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NATIONAL PSYCHOANALYTIC ASSOCIATION AWARDS MOTHER JONES WITH JOURNALISM AWARD FOR SERIES EXAMINING MASS SHOOTERS

New York, NY (January 12, 2017) – The American Psychoanalytic Association will present its 2017 **Award for Excellence in Journalism** to Mark Follman, national affairs editor at *Mother Jones*, for his in-depth series “[Inside the Race to Stop the Next Mass Shooter](#)”, which includes several supplemental articles: “[How the Media Inspires Mass Shooters](#)”; “[The Chilling Rise of Copycat Mass Shooters](#)”; and “[The Orlando Mass Shooter Checked Facebook for News of His Attack as He Killed.](#)”

“Mr. Follman’s articles are psychoanalytic,” said Sue Kolod, chair of the Association Committee on Public Information. “The true aim of psychoanalysis is to unlock deep, unconscious thoughts, feelings and motivations. This series offers new perspectives on what drives mass shooters, rather than the same repeated politicized arguments.”

The Award for Excellence in Journalism recognizes professional reporting that offers a deeper understanding of human behavior, or of the mind, or of a societal issue. It will be presented at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, January 20, during the American Psychoanalytic Association’s 2017 National Meeting, taking place at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

"I've learned through years of reporting that there are no simple answers for why people commit mass shootings, but also that there is hope for understanding and reducing these attacks," said Follman. "I'm honored that this respected group of mental health professionals has recognized my work."

The Award for Excellence in Journalism is given out annually and is accompanied by a \$1000 prize. To be eligible, work must have been written in English and intended for the layperson. Entries for the 2017 award must be published between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016. Eligibility and submission requirements can be found at apsa.org.

About The American Psychoanalytic Association

The American Psychoanalytic Association is a professional organization of psychoanalysts with approximately 3,000 members. The Association is comprised of psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, educators, researchers and students who have an interest in psychoanalysis and psychoanalytic therapy. Visit apsa.org for more information.

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