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2012 ANNUAL REPORT

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Institute for Women's Policy Research
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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The first year of COSSA's fourth decade of advocacy presented a significant number of challenges. In 2011, the new Republican majority in the House of Representatives pretty much left the social/behavioral sciences alone. In 2012 this changed dramatically. Amendments to the Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill passed the House eliminating funding for political science at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and funding for the American Community Survey (ACS) at the U.S. Census Bureau. In addition, the House Labor, Health and Human Services, Education Appropriations Subcommittee voted to abolish funding for economics research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and for the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ). This bill never made it to the House floor.



COSSA once again organized and mobilized its members as well as the science community, led by the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences (AAAS), and the higher education community, to defend political science, economics, the ACS, and AHRQ. We also worked with our allies at NSF, the NIH, and the Census Bureau. We are grateful to Rep. Chaka Fattah (D-PA) for defending political science and the ACS on the House floor, and to Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and the Senate for standing steadfast against the CJS amendments in House-Senate conference deliberations. Since the FY 2013 appropriations process remained incomplete, none of these amendments became law.

Overshadowing these events in 2012 was the continued fiscal crisis and a highly partisan and dysfunctional political situation exacerbated by a presidential election year. Once again, reducing the deficit through spending cuts loomed large on the policy playing field. COSSA joined with many other groups in a Non-Defense Discretionary (NDD) Coalition to argue for a balanced approach to deficit reduction that included revenue enhancements and defense cuts, keeping to a minimum proposed reductions to those programs in the non-defense discretionary budget, which incorporates federal support for research and statistics. As the Coalition and its allies, such as Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA), have pointed out, this part of the budget had already absorbed a significant amount of cuts.

To help respond to the attacks on social science, the National Academies' Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE), under its

Executive Director Robert Hauser and its Advisory Committee Chairman Ken Prewitt (who also happened to be COSSA's President), played a heightened role in promoting the social and behavioral sciences. COSSA worked with DBASSE in 2012 to present a symposium, *Social and Behavioral Sciences in Action*, and to continue to explore the issue of infusing these sciences into the nation's K-12 science education. COSSA's Executive Director spoke to the DBASSE Advisory Committee and participated in its meetings. All of this occurred in addition to COSSA's regular interaction with many of DBASSE's Boards and Committees.

Another highlight of the year was a continuation of COSSA's leadership role on the issue of enhancing diversity and broadening participation in the sciences. The Collaborative for Enhancing Diversity in the Sciences, chaired by COSSA's Deputy Director Angela Sharpe, held a workshop in May to develop common data, measures, and standards. The report of the workshop will be available in spring 2013. In addition, the COSSA Colloquium featured a session on the issue.

In its second year, the COSSA Colloquium on Social and Behavioral Science and Public Policy built on the 30th Anniversary meeting in 2011 to present a series of talks and panels that ranged from assessing the election, warnings from congressional staff about the dangers ahead for the social and behavioral sciences, explaining the role of the disciplines in interdisciplinary research, and determining the influence of these sciences on public policy. We are grateful to SAGE Publications for its support of the event.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Con't

The past year also brought a revival of the social/behavioral sciences at the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP). Philip Rubin, with whom COSSA strongly collaborated when he was head of the Behavioral and Cognitive Division at NSF's Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) directorate, became OSTP's Assistant Director for the SBE Sciences. He has reached out to COSSA and its members in a series of meetings during 2012.

At NIH, the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development celebrated its 50th Anniversary. COSSA took a significant role planning an event on Capitol Hill showcasing results from the research supported by the Institute. COSSA sponsored Janet Currie of Duke, whose research demonstrated the importance of continued economics funding by NIH. In addition, COSSA continued to meet regularly with Robert Kaplan, head of NIH's Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research. COSSA's Deputy Director served on the steering committee of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research forging cooperation with biomedical groups on behalf of NIH funding.

In the category of the more things change, the more they remain the same, the National Longitudinal Survey (NLS) became endangered again in 2012. When I first arrived at COSSA in December 1983, future COSSA President, then BLS Commissioner, Janet Norwood, and Senator Orrin Hatch (R-UT), were instrumental in responding to COSSA's advocacy to keep the NLS going when the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration was ready to end it. This year, it was BLS that wanted the NLS jettisoned. Working with the National Opinion Research Center (a COSSA member), COSSA joined many groups to successfully keep this important survey going.

