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Psychology Archives Receives Monumental Gift

Akron, Ohio, June 13, 2007 - The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation has given The University of Akron Foundation \$2,100,000 to establish The Endowed Directorship for the university's Archives of the History of American Psychology (AHAP). This is the largest gift ever given to the AHAP.

The majority of the endowment will help fund educating the public on issues affecting psychological science and practice, including those related to the promotion of mental health and the prevention of mental illness. Activities could include national conferences, colloquiums, exhibits and displays.

"The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation is delighted to partner with the Archives and The University of Akron to endow the Directorship at the Archives," says Rick Kellar, president of the foundation.

"This, the largest grant in our history, signals a commitment to putting our region at the forefront in psychology," adds Suzanne Morgan, chairman of the foundation and daughter of Margaret Clark Morgan.

The Archives of the History of American Psychology, a department of the University Libraries, is the premier resource for primary source material in the history of psychology. The AHAP's extensive holdings of manuscripts, artifacts, film and photographs document the efforts of social scientists to define, study, treat and advocate for a complete understanding of the human condition.

"For 40 years the Archives of the History of American Psychology has been a point of distinction and pride for The University of Akron, and we are pleased to have the support and confidence of the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation," says Dr. Luis M. Proenza, president of The University of Akron.

"The generous support of the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation ensures that we can continue to promote understanding of the importance of psychological science and practice in everyday life," adds Dr. David Baker, archives director.

The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation was founded in 2001, in Hudson, Ohio as a private, grantmaking foundation. Burton D. Morgan, Margaret Clark Morgan's husband, provided the initial donation to establish the foundation. The Foundation works to pursue the interests of Margaret Clark Morgan, longtime Hudson resident and active community member. The primary focus of support is the mental health field, with secondary interest in the education and arts fields. The Foundation also works proactively to research and fund projects of particular interest to its mission. The Foundation has provided funds for special projects, operations, endowments and capital campaigns. The foundation is dedicated to making an impact in the key areas of mental health in Northeast Ohio, education in Summit & Portage counties, and the arts in Summit County.

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