

Interest Group Community Arts Caucus (CAC)



Greetings! My name is Andres L. Hernandez, and I am the Past President of the Community Arts Caucus (CAC) Interest Group.

I hope you all are well and have enjoyed the summer months, hopefully with a little relaxation and artmaking thrown in for good measure.

It's been a while since you've heard from CAC, so I'd like to update you on a few things. Since the 2017 NAEA National Convention in New York City, we've had some changes in the leadership of our Interest Group. First, I'd like to personally thank our outgoing CAC Executive Committee members for their service over the last few years: Jennifer Combe, Past President; Jody Boyer, Vice President; and Marit Dewhurst,

Communications Liaison. All three helped give new life to our Interest Group, including developing our first ever CAC website, reviewing Convention proposals, selecting our CAC Travel Award recipients, and organizing our CAC Convention Tour. We wish them much success in their future endeavors, and are extremely grateful for their service to our members.

During our annual Business Meeting at the Convention, we elected our current CAC Executive Committee members. Please join me in welcoming our new leadership: Kate Collins, President; and Dianne Sanchez Shumway, Vice President. As Past President, I look forward to working with both of them to continue shaping CAC and supporting our membership.

I'd also like to congratulate Jessica Nelson, who was selected as our 2017

We'd love to hear any ideas you might have in support of the CAC mission, and of course, we'd like to learn more about the amazing work our CAC members are doing in the field.

CAC Travel Award recipient. Jessica was able to attend the New York City Convention with the help of this award, and delivered a great presentation entitled, Implementing a Portraiture Methodology in a Community-Based Arts Framework. For those of you that are unfamiliar with this initiative, the CAC grants a travel award each year to an emerging practitioner in the field to support attendance at the NAEA National Convention. Please stay tuned for our travel award application for the 2018 Convention in Seattle in the coming months.

In the meantime, we encourage you to stay connected with CAC by joining our Facebook group (www.facebook.com/groups/325319077516100), as well as bookmarking our CAC website (<https://communityartscaucus.org>). We're working hard to bring some new initiatives to our membership, as well as preparing a robust community arts tour during the Seattle Convention. We'd love to hear any ideas you might have in support of the CAC mission, and of course, we'd like to learn more about the amazing work our CAC members are doing in the field. If you'd like to spread the word about your community arts work, please send a link and/or photos of projects you are working on or have recently completed to ahernaz@saic.edu.

We wish you the best for the start of a new school year, and encourage you all to stay committed to doing meaningful, arts-based work in your respective communities. Take care! ■



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