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# COSSA

**Celebrating 30 Years**

of

*Advocating for the Social and Behavioral Sciences*

**1981 -2011**



**ANNUAL**REPORT

# MEMBERS

## GOVERNING MEMBERS

American Association for Public Opinion Research  
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American Educational Research Association  
American Historical Association  
American Political Science Association  
American Psychological Association  
American Society of Criminology  
American Sociological Association  
American Statistical Association  
Association of American Geographers  
Association of American Law Schools  
Law and Society Association  
Linguistic Society of America  
Midwest Political Science Association  
National Communication Association  
Population Association of America  
Rural Sociological Society  
Society for Research in Child Development

## MEMBERSHIP ORGANIZATIONS

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences  
American Finance Association  
American Psychosomatic Society  
Association for Asian Studies  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations  
Association of Research Libraries  
Council on Social Work Education  
Economic History Association  
History of Science Society  
Justice Research and Statistics Association  
Midwest Sociological Society  
National Association of Social Workers  
North American Regional Science Council  
North Central Sociological Association  
Social Science History Association  
Society for Anthropological Sciences  
Society for Behavioral Medicine  
Society for Empirical Legal Studies  
Society for Research on Adolescence  
Society for Social Work and Research  
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues  
Southern Political Science Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Southwestern Social Science Association

## CENTERS AND INSTITUTES

American Academy of Political and Social Sciences  
American Council of Learned Societies  
American Institutes for Research  
Brookings Institution  
Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences  
Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research  
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan  
Institute for Women's Policy Research  
National Opinion Research Center  
Population Reference Bureau  
RTI International  
Social Science Research Council

Vera Institute of Justice

## COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Arizona State University  
Boston University  
Brown University  
University of California, Berkeley  
University of California, Los Angeles  
University of California, San Diego  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Carnegie-Mellon University  
University of Chicago  
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University of South Carolina  
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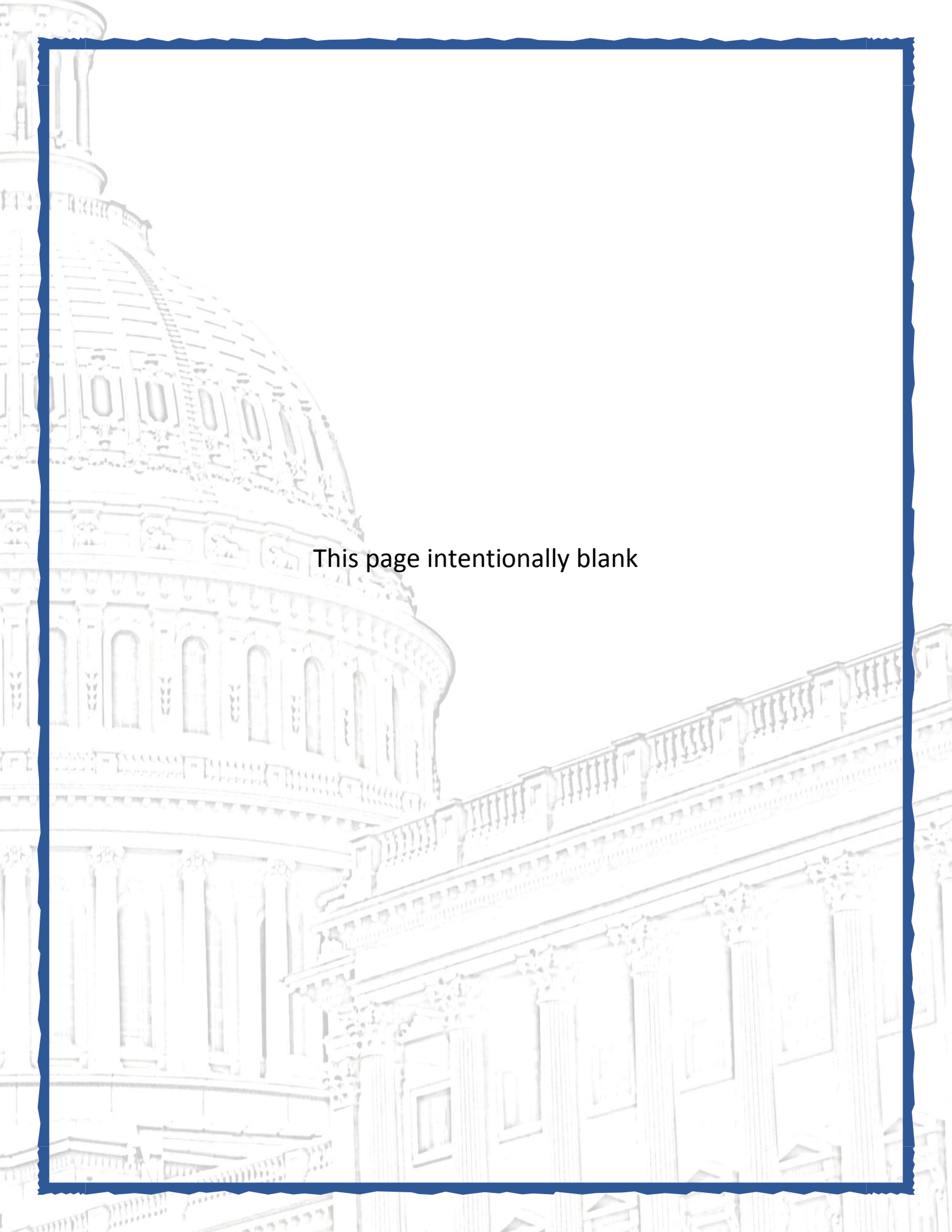
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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HOWARD J. SILVER, PHD



