

ANN E. LAWTON

Artist. Art Therapist. Art Educator.

EDUCATION

MASTERS OF SCIENCE

Art Therapy
Mount Mary University (MMU)
Milwaukee, WI – May 2011

BACHELORS OF SCIENCE

Broad Area Art Major,
Psychology Minor
UW—River Falls (UWRF)
River Falls, WI – May 2008

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Registered Art Therapist: ATR #14-281
American Art Therapy Association
Wisconsin Art Therapy Association
Minnesota Art Therapy Association
River Falls Mental Health Task Force

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PRESENT POSITIONS

LECTURER OF ART | FROM AUG 2011 – PRESENT

University of Wisconsin – River Falls
Art Department, College of Arts and Sciences (CAS), Honors Program

2018 Outstanding Teaching Award for Excellence UWRF CAS

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH, SCHOLARLY and CREATIVE ACTIVITIES (URSCA) | Spring 2020

ART THERAPIST | FROM AUG 2013 - PRESENT

Student Health and Counseling Services, UWRF

ARTIST | FROM MAY 2008 - PRESENT

Emphasis in mixed media and sketchbook practices

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- 2020 **Guest Artist and Juror** | St. Olaf College, Northfield, MN
2019 **Author** | Inlusiveness and Critical Pedagogy, NCECA Journal, Vol. 40
Author | Review of the book *The Art Therapist's Guide to Social Media*, by Gretchen M. Miller. *Art Therapy: The Journal of the American Art Therapy Association*
2018 **Participant** | River Falls Art Crawl, River Falls, WI
Participant | Ekphrastic 3, SooVac Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
Group Exhibition | *Artist Identity*, Elle Studios, Milwaukee, WI
Juror and Reviewer | Visual Arts Classic, UW-Madison, Madison, WI
Guest Artist and Presenter | Gallery 96, Shoreview, MN
Guest Artist and Presenter | Westfields Hospital, New Richmond, WI
Juror | Wisconsin Regional Art Exhibit and Workshop, River Falls, WI
Workshop Facilitator | Ellsworth WI High School Teacher In-Service
Juror | Gallery 96 *Motion-Emotion* Exhibition, Shoreview, MN
2017 **Group Exhibition** | Hudson Hospital, Hudson, WI
Participant | River Falls Art Crawl, River Falls, WI
Group Exhibition | Bernice Ficek-Swenson Retrospective, UWRF
Participant | Ekphrastic 2.0, SooVac Gallery, Minneapolis, MN
Solo Exhibition | *Untranslatable*, Westfield Hospital, New Richmond, WI
Artist Residency | BreckCreate, Breckenridge, CO
Commission | River Falls Utility Box Beautification Project, River Falls, WI
Juried Exhibition | 2nd Place Winner, ArtsWest 38, Eau Claire, WI
2016 **Duo Exhibition** | with Brittany Polzin, Breakaway Arts, Hastings, MN
Group Exhibition | UWRF Art Dept. Faculty Show, The Phipps, Hudson, WI
Juried Exhibition | Nt'l Parks: Personal Perspective, The Phipps, Hudson, WI
Juror | 44th Annual Mid-Winter Art Show, New London, WI
2015 **Guest Artist and Presenter** | Wolf River Art League, New London, WI
Guest Artist and Presenter | Gallery 224, Port Washington, WI
Juror | Art on the Kinni Art Fair, River Falls, WI
2013-2011 **Board Member** | Pottery for Prevention Fundraiser, Hudson, WI
Group Exhibition | UWRF Art Dept. Faculty Show, The Phipps, Hudson, WI
Facilitator | *Will You Make Art with Us?* Millennium Park, Chicago, IL
Featured Artist | *The Original Show*, Flow Art Space, Minneapolis, MN
Group Exhibition | *Witness Identities Unfolding*, MMU, Milwaukee, WI
Featured Artist | The Art Bar, Milwaukee, WI

ART THERAPY SPECIALTIES

Individual and Group Therapy with Children, Adolescence, and Young Adults

Depression, Anxiety, and Mood Disorders

Cognitive, Emotional, and Developmental Disorders

Trauma, Grief, Crisis, and Life Transitions

Gender Identity and Sexuality

ART THERAPY APPROACHES

Adlerian, Person-Centered, Cognitive Behavioral

Art as Therapy and Art Psychotherapy

COURSES TAUGHT (UWRF)

Introduction to Visual Art

2D Design Foundations

Drawing I, II and Studio Drawing

Introduction to Art Therapy

First Year Adventure: The Power of Doodling, Drawing and Design

Honors Senior Seminar
Special Topics: Artistic Observation

Special Topics: Visual Journaling

Independent Studies in Art Therapy
Research

MEDIA SPECIALTIES

Drawing, Watercolor, Collage and Mixed Media, Sketchbook Practices

ART THERAPY PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019-2020 **Brittany's Place | Shelter for Commercially Trafficked and Solicited Girls**
St. Paul, MN | Art Therapist