COSSA continued its interest in Human Subjects Research, although our formal relationship with the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs (AAHRPP), which we helped found, ended. As we move into 2013, concern continues over possible changes to the Federal

Common Rule that regulates such research. DBASSE, with help from many COSSA members, is moving to convene the community to discuss the role of social/behavioral research in this regulatory regime.

As happens with the ending of a president's first term, some of the familiar faces move on. We were particularly delighted to work with three terrific folks at the Office of Justice Programs, all of whom left by the end of 2012. Assistant Attorney General Laurie Robinson stepped down earlier in the year, but we were pleased that she could still speak at the COSSA Colloquium in November. National Institute of Justice Director John Laub and Bureau of Justice Statistics Director James Lynch, who worked so well together, departed at the end of the year. Census Director Bob Groves, having steered the Bureau and the nation through the 2010 Census and its immediate aftermath, left in August.

With goings there are also comings. After a much too long confirmation process, Erica Groshen, who served on the 2010 Census Advisory Committee with COSSA's Executive Director, became the new Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). In October, former Economic Research Service Administrator Kitty Smith became Executive Director of the Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS), a group with whom COSSA works closely.

The difficulties in 2012 could appear again in 2013. As it has for over thirty years, COSSA will remain vigilant in promoting and protecting the social and behavioral sciences. Again, I am grateful to the COSSA staff, the Executive Committee including its two new members, Peter Rousseau of the American Economic Association and Susan Olson of the Law and Society Association, the Board of Directors, COSSA's immediate past president Ken Prewitt and its new president James Jackson, as well as all of our members for their continued support for COSSA and its important activities.

Howard J. Silver, Ph.D.
February 2013

A YEAR OF CHALLENGES

Two Thousand Twelve (2012) presented COSSA with a number of significant challenges. Activity in the House included passage of amendments to FY 2013 appropriations bills that would have eliminated the:

- National Science Foundation's Political Science program,
- Funding for health economics research at the National Institutes of Health,
- American Community Survey, and
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality

Despite the lack of success in halting these actions (on the House floor for all but health economics research, which came out of the House Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee), COSSA worked with its members, its allies in the science and higher education communities, staff from the agencies, and others. Most importantly this coalition made its arguments to the Senate to successfully prevent the enactment of these amendments into law.



Senator Barbara Mikulski



Representative Chaka Fattah

In the House, Representative Chaka Fattah (D-PA), Ranking Member on the Commerce, Justice, Science (CJS) Appropriations Subcommittee, stood tall in defending the political science program and the American Community Survey. In the Senate, once again, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Chair of the CJS Subcommittee, was the bulwark protecting us against these disastrous House actions.

The Appropriations process stalled again, and Congress enacted a six-month Continuing Resolution (CR) to keep government agencies and programs running until the end of March. All of the programs slated for elimination by the House survived.

The current challenge of sequestration or automatic across-the-board cuts would lead to significant reductions in the budgets of science agencies in FY 2013. COSSA has joined the Non-Defense Discretionary (NDD) Coalition to advocate for a balanced deficit reduction plan that would avoid sequestration.

HIGHLIGHTS



INCREASED COLLABORATION WITH DBASSE

COSSA increased its activities with the National Academies, particularly its Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE), whose Executive Director is Bob Hauser and whose Advisory Committee Chairman is Ken Prewitt. COSSA helped plan the DBASSE Symposium on Social and Behavioral Science in Action and participates in the discussions about possible future activities.



Bob Hauser

COSSA Executive Director spoke on a panel about the federal budget situation and participated in the DBASSE Advisory Committee meetings.

COSSA and its members held numerous meetings with DBASSE's Board on Science Education regarding the social and behavioral sciences in K-12 STEM education.

Further COSSA interaction occurred with DBASSE's Committee on National Statistics, Committee on Law and Justice, the Committee on Population, the Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences, and the Board on Environmental Change and Society.



