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**UCLA PSYCHIATRY PROFESSOR DANIEL SIEGEL, M.D. TO SPEAK ON
NEUROBIOLOGICAL INFLUENCES ON HUMAN CONNECTIONS**

NEW YORK, Feb. 8, 2006— During the American Group Psychotherapy Association's 63rd Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Feb. 20-25, **Daniel Siegel, M.D.**, Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at the UCLA School of Medicine and author of the internationally acclaimed text, *The Developing Mind: Toward a Neurobiology of Interpersonal Experience*, will speak on "The Social Brain in Human Relationships: Insights from Interpersonal Neurobiology," a newly emerging view of the connections between the mind, the brain and human relationships. Exploring the connections from one mind to another, and how our sense of well-being is shaped by the communications within our intimate and group relationships, Dr. Siegel will present exciting new findings from a wide range of sciences with profound implications of the interactions between the brain and life experiences. Media are invited to attend this thought-provoking event.

"Interpersonal interactions are at the heart of the group psychotherapy experience," said Robert Klein, Ph.D., CGP, FAGPA, AGPA President. "Dr. Siegel's concepts provide yet another opportunity for insight into the myriad of ways in which our minds and our connections with others develop."

Dr. Siegel's presentation is a highlight of the AGPA's 2006 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, Feb. 20-25 at the Westin St. Francis. Entitled "Bridging Differences: Healing a House Divided," this meeting attracts more than 1,000 group therapists, researchers and scientists from around the United States. Group therapists of all disciplines will gather to learn the most effective techniques in working with a variety of populations and to further their professional development with this powerful and effective treatment modality. The theme, Bridging Differences, reflects the meeting's emphasis on the power of groups to bring people together to heal and create resiliency. For more information, contact AGPA at (212) 477-2677 or visit www.agpa.org.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Media are invited to attend other select sessions of the AGPA 2006 Annual Meeting. To register, please send e-mail request to dfeirman@agpa.org or call 404.898.0423.

About AGPA

The American Group Psychotherapy Association is the oldest and largest professional association dedicated to the field of group psychotherapy, operating through a tri-partite structure: AGPA, a professional and educational organization; the Group Psychotherapy Foundation, its philanthropic arm; and the National Registry of Certified Group Psychotherapists, a standard setting and certifying body. This multidisciplinary association has approximately 3,000 members, including psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, nurses, pastoral counselors and creative arts therapists, many of whom have been recognized as specialists through the Certified Group Psychotherapist credential. The association has 31 local and regional societies located across the country. Its members are experienced mental health professionals who lead

psychotherapy groups and various non-clinical groups. Many are organizational specialists who work with businesses, not-for-profit organizations, communities and other "natural" groups to help them improve their functioning.

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