# COSSA at 30!

**T**he Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) turned 30 in 2011. Born in another era of ideologically driven budget cutting that would have severely reduced funding for social and behavioral science research at the National Science Foundation, COSSA has thrived and survived for three decades now.

We have dealt with five presidential administrations, 15 Congresses of all political combinations, nine NSF directors, six NIH directors, seven presidential science advisers, five Assistant Directors for NSF's Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) directorate, which COSSA helped create, four directors of NIH's Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR), which COSSA helped persuade Congress to create, and countless other officials and staff in both the Executive and Legislative branches.

From the beginning COSSA did not operate alone. The founding disciplinary associations sought help from other membership groups and universities. In the original fight against the Reagan budget cuts, the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and the higher education community in Washington were key allies. With COSSA's leadership of the Coalition for National Science Funding in the late 1990s, support broadened to include all sectors of the science community, particularly in battles

to eliminate the SBE directorate, both in 1995-96 and again in 2005-06. This cooperation continues today as COSSA worked with these groups in 2011 on preventive measures against any further attacks on the SBE sciences.

COSSA has been blessed with support from its constituents on campuses and in research centers and institutes. They have answered the call from us to contact Congress and federal agencies, to testify for us in hearings, and to participate in the many congressional briefings COSSA has presented over the years. I want to mention a special few. The late Tom Juster, an economist from the University of Michigan, was COSSA's go-to guy in the early years. He helped enormously by testifying and supporting COSSA's efforts to convince Congress and the Reagan administration of the worth of our sciences. Al Blumstein, criminologist from Carnegie Mellon, has been COSSA's President, longest-serving member of the Board, COSSA witness at appropriations hearings, and multiple-time speaker at both the

COSSA Annual Meeting and COSSA Congressional Sessions. Finally, COSSA's current President, Ken Prewitt, was "present at the creation," an enormous help during his presidencies of the Social Science Research Council, a partner during his leadership of the Census Bureau, and now again a collaborator in his role as Chair of the National Academies' Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education.

During COSSA's 30 years, many talented people have served on its staff. Many have moved on to play important roles in the federal government or other associations. I want to especially thank COSSA's current Deputy Director Angela Sharpe. Now in her 17<sup>th</sup> year at COSSA, Angela has led the Consortium's efforts in the health and behavior arena. She continues to co-chair two COSSA-led coalitions and has been instrumental in COSSA's efforts to enhance diversity in the sciences.

The leaders of COSSA's Governing Members, who make up the Executive Committee, and the people who have served on COSSA's Board of Directors during the past thirty years have also contributed mightily to the success of the operation.

In 2011, COSSA celebrated this milestone with a Colloquium that looked back at the many contributions that the social and behavioral sciences have made to public policy. We also looked ahead. As Tom Mann of the Brookings Institution and Rep. David Price told the gathering, the current political landscape has made support for many federal programs precarious. At the

same time, NSF Director Subra Suresh noted the relevance, importance, and centrality of the social sciences and named the seamless integration of the social sciences with the natural science and engineering as the key to the science future. There is more about the colloquium in the following pages.

Also at the event, we were delighted to present four COSSA Founders Awards to Ken Prewitt; Roberta Balstad, COSSA's first Executive Director; Tom Mann; and John Hammer, who led the Linguistic Society of America at the time of COSSA's founding.

COSSA's vigilance during the past thirty years has remained steadfast in promoting and protecting the social and behavioral sciences. We anticipated some difficulties in 2011, but for a number of reasons -- including prevention activities by COSSA, its members, and allies-- these did not occur. The climate for difficulty still remains and COSSA will continue its advocacy, hopefully for the next thirty years and beyond. As always, we thank our members for their continuing support for COSSA and its activities.

**Howard J. Silver March, 2012**



# The Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Policy: A Colloquium Celebrating **COSSA**'S 30 Years of Advocacy

**November 2 – 3, 2011**

*Embassy Row Hotel  
2015 Massachusetts Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC*

**Wednesday, November 2**

8:30 – 8:45 am

**Welcome and Introductions**

8:45 – 9:30

**Keynote Address: The Changing Political Landscape: 1981-2011**

**Thomas Mann**

Senior Fellow, Governance Studies  
The W. Averell Harriman Chair  
Brookings Institution



THOMAS MANN  
BROOKINGS INSTITUTION

9:45 – 11:45

**Social/Behavioral Science Contributions to Public Policy**

**Economic Well-Being – Charles L. Schultze**

Senior Fellow Emeritus, Economic Studies  
Brookings Institution

**Race & Ethnicity – James Jackson**

Daniel Katz Distinguished University Professor of Psychology,  
Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education, School of  
Public Health and Director, Institute for Social Research, University  
of Michigan

