



## Population Association of America

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### **The Association of Population Centers (APC)**

The Association of Population Centers is an organization comprised of over 30 universities and research groups whose mission is to foster collaborative demographic research and data sharing, translate basic population research for policy makers, and provide educational and training opportunities in population studies. [www.popcenters.org](http://www.popcenters.org)

### **The Population Association of America (PAA)**

The Population Association of America is a professional organization of over 3,000 individual members who conduct population research. PAA members include demographers, economists, health scientists, sociologists, and statisticians. PAA members are committed to studying and communicating the implications of population change. Their diverse interests include adolescent health;

aging; childcare; family formation and dissolution; fertility; immigration and migration; minority health; morbidity and mortality; population forecasting; and retirement.

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## **The Government and Public Affairs Committee**

The Government and Public Affairs Committee (GPAC) manages the government and public affairs functions of the Population Association of America (PAA) and Association of Population Centers (APC).

The committee's mission is to:

- Formulate views of PAA/APC on issues before the legislative and executive branches of government.
- Educate federal policymakers about the importance of demographic research as it relates to current public policy issues.
- Inform board and members about status of public policy issues.
- Advise board, presidents, and members on how PAA and APC may respond to actions taken by the Congress and Executive Branch.

Through the Director and Deputy Director of Government and Public Affairs, GPAC accomplishes this mission by:

- Participating in coalitions;
- Organizing briefings and meetings with policymakers;



Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (D-CT) receives the PAA Excellence in Public Service Award from PAA President Kathleen Mullan Harris (right) for her commitment to population research and the federal agencies that support it.

- Developing briefing materials and communications for policymakers and staffs;
- Participating in bi-weekly conference calls;
- Reporting bi-annually to the PAA board and APC members;
- Writing updates for the organizations' newsletters and home pages and issuing action alerts.

### **Annual Delegation Visits**

Every March, a delegation of select members from GPAC and invited members of PAA and APC, visit key congressional staff and the directors of the National Institute on Aging, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, and NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research.

The purpose of these visits is to educate congressional staff and federal officials about the importance of funding demographic research and to discuss any current issues facing the field.

### **PAA/APC Coalitions**

- Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA).
- Coalition to Advance Health Through Behavioral Social Science Research (CAHT-BSSR)
- Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research Funding
- Census Project
- Coalition for National Science Funding
- Coalition for Health Funding.
- Coalition to Protect Research
- Friends of NICHD Executive Committee
- Friends of NIA Executive Committee
- Friends of National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS)



Dr. David Weir, University of Michigan (on the right), briefs analysts from the Congressional Research Service on the Health and Retirement Study.



Dr. Lingxin Hao, Johns Hopkins University, represented PAA and APC at the 13th Annual Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) Capitol Exhibition in Washington, DC. The purpose of the event was to educate members of Congress, congressional staff and other federal employees about the breadth and significance of scientific research supported by the National Science Foundation.

- International Family Planning Coalition
- Consortium of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics

### **Contact Information**

Interested in learning more? Please visit us on the web at [www.popassoc.org](http://www.popassoc.org) and [www.popcenters.org](http://www.popcenters.org). The link on "Government and Public Affairs Communications" includes most recent letters PAA and APC have sent or signed onto with other organizations. Email us at [paaapc@crosslink.net](mailto:paaapc@crosslink.net) or 202-939-5456.

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