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MYRON GUTMANN NAMED NEW COSSA PRESIDENT

Myron Gutmann, director of the Inter-university Consortium of Political and Social Research (ICPSR), was named the new President of Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) for a two-year term, commencing January 1, 2005, at COSSA's recent Board of Directors Meeting. He replaces outgoing COSSA President Orlando Taylor, Dean of the Graduate School at Howard University.

ICPSR is an integral part of the infrastructure of social science research, maintaining and providing access to a vast archive of social science data for research and instruction, and offering training in quantitative methods to facilitate effective data use. ICPSR is located at the University of Michigan, where Gutmann is also a Professor of History.

Prior to his tenure at Michigan, Gutmann was the Director of the Population Research Center at the University of Texas, Austin. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton and has broad interests in interdisciplinary historical research concerning health, population, the economy, and the environment.

Gutmann has also served as chair of the Social Sciences, Nursing, Epidemiology and Methods Study Section at the National Institutes of Health, and is a member of the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on the Human Dimensions of Global Change.

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA), an advocacy organization for Federal support for the social and behavioral sciences, was founded in 1981 and stands alone in Washington in representing the full range of social and behavioral sciences.