



## Updates from NEA Research Labs awarded in FY 2017

- [Drexel University](#)'s Arts Research on Chronic Stress Lab is conducting two studies examining the impact of creative arts therapy on health and social-emotional wellbeing. The lab recently posted an [article on the challenges of recruiting participants](#) for studies of long-term health interventions and soon will post an article with lessons learned from interdependent research collaborations in health.
- [University of Arkansas, Fayetteville](#) has been collecting and analyzing data on fourth- and fifth-graders to examine how arts-related fieldtrips affect student social and emotional outcomes. The lab also hosts a [regular blog](#) on arts and youth development research. A recent post discusses the challenges and opportunities related to experimental studies in primary and secondary school settings.
- [University of Iowa's Rural Policy Research Institute](#) (RUPRI) The RUPRI Cultural Wealth Lab explores the intersection of rural arts and culture, entrepreneurship and innovation, and the role of cultural wealth within a Rural Wealth Creation and Distribution framework. This approach unites the knowledge and lived experience of diverse scholars and practitioners. Details regarding the framework, lab team, National Technical Working Group, and a [recent lab webinar](#) can be accessed at the [lab website](#).
- [Vanderbilt University](#) has been designing a national survey about the arts' relationship to creative attitudes and behaviors in the general population. The lab has published a draft [literature review](#) on the topic.