Ken Prewitt

THE SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND PUBLIC POLICY *COSSA's* 2012 Colloquium

November 29– 30, 2012
Washington, DC

Agenda

Thursday, November 29

8:30 – 8:45

Welcome and Introductions – Kenneth Prewitt



Norman Ornstein

8:45 – 9:30

Assessing the 2012 Election Results

Norman Ornstein – American Enterprise Institute

9:45 – 10:45

Federal Funding for the Social/Behavioral Sciences: The Dangers Ahead

Wendell Primus – Office of Representative Nancy Pelosi

Barbara Pryor – Office of Senator Jay Rockefeller

Dahlia Sokolov – House Research and Science Education Subcommittee



Wendell Primus

1:00 – 12:15

Interdisciplinary Research and the Role of the Disciplines

Myron Gutmann / Leah Nichols – National Science Foundation

Philip Rubin – White House Office of Science and Technology Policy

Kaye Husbands Fealing – National Academy of Sciences



Kaye Husbands Fealing

12:30 – 2:00

Luncheon

Griffin Rodgers – National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health



Griffin Rodgers

Elizabeth Groginsky



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2:15 – 3:30

Concurrent Session I

Maximizing Data Opportunities in Child Development and Education

Jack Buckley – National Center for Education Statistics

Jim Kohlmoos – National Association of State Boards of Education

Elizabeth Groginsky – Early Childhood Data Collaborative, Child Trends



Dixie Sommers

Concurrent Session II

The Future of Work

Dixie Sommers – Bureau of Labor Statistics

Harry Holzer – Georgetown University

Arne Kalleberg – University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

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3:45 – 5:00

Broadening Participation in Science in a Diverse America

Sally Hillsman – American Sociological Association (*moderator*)

Dorit Zuk – National Institutes of Health

Kellina Craig-Henderson – National Science Foundation

Joan Reede – Harvard University



Kellina Craig-Henderson

5:00 – 7:00

Reception – Sponsored by  Publications

Friday, November 30

8:45 – 9:30

Presidential Address

Kenneth Prewitt – Using Science as Evidence in Public Policy

9:45 – 11:30

Using Social and Behavioral Science in Public Policy

Examples and Case Studies

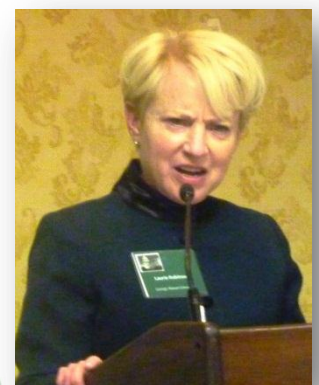
Laurie Robinson – George Mason University: Crime

Robert Moffitt – Johns Hopkins University: EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit)

David Schanzer – Duke University: Homeland Security



David Schanzer



Laurie Robinson

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)

COSSA led and organized the response to the threat to NSF's political science program.

COSSA monitored the hearings in the House Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations Subcommittee as well the debate on bill on the House floor. COSSA consulted with Subcommittee staff, especially on the political science problem.

COSSA monitored the NSF hearing at the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee and communicated with the staff of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.

Executive Director (ED) met with NSF Director Subra Suresh and Deputy Director Cora Marrett.

ED met regularly with Myron Gutmann, the Assistant Director for the Social, Behavioral, and Economic

Sciences (SBE) directorate, as well as Division Directors Mark Weiss and Rachel Croson, and many Program Officers.

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

ED met with Judy Gan, head of the Office of Legislative and Public Affairs. COSSA worked closely with the Office on appropriations, specifically the threat to the political science program, and other issues.

COSSA staff attended the Science of Science and Innovation Policy Principal Investigators' conference.

ED attended the National Science Board briefing on the Science and Engineering Indicators report.



Cora Marrett



Subra Suresh

WHITE HOUSE OFFICE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY

ED met early in the year with Kei Koizumi, then Acting Assistant Director (AD) for Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS), to enlist OSTP's help in case of congressional attacks.

With the appointment of Philip Rubin as the AD for the SBE, more involvement with OSTP occurred. Regular consultations followed including a meeting to discuss the congressionally-mandated neuroscience initiative and other activities.

ED met with Bess Evans, Office of Public Engagement, to discuss sequestration and other issues affecting the science community.

COSSA monitored Presidential Science Adviser John Holdren's appearances before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Science, Justice, and the House Science, Space and Technology Committee.



Philip Rubin



NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH AND OTHER HEALTH AGENCIES

Deputy Director (DD) continues to co-chair the **Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (CAHT-BSSR)**. CAHT-BSSR continues to meet with various agency personnel including regular meetings with National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) director Robert Kaplan.



DD continues to co-chair the **Coalition to Promote Research (CPR)**, which remains poised to respond rapidly to threats to peer-reviewed research.

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 provided support in the campaign to protect NIH health economics research, working closely with the American Economic Association and the Population Association of American to generate a letter to Congressional and Appropriations Committee leadership that had more than 80 groups as signatories.