**Crime Reduction – Al Blumstein**

J. Erik Jonsson University Professor of Urban Systems and  
Operations Research; Former Dean of the Heinz School  
Carnegie Mellon University

**Human Behavior and Environmental Change – Roberta Balstad**

Senior Research Scientist, and a Senior Fellow, Center for  
International Earth Science Information Network (CIESIN)  
Columbia University

**Health and Behavior – Norman B. Anderson**

Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President  
American Psychological Association



NORMAN B. ANDERSON  
AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

12:00 – 2:00 pm **Lunch Speaker:**

**Cora Marrett**

Deputy Director  
National Science Foundation



CORA MARRETT, NSF

2:15 – 3:30

**Concurrent Sessions on Policy Issues**

1) **The SBE Sciences in STEM Education**

**Felice Levine**

Executive Director  
American Educational Research Association

**Steve Breckler**

Executive Director for Science  
American Psychological Association

**Shirley Malcom**

Head, Education and Human Resources  
American Association for the Advancement of Science



STEVE BRECKLER, APA

2) **Changing Demographics and Immigration Policy**

**Richard Alba**

Distinguished Professor of Sociology  
CUNY Graduate Center

**William Frey**

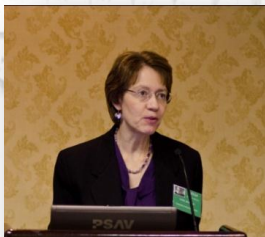
Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution  
Research Professor, Population Studies Center  
University of Michigan

**Michael Olivas**

William B. Bates Distinguished Chair of Law  
Director, Institute of Higher Education Law & Governance  
University of Houston

**Linda Jacobsen (Moderator)**

Vice President, Domestic Programs,  
Population Reference Bureau



LINDA JACOBSEN, PRB

3:30 – 5:00

**Looking Ahead: New Tools, New Areas for Research**

**Robert Groves**

Director  
U.S. Census Bureau

**Myron Gutmann**

Assistant Director, Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences Directorate  
National Science Foundation

**Robert Kaplan**

Director, Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research  
National Institutes of Health



5:00 – 5:30

**Founders Awards**

5:30 – 7:00

**30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception**

**Thursday, November 3**



SUBRA SURESH, NSF

8:45 – 9:30 am

**Science Policy in an Age of Austerity**

**Subra Suresh**

Director

National Science Foundation

9:45 – 11:30

**Challenges for Social/Behavioral Science in the Deficit Driven Federal Budget Climate**

**David Price**

4<sup>TH</sup> District North Carolina

U.S. House of Representatives

**John Laub**

Director

National Institute of Justice

**Ruth Lee**

Director

Research Councils United Kingdom, USA Office

**Wendy Baldwin**

President

Population Reference Bureau

**Michael McPherson**

President

Spencer Foundation

**Kenneth Prewitt (Moderator)**

Columbia University

COSSA President



DAVID PRICE (NC)



RUTH LEE  
RESEARCH  
COUNCILS UK

11:30

**Adjourn**



# PREVENTION

Following the 2010 election, COSSA felt concern about possible attacks by the new Congress on the Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE). The new leadership in the House of Representatives had already indicated in 2009 that eliminating funding for the SBE directorate at the National Science Foundation (NSF) was one of their recommendations for deficit reduction. Senator Thomas Coburn (R-OK) continued to issue reports challenging “silly” research grants at the NSF and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and calling for the elimination of the SBE directorate.

COSSA organized significant activity by its member associations and worked with the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Association of American Universities, and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities, and other scientific societies to inoculate science and SBE from budget attacks.

Collecting research achievements, helping organize the Inter-Society Letter signed by 160 organizations that was sent to Congress, particularly the appropriations committees, working with groups to target key legislators by VIPs, helping COSSA’s President write an editorial for *SCIENCE*, working with key figures at NSF on testimony and other activities, were all part of the strategy to fend off attacks. COSSA also met with key staff on the appropriations subcommittees and supplied them with large amounts of information to discourage targeting NSF and SBE.



HON. BARBARA MILKULSKI (MD)



HON. FRANK WOLF (VA)

The Coalition to Promote Research (CPR), co-chaired by COSSA’s Angela Sharpe and American Psychological Association’s Karen Studwell, also worked with the biomedical community to thwart attempts to defund grants at NIH.

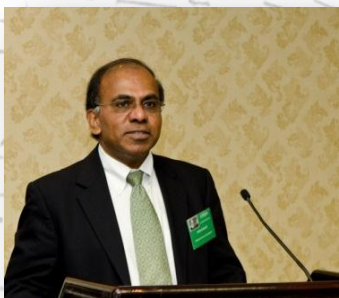
Since neither spending bill that included funding for NSF or NIH made it to the House or Senate floor and the appropriations process for FY 2012 ended with two consolidated bills, no attacks or mischief concerning funding for social and behavioral science research occurred.

