

2020 ATRA Virtual Conference Master Schedule

OPENING WEEKEND EVENTS

Recorded educational sessions and intensives will be available starting at 8a (ET) on Saturday. Squeeze in a few sessions in between errands and family events, and plan for engaging LIVE activities beginning at 7p.

	Saturday 10/17	Sunday 10/18
7:00 – 8:30p	<p>Conference Social – Trivia Mania! (7 – 8p)</p> <p>Join conference attendees for a dynamic and engaging trivia contest in this remote social event. This high energy environment full of online puzzles and creative challenges will get you hyped for the conference. Small group trivia and game rooms with “game producers” will keep you on your toes in an entertaining and fun environment. See if you can be the ATRA Trivia Hero!</p>	<p>Welcome and Opening Keynote Address (7 – 8:30p) Opening Keynote Address: What I have Learned from COVID Ms. Sandy Negley, MS, MTRS, CTRS, FDRT</p> <p>These are unique times and each person on some level, has evaluated themselves, their larger community, and their profession. Sandy will share the lessons she has learned through her evaluation during the pandemic. In the end, she will ask each attendee to evaluate, “What I learned from COVID?” and use these insights to create a greater understanding and acceptance of self. She will also challenge each of us to take the lessons given to our profession and use them to reform and ensure that in the future RT is known for the essential services we provide in health and recreation.</p> <p>Sandy Negley will inspire you with her review of where we have been, where we are, and where we are going as ESSENTIAL and necessary workers. You are important and your truly are a hero. Be inspired and uplifted!</p>
8:30 – 9:30p	<p>Meet and Greet</p> <p>After Trivia Mania, take a stroll over to the Networking Lounge for a Meet and Greet. Connect with other conference attendees in discussions, live chats and instant messaging.</p>	<p>Practice Settings</p> <p>Sandy’s inspiring message will give you energy and excitement. Head on over to the Networking Lounge to connect with others who are practicing in the same settings. Looks for individuals who are working in the same type of organizations, settings, and environments to share ideas about your practice.</p>

WELLNESS SESSIONS

	Monday 10/19	Tuesday 10/20	Wednesday 10/21	Thursday 10/22	Friday 10/23
8:00 – 8:30a	Wellness Session: Meditation	Wellness Session: Yoga	Wellness Session: Yoga	Wellness Session: Yoga	Wellness Session: Meditation
11:30a – 12:00p	Morning Break: World Walking	Morning Break: World Walking	Morning Break: World Walking	Morning Break: World Walking	Morning Break: World Walking

Join other conference attendees for wellness sessions, starting at 8a (ET) log in to participate in yoga and meditation sessions. At 11:30a, check in for a walking group, where you can join other conference attendees for a morning exercise break.

Recorded educational presentations and intensives will be available throughout the day and evening.

EXHIBIT HALL

	Monday 10/19	Tuesday 10/20	Wednesday 10/21	Thursday 10/22	Friday 10/23
12:00 – 2:00p	LIVE Exhibit Hall	LIVE Exhibit Hall	LIVE Exhibit Hall	LIVE Exhibit Hall	LIVE Exhibit Hall

From 12 – 2p each day, vendors will be at their booths in the exhibit hall to share their products and information, as well as answer questions you may have. Be sure to check in and explore the products, services, and equipment available for recreational therapists.

STUDENT EVENTS

	Monday 10/19	Tuesday 10/20	Wednesday 10/21	Thursday 10/22	Friday 10/23
2:30 – 4:00p	Student Event – Research Forum and Panel Discussion	Student Event – Internship Fair	Student Event – Becoming a Professional: Panel Discussion		Student Event – Broadcast of NCTRC Session on Certification
8:30 – 9:30p				Student Event – Trivia!	

Student events will be held each day from 2:30 – 4:00p. Events to be announced soon!