DD attended the NIH Advisory Committee to the NIH Director (ACD). At its June meeting, the ACD released two working groups' reports regarding the biomedical and behavioral scientific workforce and the diversity of the scientific workforce.

The Friends of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (FNICHD), on whose steering committee COSSA serves, organized a Congressional Reception and Science Exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of the

establishment of the institute. COSSA and AEA jointly sponsored Janet Currie of Princeton University to present her research on "The Economics of Child Health: Evidence from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY)."

COSSA monitored and attended the advisory council meetings of the various NIH institutes, including the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Children's Study.

COSSA continued to follow the implementation of the National Children's Study, particularly the controversy over the sampling frame.

DD continued to serve on the Steering Committee for the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding. The Ad Hoc Group is a coalition of patient and voluntary health groups, medical and scientific societies, academic and research organizations, and industrial groups that advocate for funding on behalf of the NIH. DD attended meetings with numerous NIH Institute Directors.



Janet Currie and Alan Guttmacher

DD monitored and reported on the activities of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), including attendance at AHRQ's advisory committee council meetings.

COSSA staff attended the Board of Scientific Counselors meeting of the National Center for Health Statistics reporting on their data releases and meeting with staff.

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THE CENSUS BUREAU AND OTHER ECONOMIC STATISTICS ISSUES

COSSA monitored activity on the Presidential Appointments and Efficiency Act, which created a five-year term for the Director of the Bureau.

As a member of the Census Stakeholder's Group, COSSA has joined many other organizations to advocate for adequate funding for the FY 2013 Census budget. This included strong opposition to amendments that would eliminate the American Community Survey or make it voluntary.

COSSA also advocated for the FY 2013 budget for the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA). For this and the Census budget advocacy, the ED joined his colleagues in communicating with both House and Senate appropriations staff. The ED attended the BEA Advisory Committee meeting.

COSSA joined with other organizations to advocate that the Bureau of Labor Statistics maintain its support for the National Longitudinal Survey (NLS). COSSA co-sponsored a Hill briefing on the uses of the NLS.

EDUCATION

As a member of the Coalition for International Education, COSSA continues to push the Administration and the Congress to restore the funding to the Title VI and Fulbright-Hays programs. The Coalition also weighed in with the Administration on its plans for supporting international education in the future. In mid-November, the Administration released its International Education blueprint, which reflects a deliberate shift to a systematic and integrated approach to international engagement and downplays the over-50-year-old Title VI programs.

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 expressed concern about the elimination of Senate confirmation for the heads of the Bureau of Justice Statistics and the National Center for Education Statistics. (This occurred in the same bill that created the five-year term for the Census Director.)

ED met with head of the Office of Statistical Policy at the Office of Management and Budget and her staff regarding an amendment sponsored by Rep. Scott Tipton (R-CO) to disallow payments to respondents of federal surveys.



Kathy Wallman

COSSA participated in and reported on an American Statistical Association-organized conference on *Statistics, Politics, and Public Policy*. Speakers included COSSA President and former Census Bureau director Ken Prewitt and then-Census Director Robert Groves.

COSSA staff attended numerous congressional hearings by the House Education and Workforce and Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committees regarding ESEA, the Administration's Race to the Top program, education research and education reform. Staff also monitored hearings and actions regarding the Department of Education by the appropriations panels.



Jack Buckley

COSSA staff also attended and reported on meetings of the National Board for Education Sciences as well

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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.

COSSA staff attended and reported on briefings by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). NCES Commissioner Jack Buckley spoke at the COSSA Colloquium.

COSSA and its members remain 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. Meetings were held by the National Academies' Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) to address this problem. A possible Academy Roundtable on the issue is under consideration. COSSA has also pressed the National Science Foundation on this issue as well.

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

Along with the American Society of Criminology, COSSA presented a congressional briefing on "Preventing Repeat Offending: Reentry and Employment of Ex-Prisoners."

COSSA ED attended the NIJ Conference presenting agency-supported research results as well as briefings of the George Mason University-based Center for Evidenced Based Crime Policy.



James P. Lynch

The COSSA newsletter highlighted the National Academies' Committee on Law and Justice's report on *Deterrence and the Death Penalty*.

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

COSSA staff monitored developments on the reauthorization of the Farm Bill, including attending hearings on the research and rural development provisions.

COSSA staff attended hearings on the FY 2013 Agriculture Appropriations bill related to the research and statistics functions of the Department of Agriculture (USDA).