In fact, NSF came out of the conference committee with a larger FY 2012 budget than had been provided by either the House or Senate in their separate consideration of the spending bill. A strong effort by the science community and the strong support of the appropriations’ subcommittee chairs, Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA) and Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), helped this to happen.



# OTHER ACTIVITIES

## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)



NSF DIRECTOR SUBRA SURESH

COSSA's Executive Director (ED) presented testimony to the House Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee regarding FY 2012 funding for the NSF and its SBE Directorate. The testimony was later sent to the Senate CJS Appropriations Subcommittee.

COSSA met and communicated with both House and Senate Subcommittee staff as FY 2011 continued. COSSA continued to pursue enhanced funding for NSF as the appropriations process came to its conclusion in December. In the end, Congress provided NSF with a small increase, but larger than anticipated from earlier funding decisions at the committee level.



NSF DEP. DIRECTOR CORA MARRETT

COSSA met with Chairman Mo Brooks (R-AL) of the House Research and Science Education Subcommittee of the Science, Space and Technology Committee. The ED met and communicated with the Subcommittee staff to help develop the hearing on the SBE in early June.

COSSA maintained its pressure on the Senate to confirm Cora Marrett as NSF's Deputy Director, which finally occurred in late May.

ED met with NSF Director Subra Suresh and Deputy Director Cora Marrett, both of whom spoke at the COSSA Annual Meeting.



SBE ASST. DIR. MYRON GUTMANN

ED met regularly with the SBE's Assistant Director Myron Gutmann as well as the Division Directors, and Program Officers.

COSSA staff have participated in and attended the SBE Advisory Committee and the Education and Human Resources Directorate's Advisory Committee.

COSSA worked with the Office of Legislative and Public Affairs on both appropriations and other issues.

ED attended the National Science Board Awards dinner.



## NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) AND OTHER HEALTH AGENCIES

Deputy Director (DD) continued to co-chair the **Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (CAHT-BSSR)**. Activities included: submitting testimony to the Labor, HHS, Education Appropriations Committee in support of

**CAHT-BSSR**

The Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Science Research

of increased funding for the NIH; monitoring and reporting on the progress of the Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR); meeting regularly with Director



OBSSR Director Robert M. Kaplan

Robert Kaplan to discuss the Office's activities and how the social and behavioral science community can assist them.

DD continues to co-chair the **Coalition to Promote Research (CPR)**. CPR organized and sent letters to Congress supporting continued adherence to NIH's peer review system and in defense of social and behavioral science research, particularly on drug and alcohol abuse and addiction. The letter was signed by a

wide spectrum of science and public health organizations. CPR also met with federal officials: John Burklow (NIH Associate Director for Communication and Public Liaison), Pat White (NIH Associate Director for Legislative Policy and Analysis), and Jeff Nesbitt (NSF Director of Office of Legislative and Public Affairs). The Coalition voted to change its name from "Coalition to Protect Research" to "Coalition to Promote Research." The Coalition made visits to the offices of the new members of the Senate. CPR mobilized to fight five amendments that Rep. Darrel Issa (R-CA) submitted for consideration to H.R. 1, the Continuing Resolution for FY 2011 Appropriations. The amendments, however, were eventually withdrawn from consideration.



DD served as a member of the **Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Steering Committee** and participated in the group's annual off-the-record meetings with the 27 NIH Institute and Center directors. As part of the steering committee, DD participated in Hill visits to discuss the NIH's budget. The Ad Hoc Group sponsored a congressional seminar series with the NIH Institute and Center directors.

DD attended the meetings of the NIH Scientific Management Review Board's (SMRB) including its Substance Use, Abuse, and Addiction (SUAA) Working Group to monitor discussions regarding merging NIH research related to substance use, abuse and addiction and the creation of the National Center for Translational Sciences.

DD monitored and participated in the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's Visioning Process, including attending the multidisciplinary meeting June 23 -24.

COSSA staff monitored the many hearings conducted by the House and Senate Appropriations Committee regarding spending for the NIH Institutes, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

COSSA staff continued to attend and monitor the many NIH institutes' and centers' advisory council meetings.

DD continued to monitor the National Children's Study.

## THE CENSUS BUREAU AND OTHER ECONOMIC STATISTICS AGENCIES

The 2010 Census Advisory Committee (CAC), on which COSSA served for five years, held its final meeting in February. Census Director Robert Groves presented COSSA with a plaque of appreciation for its service. At a ceremony at the Commerce Department, Secretary Gary Locke presented a special commemoration to each member of the CAC, including the COSSA ED.

COSSA monitored activity on the Presidential Appointments and Efficiency Act, which would have created a five-year term for the Director of the Bureau. The ED met with Rebecca Blank, then-Deputy Director of the Department of Commerce, to discuss the legislation, which has not been enacted.

As a member of the Census Stakeholder's Group, COSSA has joined many other organizations to advocate for adequate funding for the FY 2012 Census budget. COSSA, along with many other groups, helped present a congressional briefing on the importance of the 2012 Economic Census.

COSSA also advocated for the FY 2012 budget for the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). For this and the Census budget advocacy, the ED joined his colleagues for meetings and communications with both House and Senate appropriations staff.

