 224, Port Washington, WI
Judge, Art on the Kinni Art Fair, River Falls, WI
Featured Artist, Blick Madness Event, Roseville, MN
- 2013-present **Art Instructor**, Fox Den Books, River Falls, WI
Providing creative enrichment for children, teens and adults with a variety of media and projects. Each session has a specific art directive to explore with artistic media and personal expression.
- 2013 **Exhibitor**, Celebrating Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement Exhibition (UWRF)
Board Member, Pottery for Prevention fundraising event for Turningpoint
- 2012 **Group Exhibition**, *UWRF Faculty Show*, Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI
Exhibitor, Celebrating Research, Scholarship and Creative Achievement Exhibition (UWRF)
Facilitator and Artist, *Will You Make Art with Us?* Millennium Park, Chicago, IL
- 2011 **Featured Artist**, *The Original Show*, Flow Art Space, Minneapolis, MN
Solo Exhibition, *Witness Identities Unfolding*, Marion Gallery (MMC)
- 2010 **Featured Artist**, The Art Bar, Milwaukee, WI
Guest Artist, Delano Middle School, Delano, MN
- 2008 **Work Study Scholarship Recipient**, Penland School of Craft, Penland, NC
Featured Artist, Stone Soup Gallery, Hammond, WI
Solo Exhibition, *Fractures and Fissures*, First National Bank, River Falls, WI
Juried Exhibitor, *Paper in Particular*, Columbia, MO

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Professional Presentations

- 2017 **University of Wisconsin System Spring Conference on Teaching and Learning, La Crosse, WI**
“Accommodating Learning, Maintaining Academic Integrity and Balancing an Active Professional Practice”, Panel Session, Ann E. Lawton, Lyz Wendland, Rhonda Willers
- 2016 **Annual Spring Art Therapy Symposium, Mount Mary University, Milwaukee, WI**
“Integrative Care that Treats the Whole Person”, Keynote panel member
“Creative Escape: Group Art Therapy with Women Inmates in a County Jail Setting”
- TEDxUWRiverFalls, River Falls, WI**
“Art as Empowerment: The Virtue of Art Therapy”, presentation discussing the power art provides to heal, transform, and empower individuals and communities, focusing on the awareness of creative wellness and awareness of the art therapy field
- 2014 **Illinois State University—Normal, Bloomington-Normal, IL**
“Art and the Fountain of Youth: The Self and Soul Care of Art Making”, BRIDGES: Building Bridges for the Future Workshop for Professionals and Caregivers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
- 2013 **Croatian Society for Protection and Improvement of the Mental Health, Dubrovnik, Croatia**
“The Essence of Reflective Creation: The Importance of Personal Art Making and Professional Self-Care in the Mental Health Field”, International Congress of Persons in Medicine and Healthcare: Science and Art and the 3rd Croatian Congress on Prevention and Rehabilitation in Psychiatry
- 2012 **Institute of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture, Chicago, IL**
“Art Therapy: An Open Dialogue”, presentation on the importance of art in cultural identity, development and education, including the impact art therapy has with in a variety of populations and communities
- Hudson Hospital, Hudson, WI**
“Beyond Words: Art Therapy”, initial introduction of art therapy to hospital directors and staff
- 2011 **Aurora System Nurses Symposium, Milwaukee, WI**
“Art Therapy in the Medical Setting” presentation to nurses of the presence and importance of art therapy in psychological, emotional and spiritual healing of clients and professionals in the medical setting

Professional Experience

Teaching

August 2011-Present **Lecturer of Art, University of Wisconsin-River Falls Art Department**
Additional Responsibilities: Faculty advisor for the UWRF Art Therapy Club and a member of the Women and Gender Studies Curriculum Committee

Art Therapy Clinical Experience

February 2016-Present **Canvas Health, Clubhouse Recovery, Stillwater, MN**
Facilitator for Art Therapy groups for adults coping with mental illness

August 2013-Present **Student Health and Counseling Services, UWRF**
Art Therapist, leading and facilitating art therapy groups with students seeking help with issues including depression and anxiety

2013- 2015 **Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence, River Falls, WI**
Art Therapist, working with shelter clients and their families, and outreach clients to promote healing and empowerment through one-on-one, family and group sessions with the use of art

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Professional Experience Continued

2013-2015

St. Croix County Jail, Hudson, WI

Art Therapist, working with the women inmates through one-on-one and group art therapy, addressing issues including addiction, post-traumatic stress disorder, and mental health

2014

BRIDGE for Youth with Disabilities, River Falls, WI

Art Therapist, contracted for July and August, conducted art therapy groups for teens and young adults with cognitive, developmental and physical disabilities.

2011

Milwaukee Art Museum with the Southeastern Wisconsin Epilepsy Foundation

Group Art Therapy Facilitator, promoting self-esteem, empowerment, and community through viewing art at the Milwaukee Art Museum and art making in the on-site studio

Travel and Professional Development/Research

2016 **Southeastern Alaska:** Documentation and artistic inquiry of shifts in native artistic cultures and local ecology

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2010 **Peru:** Art Therapy internship working with communities in Arequipa, and the development of artistic research of past and evolving artistic traditions of urban and native Peruvian cultures

2009 **Egypt:** Exploration of historical antiquities and archeological sites, artistic understanding of past and present

2008 **Europe:** Investigation of past artistic traditions and contemporary art making practices

2004 **Europe:** Initial exploration and exposure of regional art and art history in respective locations

Professional Membership

American Art Therapy Association (AATA)

Wisconsin Art Therapy Association (WATA)

Minnesota Art Therapy Association (MNATA)