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## **Alexander Street Press wins 2003 *Charleston Advisor* Readers' Choice Awards for "Best Content" and "Best Contract Options"**

**(August 29, 2003 – Alexandria, VA)** Once again, the editorial board members of *The Charleston Advisor* (TCA) have named Alexander Street Press among the recipients of their Readers' Choice Awards. In an article by George S. Machovec, Managing Editor, Alexander Street was named for "Best Content" and "Best Contract Options" (July 2003, v. 5, no. 5). As explained in the article, reader input was supplied through the TCA Web site, and the final selection was made in a TCA editorial board conference call on July 1, 2003.

Chuck Hamaker, TCA Senior Editor, said: "Alexander Street Press certainly deserves any accolades we can offer. I have seldom encountered such an intelligent, library-friendly approach to licensing issues. And the quality of the products has been excellent." In the August 14 issue of *Library Journal Academic Newswire*, Hamaker added, "They seem to get it all right."

Eileen Lawrence, Alexander Street's vice president of sales and marketing, said: "These awards mean a great deal to us. In 2001, the first year of the awards, *The Charleston Advisor* named us for 'Best New Product.' The new awards in 2003 confirm that we are succeeding in delivering the very best electronic products in the humanities – and offering them with access and pricing options for all academic libraries, regardless of size or budget."

Stephen Rhind-Tutt, president of Alexander Street, added: "Since our inception, we've built products that put the values of librarianship and scholarship at the center. Our uniquely extensive Semantic Indexing™, careful selection of content, and ongoing interaction with scholars and librarians have won praise from our customers. We listen first, then create, and then listen again and again throughout the development of each project. The TCA awards tell us that we're on the right track."

Alexander Street's collections serve academic libraries, from research institutions to community colleges, and also appeal to public libraries.

Alexander Street is one of the largest electronic publishers of drama, with collections that include hundreds of never-before-published plays, in projects such as *Black Drama*; *Asian American Drama*; and the forthcoming *North American Women's Drama* and *Latino Literature* (which will also

contain poetry and fiction by Latino and Latina writers). Women's studies is an area of focus at Alexander Street, through projects such as *Women and Social Movements* (in partnership with scholars at SUNY Binghamton); *North American Women's Letters and Diaries*; and *British and Irish Women's Letters and Diaries*. For research in black studies, ethnic studies, history, and current events, Alexander Street's collections include *Black Thought and Culture*; *North American Immigrant Letters, Diaries, and Oral Histories*; *The American Civil War: Letters and Diaries*; *Early Encounters in North America: Peoples, Cultures, and the Environment*; and the forthcoming *Oral History Index* and *Global Views and Voices* (in partnership with the UK-based openDemocracy, Ltd.). New partnerships with Hollywood studios will be announced soon, building on the recent agreement with Warner Bros. for *American Film Scripts Online*. Literature projects, now represented by *Scottish Women Poets of the Romantic Period*, will expand beginning with the release of *Latino Literature* this spring.

**AWARDED \*BEST CONTENT\* AND \*BEST CONTRACT OPTIONS\* - THE CHARLESTON ADVISOR'S 2003 READER'S CHOICE AWARDS**

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