The ED attended the BEA Advisory Committee.

The ED made a presentation to the Association of Public Data Users on "Federal Data in an Age of Austerity."



CENSUS DIRECTOR ROBERT GROVES



## EDUCATION

The major battle in 2011 has been over the future of the Title VI and Fulbright-Hays International Education and Foreign Language programs. Working with the Coalition for International Education (CIE), COSSA has advocated for a restoration of funds for these programs. The CIE has met with Assistant Secretary for Higher Education Edward Ochoa, and his Deputy for International Programs, Andre Lewis. During final deliberations over the FY 2011 budget, these programs lost forty percent of their funding. Despite the administration's FY 2012 request to increase the funding, Congress seems not to have heard the messages from CIE and its efforts to rally the university, business, and social science and foreign language communities.

COSSA also continues to follow the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) and awaits the reauthorization of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES). COSSA participated in the American Educational Research Association's activities that culminated in recommendations to the Congress for improving IES.

COSSA, through its members, has remained concerned about the lack of inclusion of the social and behavioral sciences in discussions and programs related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Education. In late November, the Executive Director attended a National Academies' Division of Behavioral and Social Science and Education meeting to plan a strategy that would advance these sciences into the K-12 curriculum.

COSSA expressed its concern to the Department of Education regarding the Administration proposal and Congressional acceptance to end the Javits Fellowship program, which provided support for graduate students in the social sciences, humanities, and arts. The Javits program has been subsumed by the Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN) program. It is unclear whether the areas supported by Javits will become part of GAANN's areas of national need.

COSSA staff attended numerous congressional hearings on ESEA and meetings of the National Board for Education Sciences as well as many briefings at Brookings, AEI, the Center for American Progress, the Urban Institute, the Education Sector, and other groups concerning elementary and secondary education, higher education, poverty, and children and other family issues.



FELICE LEVINE, AMERICAN  
EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH  
(AERA)



SHIRLEY MALCOM, AAAS



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LA TOSHA PLAVNIK, COSSA STAFF

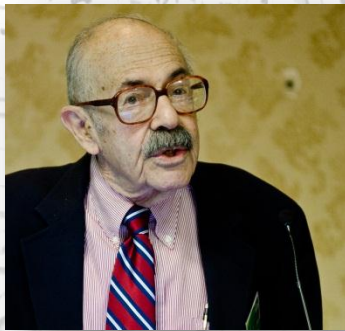


## JUSTICE

COSSA met with John Laub, Director of the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), and James Lynch, Director of the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), to discuss their agencies' budgets and operations.

COSSA's ED presented testimony to the House CJS Subcommittee advocating for enhanced budgets for NIJ and BJS in order for them to implement the recommendations of two National Academy of Sciences' reports.

COSSA attended the two meetings of the Office of Justice Program's Scientific Advisory Board, chaired by former COSSA President Al Blumstein.



ALFRED BLUMSTEIN

Along with the American Society of Criminology, COSSA presented a congressional briefing on *Crime and Imprisonment: How to Reduce Both*.

COSSA ED attended the NIJ Conference presenting agency-supported research results as well as the Jerry Lee Crime Symposium on Crime and Criminal Justice and the briefings of the George Mason University-based Center for Evidenced Based Crime Policy.

COSSA worked with the Justice Policy Coalition (JPC) and their advocate, the Raben Group, to promote more support for justice research and statistics. ED attended the JPC congressional briefing on *Cutting Corrections Costs: Opportunities with Evidence-Based Practices*.



NIJ DIRECTOR JOHN LAUB

## AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COSSA joined the Council on Food and Agricultural and Resource Economics (CFARE) to advocate to the House and Senate Agriculture and Rural Development Appropriations Subcommittees on behalf of enhanced funding for the Economic Research Service (ERS), the National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), and the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) of the National Institute on Food and Agriculture (NIFA).

COSSA ED attended the welcoming reception for Catherine Woteki, Undersecretary for Research, Education, and Economics, and COSSA staff participated in Department of Agriculture stakeholders' meetings.

COSSA met with Department staff and Lionel 'Bo' Beaulieu, director of the Southern Rural Development Center.

ED spoke to the Experiment Station's Committee on Organization and Policy's Social Science Subcommittee.

## HOMELAND SECURITY AND DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

**C**OSSA continued its advocacy for the University Programs of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

COSSA staff attended briefings related to the DHS Center of Excellence on the Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START).

COSSA joined the Association of American Universities in advocating that Congress maintain the Department of Defense's Minerva program.

## WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

**E**D met with Kei Koizumi, Acting Assistant Director for Social and Behavioral Sciences, to enlist OSTP's help in case of congressional attacks.

COSSA monitored the activities of the President's Council of Advisers on Science and Technology and participated in meetings of the scientific community with key officials.



## ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY AND EVALUATION, HHS

**C**OSSA staff met with David Harris, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Evaluation, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to discuss his portfolio of welfare reform and other non-health reform issues.

