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**Wins American Psychoanalytic Association's
2020 Journalism Award**

New York, NY (February 11, 2020) – The American Psychoanalytic Association (APsAA) will present its **2020 Award for Excellence in Journalism** to Laura Santhanam from PBS NewsHour for her online report “[How Detention Causes Long-term Harm to Children](#)”.

“Psychoanalysts know through research as well as clinical experience that detaining children and separating them from their parents, has profound mental health consequences. In fact, our association has spoken out and advocated against the current immigration policies which are traumatizing children and their families,” said Sue Kolod, Ph.D. co-chair of the Association’s Committee on Public Information. “We selected this article for its in-depth reporting and psychological sophistication; but more importantly for its inherent call-to-action to end these harmful practices.”

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 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 14, during the American Psychoanalytic Association’s 2020 National Meeting, taking place at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City.

"For decades, research has shown and experts have warned us that neglecting children harms their development and long-term mental health. After the U.S. separated migrant children from their caregivers and detained them in institutions away from their loved ones, I needed to resurface what science has made clear so we as a society know what is at stake when any child is detained."

The Award for Excellence in Journalism is given out annually and is accompanied by a \$1,000 prize. To be eligible work must have been written in English and intended for the layperson. For more information about the award visit 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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