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**SAGE SARA MILLER MCCUNE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FUND
CREATED AT HOWARD SAMUELS CENTER AT CUNY GRAD CENTER**

Los Angeles, London, New Delhi, Singapore and Washington DC (March 13, 2009) – SAGE announced today that it has created the SAGE Sara Miller McCune Research Fellowship Fund at the Howard Samuels Center, at the City University of New York's (CUNY) Graduate Center. The Howard Samuels Center is prominent both nationally and abroad for its applied and comparative research on local, regional, national and international policies and politics.

Thanks to a generous initial gift of \$80,000 from SAGE and Sara Miller McCune, publisher and chairman of SAGE and president of the McCune Foundation, the Howard Samuels Center will be able to offer positions to researchers working on the Center's projects researching the economic status of US women. The fellows, who will be selected from among CUNY's junior faculty and graduate students, will be responsible for maintaining the Center's database on women's income and workforce participation and how they correlate with such factors as education level, family organization, geography, and market sector, a database developed by thoroughly analyzing US Census data. This database was the basis of the Center's 2007 report, "The Economic Status of Working Women in New York State."

The Howard Samuels Center was founded in 1988 and focuses on areas of research and public policy that help marginalized groups increase their access to, and participation in, the political process, fostering equity and quality of services for minorities, immigrants, women, and other marginalized groups, paying special attention to the effectiveness of civic organizing to achieve these goals. The Center has researched comparative state and local politics, successful advocacy and community development strategies, the politics of education, including higher education for low-income women, and the political mobilization of immigrant groups. It also trains those who are committed to the Center's values of democracy and equity, drawing on a pool of researchers with diverse backgrounds who are sensitive to the growing multiculturalism of our society.

"We consider it a privilege to support the Howard Samuels Center's research on the economic status of America's women," commented Sara Miller McCune, SAGE Founder and Chairman of the Board. "This is one more way for SAGE to promote quality scholarship, something we've been consistently focused on throughout our more than 40 years of publishing."

To read the Center's 2007 report, "The Economic Status of Working Women in New York State," go to <http://www.howardsamuelscenter.org/reports/EconWomenAugust8.pdf>.

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