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Congress Reaches Agreement on FY 2017 Funding

On May 1, Congress announced that a bipartisan deal had been brokered to fund the federal government through the remainder of fiscal year (FY) 2017. The omnibus appropriations bill includes 11 individual appropriations bills and keeps the government operating through September 30, 2017.

Should the bill pass this week, the final, much-delayed result for FY 2017 will be mostly

positive for social and behavioral science research. Compared to where we have been in recent years and with all of the unknowns surrounding the Trump Administration's position on science funding, this outcome is about the best we could have hoped for.

[Read on](#) for COSSA's full analysis of the FY 2017 omnibus appropriations bill.

COSSA IN ACTION

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities Answers "Why Social Science?"



The latest *Why Social Science?* guest post comes from Dr. Courtney Ferrell Aklin and Dr. Eliseo J. Pérez-Stable of the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), who write about how the social and behavioral sciences help us understand the social determinants of health and address health disparities. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Video from COSSA Briefing with Nobel Laureate Al Roth Now Available

On April 18, COSSA launched a new series of Congressional briefings as part of its *Why Social Science?* campaign. The event, [Why Social Science? Because Understanding Markets Can Save Lives](#), featured a discussion with renowned economist and Nobel Laureate Alvin Roth of Stanford University. The briefing series aims to highlight the many ways social and behavioral science research positively impacts our everyday lives.

Dr. Roth's talk, *Markets and Marketplaces: Making Markets Work*, showcased the various ways markets-commodity markets, matching markets, and those that fall in between-impact our daily lives, from the New York Stock Exchange to dating apps like Tinder and eHarmony to ride-sharing apps to Internet search results. Knowledge about markets can also be applied to complex societal challenges, such as kidney transplantation. Dr. Roth outlined how he was able to apply his theories in matching markets to develop a system of kidney exchanges in which incompatible patient-donor pairs find compatible kidneys for transplantation. His innovations have translated into thousands of lives and millions of dollars in health care costs saved, and earned him the 2012 Nobel Prize in Economics.



Video from the briefing, as well as Dr. Roth's slides, are available on the [COSSA website](#). COSSA thanks Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson and her excellent staff for helping to facilitate the event, and SAGE Publishing for its generous financial support.

COSSA Testimony Calls for Increased Funding for NSF, NIJ, Census, and Other Agencies

On April 21, COSSA submitted [testimony](#) to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies for fiscal year (FY) 2018. The testimony calls for increased funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics, and the Census Bureau. You can read this and other statements on the COSSA [website](#).

OBSSR Holds 10th Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Sciences Honors; Mark Hayward Delivers 2017 Lecture

On April 25, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) hosted its 10th annual celebration honoring [Matilda White Riley's](#) influence in social and behavioral sciences conducted and supported by the NIH. In 2016, OBSSR renamed the celebration [Real Life, Labs, Research: Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Sciences Honors](#). The ceremony honors a "who's who of behavioral and social science research," noted current OBSSR director Bill Riley (no relation).

[Mark Hayward](#), Professor of Sociology, Centennial Commission Professor in the Liberal Arts, and director of the Population Health Initiative at the University of Texas at Austin, gave this year's *Matilda White Riley Excellence Lecture*, entitled: "Reimagining the Dynamic Association between Education and U.S. Adult Mortality in a Fast Changing Policy Environment." A common thread in Hayward's work includes "understanding how socioeconomic status- especially education-as well as gender, marital status, and race/ethnicity shape health inequalities in later life. He has also explored the role of behavioral factors in health and health disparities including nutrition, body weight, and tobacco use." The celebration was also expanded to include an early stage investigator [paper competition](#). This year's Early Stage Investigator awardees included **Erika Fuchs**, University of Texas Medical Branch; **Emily Hohman**, Pennsylvania State University; **Frank Infurna**, Arizona State University; and **Jacqueline Torres**, University of California, San Francisco. The winners of the paper competition also presented their research. A videocast of the 2017 celebration is available [here](#).

NSB Releases Policy Brief on Career Path of Science, Engineering, and Health PhDs

The National Science Board, which is the policy-making body of the National Science Foundation (NSF), released a new policy brief featuring an interactive infographic tool allowing policymakers, educators, students, and others to assess career opportunities for those with doctoral degrees in science, engineering, and health fields. The interactive webpage also allows users to see the number of people with doctorates employed in business, government, and academic jobs and how career paths change over time. The tool can be found [here](#).