## HUMAN PROTECTION

**C**OSSA maintained its connection to the Association of Human Research Protection Programs Inc., (AAHRPP). As a Founding Member, COSSA continues to nominate a person to the AAHRPP Board. In 2011 COSSA Board Member Karen Cook replaced Steve Smith, Dean of the California Western School of Law, on the AAHRPP

Board. Smith had served for three terms, nine years total.

COSSA groups responded to the Office of Human Research Protections' Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that offered recommendations to for changing the Common Rule that governs human research protection in federally-funded research.

## ENHANCING DIVERSITY IN SCIENCE

**T**he Collaborative for Enhancing Diversity in Science (CEDS), led by the Deputy Director (DD), continued to meet.

CEDS submitted a workshop proposal to the National Library Medicine (NLM) that follows up on the recommendations from the February 2008 Leadership Retreat and addresses recommendations from NIH-sponsored meetings on the issue. After receiving a high score in the initial review, NLM decided that it would not fund the grant. The *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) expressed interest in sponsoring

the workshop. The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research also indicated that the proposal is in line with its priorities. The National Science Foundation (NSF) expressed interest as well. CEDS submitted an application to NSF for additional funding.

# CEDS

Collaborative for Enhancing Diversity in Science





# CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS

Once again COSSA cooperated with Members in presenting on Capitol Hill the results of SBE research and the importance of key government programs to the conduct of that research.

## CRIME AND IMPRISONMENT: HOW TO REDUCE BOTH

February 15, 2011

### Speakers:

**Hon. Laurie Robinson**, Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice;

**Hon. Richard Thornburgh**, former U. S. Attorney General;

**Hon. William Bratton**, former Police Chief of New York City, Los Angeles and Boston;

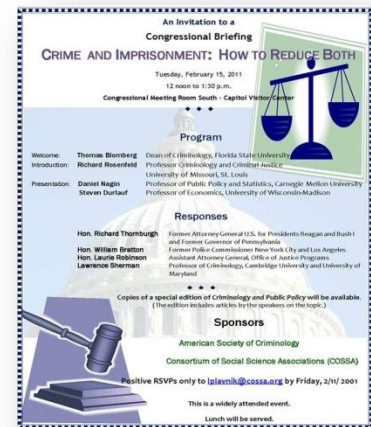
**Daniel Nagin**, Carnegie Mellon University;

**Steven Durlauf**, University of Wisconsin, Madison;

**Richard Rosenfeld**, University of Missouri, St. Louis;

**Thomas Blomberg**, Florida State University; and

**Lawrence Sherman**, University of Maryland and Cambridge University.



Presented in collaboration with the American Society of Criminology.

## BETTER DATA, BETTER DECISIONS: HOW THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY BENEFITS BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT

March 7, 2011

### Speakers:

**Terri Ann Lowenthal**, Census Project;

**Patrick Jankowski**, Head, V.P. for Research, Greater Houston Partnership;

**Warren Brown**, University of Georgia;

**David Crowe**, Chief Economist, National Association of Home Builders.

Organized by the Annie Casey Foundation, COSSA joined as a co-sponsor.



## MARIJUANA USE DISORDERS: DEPENDENCE AND TREATMENT RESEARCH

March 8, 2011

**Speakers:**

**Nora Volkow**, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse;  
**Alan Budney**, University of Arkansas Medical Center.

*Presented by the Friends of NIDA, of which COSSA is a member.*



## ADVANCING DISCOVERY: THE ROLE OF NIH RESEARCH IN FIGHTING DIABETES

September 15, 2011

**Speakers:**

**Griffin Rogers**, Director, National Institute on Diabetes, Digestive and Kidney Diseases;  
**Rena Wing**, Brown University;  
**Anastasia Albanese-O'Neil**, American Diabetes Association Volunteer.

*Organized by the Ad Hoc Group on Medical Research, on whose steering committee COSSA sits.*



Left to right: Anastasia Albanese-O'Neil, Griffin P. Rodgers and Rena R. Wing ©2011 Lloyd Wolf / www.lloydwolf.com / courtesy APA

## DEMOGRAPHY OF DISASTERS: INFORMING RECOVERY DECISIONS

July 18, 2011

### Speakers:

**Elizabeth Frankenberg**, Duke University;  
**Mark VanLandingham**, Tulane University;  
**Russ Paulsen**, American Red Cross.

*Organized by the Population Association of America, COSSA was a co-sponsor.*

## HI-BEAMS FOR THE ECONOMIC ROAD AHEAD: THE IMPORTANCE OF THE 2012 ECONOMIC CENSUS FOR BUSINESS AND GOVERNMENT DECISION MAKING

September 26, 2011

### Speakers:

**Charles Schultze**, Brookings Institution;  
**Katharine Abraham**, President's Council of Economic Advisers;  
**Steve Landefeld**, Bureau of Economic Analysis;  
**William Shobe**, University of Virginia;  
**Tim Maney**, U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

*Organized by the American Economic Association, COSSA was a co-sponsor.*



**YOU'RE INVITED >>** **SEPT 26**

The American Economic Association, in cooperation with the offices of Representatives John Campbell and Carolyn Maloney, invites you to attend a briefing.

