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**PRESIDENTIAL SCIENCE ADVISER, CONNECTICUT CONGRESSWOMAN
TO ADDRESS COSSA ANNUAL MEETING**

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) will host its members in Washington, DC for its annual meeting on October 31, 2005. The meeting will take place at the Double Tree Hotel, 1515 Rhode Island Ave, N.W., From 8:30 A.M. To 3:30 P.M. At the forefront of COSSA's agenda will be the current state of social science and public policy, as well as the growing issue of religion in public life. An agenda is attached to this press release.

John Marburger, director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, will headline a panel addressing the role of the social sciences in science and public policy. Respondents on the panel will include Cora Marrett, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs in the University of Wisconsin system, as well as James Jackson, Director of the Institute for Social Research (ISR) at the University of Michigan.

The Honorable Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), will join Scott Keeter of the Pew Research Center, and Clyde Wilcox of Georgetown University to discuss the increasing role of religion in public life on a panel moderated by William D'Antonio of Catholic University.

In addition, David Lightfoot, head of the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF), and David Abrams, director of the Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), will address COSSA members to apprise them of the newest developments at the NIH and NSF. Both Abrams and Lightfoot were appointed within the last year to their current posts, and will likely provide insight into the current direction of both agencies.

In addition to its membership outreach, COSSA attempts to bridge the gap between academic researchers and institutions and the Washington policymaking community through its advocacy efforts as well as its Congressional Briefings on Capitol Hill every year. COSSA is an advocacy group for social and behavioral science research whose mission is to promote attention to and Federal funding for social and behavioral science research. We are supported by over 100 professional associations, scientific societies, universities and research institutes.

For questions about COSSA's annual meeting, to request more information about the event, please call 202-842-3525 or email coffa@coffa.org.