2019 **Camp Reunite for Children of Incarcerated Mothers**
Campbellsport, WI | Art Therapist

2018 **Crisis Response Team / Mental Health Responder**
Barron, WI | Art Therapist

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River Falls, WI | Art Therapist

2015-2018 **Canvas Health, Clubhouse Recovery**
Stillwater, MN | Art Therapist

2014 **BRIDGE for Youth with Disabilities**
River Falls, WI | Art Therapist

2013-2015 **Turningpoint for Victims of Domestic and Sexual Violence**
River Falls, WI | Art Therapist and Victims Advocate

2013-2015 **St. Croix County Jail**
Hudson, WI | Art Therapist

2011 **Milwaukee Art Museum and Southeastern WI Epilepsy Foundation**
Milwaukee, WI | Graduate Art Therapy Intern

2011 **Aurora St. Luke's Medical Center and Lombardi Cancer Care Clinic**
Milwaukee, WI | Graduate Art Therapy Intern

2010 **MMC Cross-Cultural Internship**
Arequipa, Peru | Art Therapy Intern

2010 **Bel Air Care Center**
Milwaukee, WI | Art Therapy Intern

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2011-Present **University of Wisconsin-River Falls | Lecturer of Art**
Art Department, College of Arts and Sciences, Honors Program

Academic Service

2020: Assistant Director of URSCA (Undergraduate Research, Scholarly and Creative Activities)

2019-2022: Elected Member of the Academic Staff Council

2015-Present: CAS First Year Adventure Teaching Fellow

2015-2017: Women and Gender Studies Curriculum Committee

2014-Present: Faculty Advisor for the Art Therapy Club

2011-Present: BFA Thesis Review Committee

2013-2019 **Fox Den Books, River Falls, WI | Art Educator**
Designed and facilitated focused art sessions for children, teens and adults

2016-2017 **Ellsworth Public Library, Ellsworth, WI | Art Educator**
Designed and facilitated art experiences for middle school students

2011-2012 **Free Arts Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN | Art Educator**
Facilitated art group for at-risk children and teenagers

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 **Annual Wisconsin Art Therapy Association Spring Symposium, MMU, Milwaukee, WI**
Workshop Facilitator | "The Art Therapist's Sketchbook" *Cancelled due to COVID-19
- 2019 **Annual Wisconsin Art Therapy Association Spring Symposium, MMU, Milwaukee, WI**
Presenter | "Art Therapist and Accidental Adjunct: Inclusive and Critical Pedagogies in Undergraduate Art Therapy Education"
- Claytopia—National Counsel of Education for the Ceramic Arts (NCECA), Minneapolis, MN**
Panelist | "YES. SHE. CAN." Chipstone Panel, Ann E. Lawton, Angelica Pozo, Adrienne Spinozzi, Rebecca Sive
- Claytopica—NCECA, Minneapolis, MN**
Breakout Session Presenter | "The Truths We Share"
- Critical Pedagogy in the Arts Therapies Conference, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, NYC**
Panelist | Lineage & Legacy Emergent Panel
- 2018 **Sketchkon, Pasadena, CA**
Presenter | "Respect the Mess"
- 2017 **University of Wisconsin System Spring Conference on Teaching and Learning, La Crosse, WI**
Panelist | "Accommodating Learning, Maintaining Academic Integrity and Balancing an Active Professional Practice." Panel session, Ann E. Lawton, Lyz Wendland, Rhonda Willers
- 2016 **Annual Wisconsin Art Therapy Association Spring Symposium, MMU, Milwaukee, WI**
Panelist | "Integrative Care that Treats the Whole Person." Keynote panel
- Annual Wisconsin Art Therapy Association Spring Symposium, MMU, Milwaukee, WI**
Presenter | "Creative Escape: Group Art Therapy with Women Inmates in a County Jail Setting"
- TEDxUWRiverFalls, River Falls, WI**
Presenter | "Art as Empowerment: The Virtue of Art Therapy"
- 2014 **Bridges: Building Bridges for the Future for Professionals and Caregivers of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children, Illinois State University--Bloomington-Normal, IL**
Presenter | "Art and the Fountain of Youth: The Self and Soul Care of Art Making"
- 2013 **International Congress of Persons in Medicine and Healthcare: Science and Art and the 3rd Croatian Congress on Prevention and Rehabilitation in Psychiatry, Croatian Society for Protection and Improvement of Mental Health, Dubrovnik, Croatia**
Presenter | "The Essence of Reflective Creation: The Importance of Personal Art Making and Professional Self-Care in the Mental Health Field."
- 2012 **Institute of Puerto Rican Arts and Culture, Chicago, IL**
Presenter | "Art Therapy: An Open Dialogue"
- 2011 **Aurora System Nurse Symposium, Milwaukee, WI**
Presenter | "Art Therapy in the Medical Setting"