

Art Therapy Professor Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



Bruce Moon, chair of the art therapy department, graduate art therapy program director and professor at Mount Mary College, has received an Honorary Life Member Award from the American Art Therapy Association, their most prestigious honor.

Moon has been an art therapist and art therapy educator for more than 30 years. He was honored for his outstanding contribution to the profession of art therapy at the national AATA conference in November in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“I’m humbled and honored and touched,” he said of the award.

Moon was recognized for his major contributions to the profession of art therapy,

his longstanding contributions to the AATA and his creative achievements in the arts as they relate to art therapy.

Lynn Kapitan, professor of graduate art therapy and past president of AATA, said:

“Bruce’s influence on his students is far reaching and they consistently reward him with the highest praise. His colleagues benefit from his leadership and fully appreciate his commitment to excellence and innovation. He is recognized as accomplished in teaching, leadership and social activism in ways that transform students to transform the world.”

Moon holds a BS in art education from Wright State University, an MA in education and a M. Div. from Methodist Theological School in Ohio, and a Ph.D. from The Union Institute in Cincinnati.

“The Lifetime Award honor is the top honor in the association,” Kapitan said. “What’s unusual about this award is that Bruce is the only Honorary Life Member in the country directing a program. It’s long overdue and we are proud of him.”