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Tampa Bay Times Wins Journalism Award from American Psychoanalytic Association

New York, NY (February 12, 2018) – The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsAA) will present its 2018 **Award for Excellence in Journalism** to Kathleen McGrory for her Tampa Bay Times article “[Worthy of Survival](#)” – a deeply profound story of one man’s recovery and resilience following the mass shooting at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando on June 12, 2016 that killed 49 people and injured 58.

“This is a powerful story about trauma and resilience,” said Sue Kolod, chair of the Association’s Committee on Public Information. “Psychoanalysts have studied the effects trauma has on the human mind and development since the days of Sigmund Freud. But we also know how resilience allows people to overcome trauma. That is why this story about Angel Santiago was selected for our 2018 award, because we know that despite horrific tragedies, violence and trauma, mental scars can heal.”

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 5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 16, during the American Psychoanalytic Association’s 2018 National Meeting, taking place at the New York Hilton Hotel in New York City.

“This recognition from a respected group of mental health professionals is a tremendous honor,” said Kathleen McGrory. “After the tragedy at the Pulse nightclub, the Tampa Bay Times set out to follow a survivor and document the impact of the shooting over time. As it turned out, Angel Santiago’s story was about more than just survival. It was about rebirth and hope.”

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 2018 award must have been published between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017. 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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