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**LAUNCH OF BETA VERSION OF
PRIMARY SOURCES IN COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGY, 1950 TO PRESENT,
A NEW ONLINE DATABASE FROM SAGE AND ALEXANDER STREET PRESS**

(June 20, 2007) — SAGE Publications and Alexander Street Press announced today that they are gearing up for the release of the beta version of the new database, ***Primary Sources in Counseling and Psychology, 1950 to Present*** which is planned for the American Library Association Meeting, June 23-25 in Washington DC.

SAGE collaborated with Alexander Street Press to create this unique online research tool, which will serve psychologists, physicians, therapists, and students in the mental health disciplines, along with students of literature, linguistics, and anthropology.

Primary Sources in Counseling and Psychology contains 2,000+ transcripts of actual therapy sessions, almost 40,000 pages of first-person accounts and 25,000 pages of major reference works. Contents include non-fiction, first person diaries, letters, autobiographies, oral histories, and personal memoirs, along with the full text of therapy sessions.

The material is clustered around 40 topical subject areas and organized into three sections:

- ** Transcripts*
Previously unpublished transcripts of more than 2,000 hours of psychotherapy sessions providing the full text of therapist-client conversations, edited only to preserve anonymity.
- ** Primary Accounts*
First person accounts of coping with mental illness and trauma. Similar to slave narratives, the accounts explore the relationship between patient and doctor, reality and the imagination, sanity and madness.
- ** Handbooks and Reference Works.*
More than 25,000 pages of reference works published by SAGE complement and provide context to the primary sources.

“Previously, personal accounts by clients and records of their therapy experiences were not widely available,” commented Stephen Rhind-Tutt, President of Alexander Street Press. “Researchers relied on textbooks and journal articles, which rarely offered the candid voice of the client. The new database fills a gap, opening up a world of primary sources for therapists, clients, and students to explore and analyze.”

“SAGE has long been a leader in publishing in the fields of psychology and counseling,” added Alison Mudditt, Executive Vice President, of SAGE’s Higher Education Group. “This new database is just one more way SAGE is providing world-class research experiences to both students and professionals.”

Primary Sources in Counseling and Psychology, 1950 to Present will be available online in June 2007, through one-time purchase of perpetual rights or by annual subscription. The database will grow to more than 100,000 pages by early 2008 with subscribers receiving 30,000+ pages of new material each year. Those purchasing perpetual rights will receive all updates through the end of 2008 and thereafter will pay a pro-rata update fee.

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