COSSA staff participated in meetings regarding the USDA/Research, Education and Economics Action

plan developed by Undersecretary Catherine Woteki and her staff. COSSA staff met with the new head of the Economic Research Service, Mary Bohman.

Staff attended a National Institute on Food and Agriculture briefing on childhood obesity.

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

OTHER ACTIVITIES

ENHANCING DIVERSITY IN SCIENCE

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

In May, CEDS held another workshop supported by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD),

in collaboration with:

National Institutes of Health's (NIH)

Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR)

Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD)

National Science Foundation's (NSF)

Directorate for Education & Human Resources (EHR)

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Undergraduate Program (HBCU-UP)

Research on Gender in Science and Engineering (GSE))

Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE)

Division of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (BCS), Social Psychology program

Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES), Economics, Science of Organizations and Sociology

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (Sloan)

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)

William T. Grant Foundation (W.T. Grant)



HUMAN RESEARCH PROTECTION

COSSA's relationship with the Association of Human Research Protection Programs Inc. (AAHRPP) receded in 2012 with the repayment of COSSA's loan and the dissolution of the line of credit. As a Founding Member, COSSA will continue to have some informal connection with AAHRPP. In one last activity, COSSA nominated Karen Cook to serve on the AAHRPP Board.

COSSA groups continue to monitor the Office of Human Research Protections' (OHRP) attempt to revise the Common Rule that governs human research protection in federally-funded research.

OTHER ISSUES

COSSA met with the head of the National Academies' new Board on Environmental Change and Society (BECS) to discuss social and behavioral science input to climate change research activities.

Universities (APLU), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) and others in the science community to object to the GRANT Act, which would have placed undue burdens on researchers.

COSSA joined other groups, including many of its members, in responding to administration and congressional attempts to limit federal government employees' participation in professional meetings. COSSA joined with the Association of American Universities (AAU), Association of Public and Land Grant

COSSA and its groups continue to monitor progress toward Open Access policies for research articles. These include implementation of the NIH and British systems and forthcoming government-wide policies that will affect the NSF.

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.

Preventing Repeat Offending: Reentry and Employment of Ex-Prisoners

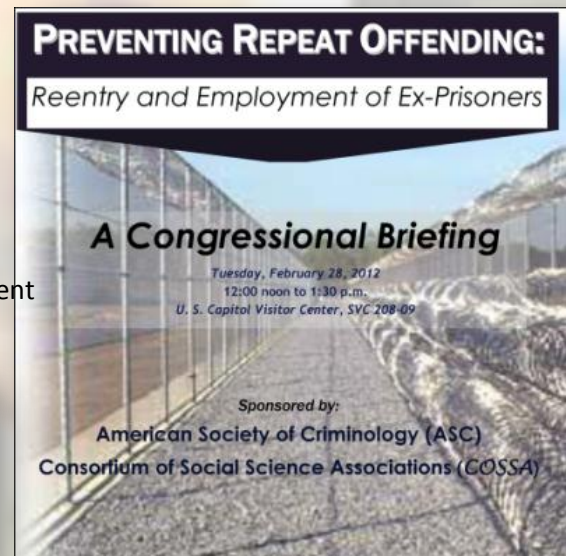
February 28, 2012

Speakers

Shawn Bushway, Albany University, SUNY
Robert Apel, Rutgers University
Edward Latessa, University of Cincinnati
Dan Bloom, MDRC Corporation
Dora Schriro, Commissioner, New York City Department of Correction



Left to Right: Dan Bloom, Dora Schiro, Edward Latessa, Shawn Bushway, and Robert Apel



Presented in collaboration with the American Society of Criminology.

The National Longitudinal Surveys (NLS): Providing Insight and Information to Today's Headlines and Policymakers

June 26, 2012

Speakers

Dan Black, University of Chicago
Karen Militello, National Opinion Research Center (NORC)
Carolyn Hill, Georgetown University
Vicki Shabo, National Partnership for Women and Families
Karlyn Bowman, American Enterprise Institute

Presented by NORC, a member of COSSA, with our co-sponsorship.



CONGRESSIONAL BRIEFINGS

Treatment as Prevention: HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse

July 28, 2012

Speakers

Nora D. Volkow, MD, Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse

Marguerita Lightfoot, PhD, University of California, San Francisco

Frederick L. Altice, Yale University

Carlos Del Rio, MD, Emory School of Medicine



Nora Volkow



Left to right: Marguerita Lightfoot, Frederick Altice, and Carlos Del Rio



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

COSSA AND ITS CONSTITUENTS

At the end of October 2012, COSSA had **17 Governing Members, 26 Member Organizations, 58 Universities, and 14 Centers and Institutes.**

The Executive Director (ED) attended the Association of American Law Schools meeting and continues to serve on its Membership Review Committee.