LIVE CONTENT

	Monday 10/19	Tuesday 10/20	Wednesday 10/21	Thursday 10/22	Friday 10/23
5:30 – 6:30p	Town Hall	Town Hall	Town Hall	Town Hall	Town Hall
7:00 – 8:30p	<p>LIVE Session Research Institute</p> <p>Learn about specific research and intervention studies designed to contribute to the evidence-based practices of recreational therapy.</p> <p>Research on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taekwondo for DD/IDD • Walking and Mental Health • Yoga in Assisted Living 	<p>LIVE Session 7:00 – 8:00p “Empowering Superheroes” – 2020 – what a year! A global pandemic, quarantine, changes in regulations, juggling home and professional lives... we could go on, but you were there and know what happened. You were a SUPERHERO who rose to the challenges you encountered every day – doing your best to serve your clients and organizations, continuing to be the best recreational therapists possible. Thank you!</p> <p>In this live general session, hear from the ATRA Leadership on what is happening within the organization to empower and advocate for you and the recreational therapy profession. Information on ATRA’s strategic plan to advance recreational therapy will be shared, and attendees will be challenged to identify their involvement and potential contribution to grow the</p>	<p>LIVE Session – Midweek Keynote Inclusion and Justice in Recreational Therapy: Mundane Heroics at the Speed of Light Dr. Stephen Lewis</p> <p>2020 is often characterized as a time of uncertainty and unrest as social justice movements surge within the context of a global pandemic. Politicians and headlines emphasize divisiveness and often leave us with feelings of fear, anger, and helplessness, regardless of which side of the political isle we align with. In this session, participants are encouraged to disengage with inflammatory rhetoric, and look through the lens of our code of ethics to see how contemporary diversity, inclusion, and social justice issues directly impact the way we provide RT services.</p>	<p>LIVE Session Advocacy and Legislative Update Peter Thomas, JD, Dawn DeVries and Tim Passmore</p> <p>Learn about current legislation and public policy, as well as issues to be aware of related to disability and recreational therapy as we head into the election. ATRA’s Lobbyist will share insights from Washington DC, along with questions and answers from the ATRA’s A & L team.</p>	<p>LIVE Session Understanding the Standards of Practice as it Relates to our Ethical Responsibility Therapy Heather Bright and MaryJo Archambault</p> <p>Participants will explore the content of the ATRA Standards of Practice, understand their ethical responsibility, and learn how these can and should guide the process of developing policies and procedures for a Recreational Therapy department or program. Participants will learn the basics of policy and procedure writing to aid in the development and/or revision of their current policies and procedures.</p>

		<p>profession. Updates on partnerships, advocacy, and challenges for practice will be presented.</p> <p>8:00 – 9:00p The ATraEAM and “Celebrating Heroes” – The annual Awards ceremony will recognize outstanding recreational therapists and partners for their contributions to the field.</p>	<p>In addition to the speaker, pre-recorded interview segments will be infused into this session to highlight practical strategies we can start implementing immediately to better empower our RT environments as sites of authentic inclusion and justice. Join us in moving ATRA towards a shared horizon of inclusive excellence!</p>		
8:30 – 9:30p	Educators Gathering in the Networking Lounge	Practice Setting Connections in the Networking Lounge	ATRA Leadership in the Networking Lounge	Student Trivia Night in the Networking Lounge	Chapter Connections in the Networking Lounge

5:30 – 6:30p Join the ATRA Board for discussions and information about a variety of subjects from community inclusion to diversity to practicing in a COVID world. Topics to be announced soon!

7:00 – 8:30p LIVE sessions will offer perspectives and content that is important to recreational therapists. These sessions will be LIVE streamed. For those unable to attend the LIVE session, the sessions will be offered in an ENCORE format beginning October 26.

8:30 – 9:30p NETWORKING Events – one of the best things about attending a conference is the opportunity to network, connect with old friends and mentors, and build new relationships. The virtual conference will offer the same types of networking experiences (minus the food). Be sure to head to the Networking Lounge each night after the LIVE session to connect with other recreational therapists from around the world.

CLOSING WEEKEND EVENTS

	Saturday 10/24	Sunday 10/25
12:00 – 2:00p	<p>Exhibit Hall – virtual</p> <p>Wander through the virtual exhibit hall for those last minute reviews and ideas for your supply and equipment closet.</p> <p>*Vendor booths may not be manned during this time but you will still be able to view the content.</p>	<p>Exhibit Hall – virtual</p> <p>Take one last stroll through the exhibit hall for resources, supplies and equipment.</p> <p>*Vendor booths may not be manned during this time but you will still be able to view the content.</p>
7:00 – 8:30p	<p>LIVE Session Destination International: Recreational Therapy on the Slow Boat to China Dr. Lexi McKenney</p> <p>Realizing the goal of seeing Recreational Therapy (RT) recognized globally is one that takes patience and perseverance. Like developing the steps to meeting such an ambitious goal, this presentation is a work in progress. For now, think of it as one for the dreamers; for those who “get it” and know there is something truly special about RT, and hope to see it become what it is meant to be—a profession that is available to all, regardless of geographical or cultural differences, or languages spoken. It is for the attendee who intuitively knows that its value extends well beyond the North American borders. This presentation will include a description of select attempts and successes in advancing RT education internationally with a focus on a recreational therapy degree program that is presently offered in Italy, as well as descriptions of select RT study abroad programs. In addition, ideas for how to use existing programs as springboards for promoting RT in countries outside of North America will be discussed. A no boundaries approach to viewing RT will be central to understanding and joining in on the efforts to internationalize RT.</p>	<p>LIVE Session Closing Endnote – Recreational Therapists: Everyday Heroes Dr. Brent Wolfe</p> <p>Join ATRA’s Executive Director to be inspired as you move forward into 2020 and 2021. Hear about how you as a recreational therapist are an everyday hero, and how you can continue to soar with your superhero powers.</p>
8:45 – 10:45p	<p>Netflix Watch Party</p>	

	After the LIVE general sessions, grab a bowl of popcorn and settle on the couch for a Netflix Watch Party with other conference attendees. More details coming on the movie and how to join this event!	
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LIVE Content begins at 7:00 – 8:30p