Preventive Services Task Force Accepting Nominations

The [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#) (USPSTF) is accepting nominations for new members. The Task Force, which is administered by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), makes evidence-based recommendations about the effectiveness of various clinical preventive services, including screening, counselling, medication.

Candidates are particularly sought with expertise in public health, health equity, applying science to health policy, behavioral medicine, and communication of scientific findings to multiple audiences. Nominations are due by June 15, 2017. More information is available in the [Federal Register notice](#).

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Thousands Participate in March for Science

On April 22, hundreds of thousands of people around the world gathered together to champion

the role science plays in promoting the common good. COSSA staff gathered with social and behavioral scientists to march down the streets of Washington, DC and share the importance of our sciences in particular in advancing our health, well-being, economies, and safety. Some of our favorite photos and social media posts from the March are posted on COSSA's [March for Science page](#), as well as an archive of the many activities and resources organized by COSSA's member associations. Thanks to everyone who marched in support of the social sciences in Washington and around the world!



National Academies to Host Workshop on Graduate Training in the Social and Behavioral Sciences

The National Academies' Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) is hosting a two-day workshop on [Graduate Training in the Social and Behavioral Sciences](#) on June 8 and 9. The workshop is sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health and will analyze the current employment of PhDs in the social and behavioral sciences, the future of the social and behavioral science workforce, and other relevant topics. A tentative agenda can be found [here](#). [Register](#) today.

Progress Report Released for *Innovation: An American Imperative*

In [2015](#), COSSA endorsed [Innovation: An American Imperative](#), a call for policymakers to strengthen investments in the U.S. innovation enterprise. In April, organizers released a [progress report](#) to the document, which now has signatures from more than 500 organizations. The progress report identifies areas in which progress has been made (including strengthening the R&D tax credit and reaffirming merit-based peer review) as well as areas for concern (in particular, changes to U.S. visa policy). The progress report is available on the [Innovation Imperative website](#).

23rd Annual CNSF Exhibition Scheduled for May 16

The Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF), of which COSSA is an active member, is hosting its [23rd Annual Exhibition and Reception](#) on Capitol Hill on May 16. This year's theme is "Investment in Scientific Research: Fueling American Innovation" and will feature a wide range of research projects made possible by the National Science Foundation. [Register here](#) by May 15.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AHRQ: Developing New Clinical Decision Support to Disseminate and Implement Evidence-Based Research Findings (R18) ([PA-17-261](#))
- AHRQ: Scaling Established Clinical Decision Support to Facilitate the Dissemination and Implementation of Evidence-Based Research Findings (R18) ([PA-17-260](#))
- NIFA: Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Food, Agriculture, Natural Resources and Human Sciences Education and Literacy Initiative ([USDA-NIFA-AFRI-006354](#))
- NIH: [Click here for a list of recent NIH funding opportunities.](#)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

COSSA Welcomes Florida State University



COSSA is pleased to welcome Florida State University as its newest member. Located in Tallahassee, Florida State [ranks](#) eighth in the nation in federal funding of R&D in the social and behavioral sciences. COSSA's full membership list is available [here](#). Information on how to join can be found on the [COSSA website](#).

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [SPSSI Webinar: An Introduction to Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis](#), May 4, 2017
- [Population Association of America Annual Meeting](#), April 27-29, 2017, Chicago, IL
- [Investments in Scientific and Educational Research: Fueling American Innovation - CNSF Exhibition and Reception](#), May 16, 2017, Washington, DC
- [American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference](#), May 18-21, 2017, New Orleans, LA
- [2017 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Lecture on Social Science and Public Policy](#), May 18, 2017, Washington, DC
- [American Evaluation Association Summer Institute: Finding Your Pathway in Evaluation](#), June 4-7, 2017, Atlanta, GA
- [Graduate Training in the Social and Behavioral Sciences: A Public Workshop](#), June 8-9, 2017, Washington, DC
- [Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#), June 20-23, 2017, Mexico City, Mexico

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [events page](#).

COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar and on our website should send an email to jmilton@coffa.org.

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