**Hi-Beams for the Economic Road Ahead:  
The Importance of the 2012 Economic Census  
for Business and Government Decision-Making**

**DATE:** Monday, Sept. 26, 2011  
**TIME:** 12:00 – 1:15 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** Rayburn House Office Building, Room B-340  
*(Complimentary box lunches will be provided.)*

During these topsy-turvy economic times, federal and local policymakers and business and industry leaders depend on data from the U.S. Economic Census to assess and forecast the state of the economy. The Economic Census provides the foundation for measures of economic growth, productivity, prices, product markets, business startups, and other information invaluable to decision-makers in the private and public sectors alike.

Numbers gathered through the 2012 Economic Census are essential to support informed economic and business decision-making in the crucial years immediately ahead. The Census Bureau says that inadequate fiscal year 2012 funding will result in the cancellation of this vital national resource.

*We hope you will be able to attend this important briefing.*

Please RSVP to Juliane Baron or Mary Jo Hoelscher at 202.341.7283 or [psalotief@popaasoc.org](mailto:psalotief@popaasoc.org). This will be a widely attended event.

**Featuring:**

<b>Dr. Katharine Abraham</b> <i>Council of Economic Advisers</i>	<b>Dr. Steve Landefeld</b> <i>Bureau of Economic Analysis</i>
<b>Mr. Tim Maney</b> <i>U.S. Chamber of Commerce</i>	<b>Dr. Charles Schultze</b> <i>Brookings Institution</i>
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## COSSA AND THE COMMUNITY

**C** *OSSA Washington Update* remains a major source of information for the community about activities affecting the social and behavioral sciences in Washington. It is sent electronically to more than 1,800 people at universities, on Capitol Hill, in the federal agencies, and social and behavioral scientists in the Washington community and overseas. The annual budget analysis issue reports on funding prospects for over 50 agencies that support social and behavioral science research and remains a key reference for many people.



COSSA initiated a Facebook page in 2011 and has updated the COSSA Webpage more frequently.

The newsletter continues to print reports of the Members' Annual Meetings and Task Force reports. In addition, some Members have reprinted articles in their newsletters or provided links on their home pages. The ED wrote articles for the American Sociological Association's *Footnotes* and the National Communication Association's *Spectra*.

COSSA staff remains a source for the science press, both on background and on the record. Conversations took place this year with reporters from the *New York Times*, *SCIENCE Magazine*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, and other publications regarding the new Congress, federal funding, human subjects research protection, NSF leadership, and NIH peer-reviewed grants.

ED maintained his active participation in the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF). COSSA co-sponsored the Annual Exhibition and encouraged its members to participate. Through CNSF, COSSA was able to garner support for the SBE sciences at NSF.

COSSA continued to participate in many national coalitions to increase funding for social and behavioral research related to health. The DD serves on the Steering Committees of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding and the Friends of NICHD. Other groups COSSA belongs to include: Friends of NIA, Friends of the AHRQ, CDC Coalition, Friends of NCHS, Friends of NIDA, Friends of NIAAAA, Health Research Service Administration Coalition, Genome Action Coalition, and the Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition.

COSSA engaged in numerous interactions with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) including attending its Annual Meeting and Policy Forum, where the ED spoke

to the Section K meeting about the federal budget and he attended the special Public Policy dinner. In addition, COSSA: worked with AAAS staff to help produce the Inter-Society Letter on science funding; edited and authored the chapter on social and behavioral sciences in the FY 2012 Federal R&D Report; participated in Science and Human Rights Coalition events; and attended the forum on “Science and Society: Global Challenges.”

COSSA staff attended many meetings at the National Academies. The ED met with Robert Hauser, the Executive Director of the Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE), and Connie Citro, the director of the Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT).

Meetings included: the Committee on Law and Justice’s workshops on Deterrence and the Death Penalty, and White Collar Crime; CNSTAT’s Public Seminars, its committee evaluating the 2010 Census, and a workshop on developing Science and Technology Indicators.



JOANNE CARNEY, AAAS

COSSA met with representatives of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS) to discuss their Commission on Humanities and Social Sciences. ED spoke with AAAS’ Director Leslie Berlowitz about facilitating more interaction between her group and COSSA.

COSSA worked with the Council on Food and Agricultural Resource Economics (CFARE) on issues relating to the funding of agricultural research and statistics.



ROBERT HAUSER, DBASSE



## COSSA AND ITS CONSTITUENTS

COSSA's membership includes 17 Governing Members, 25 Membership Organizations, 58 Universities, and 13 Centers and Institutes.

The ED spoke on a panel at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) meeting in New Orleans in April. He met with the Board of the Population Association of America in March. He attended the American Psychological Association meeting in Washington, DC in August. He attended the American Political Science Association meeting in Seattle in September. In late September he spoke to the meeting of AERA's Organization of Institutional Affiliates.

While in Seattle, the ED met with the Susan Olson, Executive Director-Designate of the Law and Society Association and its current President, and University of Washington Professor Michael McCann.

Invited by the Population Research Center's Director Mark Hayward, the ED made a visit to the University of Texas at Austin in October. He spoke at a brown bag lunch, met with graduate students in the demography program, met with the Dean of Liberal Arts, toured the Visualization Center of the Texas Advanced Supercomputer Center, visited the LBJ Presidential Library and the Harry Ranson Center, and had dinner with COSSA's former President Aletha Huston.