The ED attended the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences' awards dinner in Washington and met with its new Executive Director Tom Kecskemethy.

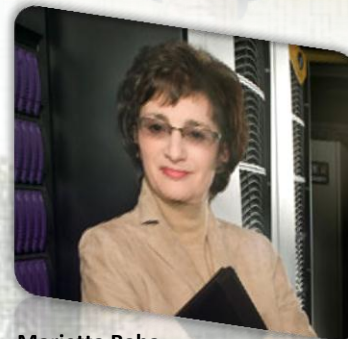
The ED served on an American Society of Criminology Committee to review its public policy activities.

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 DD met with many representatives of COSSA's Member Organizations, Universities, and Centers and Institutes, including Marietta Baba of Michigan State University, Wendy Baldwin, President of the Population Reference Bureau, and numerous Washington-based university representatives.



Wendy Baldwin



Marietta Baba

COSSA AND THE COMMUNITY

COSSA 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.



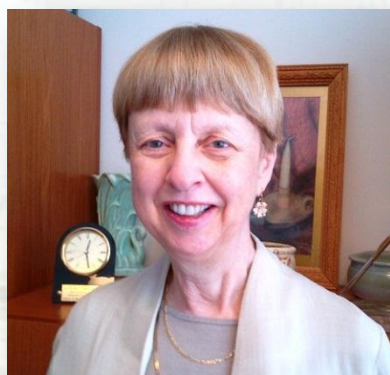
COSSA initiated a Facebook page in 2011 that includes links to articles in the popular media that report on findings from social and behavioral science research.

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.

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 *Congressional Quarterly*, the *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *Inside Higher Education*, and others regarding federal funding, the elimination of the American Community Survey, and the National Children's Study.

The Executive Director maintained his active participation in the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF). COSSA's members continued to participate in CNSF's Annual Exhibition. 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 Deputy Director 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 NIAAA, and the Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities Coalition.



Connie Citro

COSSA engaged in numerous interactions with the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). COSSA worked with AAAS staff to help produce the Intersociety Letter on science funding and the threat to political science at NSF; edited and authored the chapter on social and behavioral sciences in the FY 2012 Federal R&D Report; and participated in Science and Human Rights Coalition events.

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), Connie Citro, the director of the Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT), and Meredith Lane, director of the Board on Environmental Change and Society.

Leslie Berlowitz, President of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, met with the COSSA Executive Committee to discuss the Academy's Commission on the Humanities and Social Sciences.

GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE

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.



James S. Jackson

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. At the end of 2012, the Consortium's membership included 17 Governing Members, 26 Membership Organizations, 58 Universities, and 14 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 the fall, to approve the COSSA budget and to set policy. In 2012, Ken Prewitt, Professor of Public Affairs at Columbia University, completed his two-year term as President. The Board selected James S. Jackson, Director of the Institute of Social Research, University of Michigan, as COSSA's next 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 2012, Sally Hillsman, Executive Officer of the American Sociological Association, completed her second two-year term as Chair. The Committee selected Steve Breckler, Executive Director for Science at the American Psychological Association, to replace her as its leader.



Steve Breckler

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 2012 was approximately \$560,000.

COSSA STAFF

Howard J. Silver, PhD, Executive Director Dr. Silver, COSSA's leader since 1988, plans and directs 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. 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 was elected as an AAAS Fellow in 1998. 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 joined the COSSA staff in 1995 and has been 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 co-chairs the Coalition for the Advancement of Health Through Behavioral and Social Research, the Coalition to Promotes Research, and chairs the Collaborative to Enhance Diversity in Sciences. 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). She earned her Master 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.

Julia Milton, Assistant Director of Public Affairs Julia Milton joined the COSSA staff in August 2012, replacing Gina Drioane. Ms. Milton is responsible for editing and producing COSSA's biweekly newsletter, *COSSA Washington Update*. She also writes for and edits other COSSA published materials. In addition, she assists in COSSA's advocacy efforts and serves as COSSA's representative to the AAAS Science and Human Rights Coalition. She previously served as a Research and Editorial Assistant at The George Washington University's Institute for Communitarian Policy Studies. She holds a dual B.A. in Government and English from Wesleyan University.

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