The Executive Director (ED) spoke to the Association of Public Data Users' Annual Meeting in late September.

The ED attended the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences' awards dinner in New York City and the Annual Meeting of the American Council of Learned Societies in Washington, DC.

The ED worked with the Association of American Universities, the Association for Public and Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, and the Science Coalition to prepare documents to respond to any congressional attacks on the SBE sciences.

The ED and Deputy Director (DD) met with many representatives of COSSA's Member Organizations, Universities, and Centers and Institutes, including Judy Howard, Dean of the Social and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington, and Bo Beaulieu of Mississippi State University and director of the Southern Rural Development Center.



## GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) began in the late 1960s as an informal group of social science associations that met to exchange information and discuss common problems. In May 1981, the disciplinary associations, responding to disproportionately large budget cuts proposed by the new Reagan Administration for the social and behavioral sciences at the National Science Foundation (NSF), used the informal COSSA collaboration to establish a Washington-based advocacy effort. Successful in mitigating the budget cuts, COSSA was incorporated in 1982 as a 501(c)(6) organization by ten disciplinary-based social/behavioral science associations.

That same year, COSSA's Founding Members decided to invite other associations to become Affiliates of the organization, and universities and research institutes to become Contributors. In 2003, this nomenclature was changed to Governing Members, Membership Organizations, Universities, and Centers and Institutes. COSSA also encouraged some of the former Affiliates to enhance their status to Governing Members, and eight groups have done so. At the end of 2010, the Consortium's membership included 17 Governing Members, 25 Membership Organizations, 58 Universities, and 13 Centers and Institutes.

COSSA's Board of Directors consists of two representatives from each of the Governing Member associations and at-large members selected to represent other segments of the Consortium's constituency. COSSA's Executive Director serves as an ex-officio member of the Board. The Board meets annually, usually in the fall, to approve the COSSA budget and to set policy. In 2011, Ken Prewitt, Professor of Public Affairs and Vice President of Global Centers at Columbia University, served the first year of his two-year term as President.

The Executive Committee consists of the executive officers, or their designees, of the Member associations and COSSA's executive director, ex-officio. The Committee meets quarterly to discuss issues of COSSA policy and priorities. In 2011, Sally Hillsman, Executive Officer of the American Sociological Association, served the first year of her second two-year term as Chair.

As an advocacy group, COSSA must comply with the new requirements under the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007. COSSA submits its lobbying forms four times a year and each COSSA staff member now reports his/her political contributions twice a year. COSSA has determined that it spends about one-third of its funds lobbying. The Consortium's budget for 2011 was approximately \$540,000.

# COSSA STAFF

**Howard J. Silver, PhD, Executive Director** - Dr. Silver, COSSA's leader since 1988, is responsible for planning and directing all programs and initiatives of the Consortium and serves as its chief lobbyist. He formerly served COSSA as Associate Director for Government Relations, a position he held from 1983 to 1988. Elected by his science policy colleagues, from 1994 - 2000 he chaired the Coalition for National Science Funding. Dr. Silver was previously a consultant for legislative and political research, a political campaign manager, and a legislative analyst in the Department of Education. He taught political science and public policy at several colleges and universities. He received the Ph.D. in political science from the Ohio State University and has a B.A. from the City College of the City University of New York.

**Angela L. Sharpe, MG, Deputy Director** - Angela Sharpe is responsible for lobbying Members of Congress and their staff on health and behavior research, and representing COSSA to executive branch agencies, particularly the Department of Health and Human Services. She joined the COSSA staff in June 1995. She previously served as a legislative assistant to former Rep. Carrie P. Meek (D-FL) and to the late Rep. R. Lawrence Coughlin (R-PA). Prior to working on Capitol Hill, Ms. Sharpe worked for the Library of Congress' National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. She earned her Masters in Government degree from The Johns Hopkins University. She received a B.S. in Industrial Relations and a B.S. in Psychology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**La Tosha Plavnik, Assistant Director for Government Relations** - La Tosha Plavnik spends part of her time as COSSA's office administrator and part of her time assisting with COSSA's lobbying efforts. She came to COSSA from the National Humanities Alliance where she assisted with their Humanities Advocacy day. She also served as a government relations assistant at the National Cable and Telecommunications Association and has provided administrative support to a number of non-profits, government relations firms, and political organizations in Washington. She began her Washington career as a policy assistant for the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Caucus. Ms. Plavnik earned a dual B.A. in political science and advertising from Iowa State University.

**Gina S. Drioane, Assistant Director of Public Affairs** - Gina Drioane joined the COSSA staff in March 2011. She is responsible for writing and editing COSSA's publications. Ms. Drioane also works with Congress and the Executive branch to assist with COSSA's lobbying efforts on issues surrounding rural America, agriculture, health, and the Census. She came to COSSA from the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), where she served as Press Secretary and Legislative Assistant. She has a B.A. in Political Science and B.A. in History from the University of California, Davis.



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