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FEATURED NEWS

Save the Date: Social Science Advocacy Day 2019

COSSA's [annual Social Science Advocacy Day](#), the only annual, coordinated advocacy day in support of all of the social and behavioral sciences, will take place on April 30 and May 1, 2019. Open exclusively to participants affiliated with [COSSA member organizations and universities](#), Social Science Advocacy Day brings together social scientists and other science advocates from across the country to engage with policymakers in Washington, DC.

COSSA provides in-depth training and logistical support (including scheduling meetings with Congressional offices and providing an on-call expert to answer day-of policy questions), as well as polished, up-to-date materials to help advocates bring their message to Capitol Hill. Participants are teamed up with other advocates from their area and partnered with experienced government relations professionals who will guide them through their meetings with members of Congress and staff. Watch for more details in the COSSA Washington Update and on the [Advocacy Day webpage](#).

COSSA IN ACTION

Linguist Claudia Brugman Answers "Why Social Science?"



The latest *Why Social Science?* guest post comes from Claudia Brugman, Research Scientist and Technical Director for Language in Social Systems at the University of Maryland's Center for Advanced Study of Language, who writes about how the social sciences help make our nation more secure. Read it [here](#) and [subscribe](#).

Letters & Statements

- 11/12/2018: [Letter on NIH Clinical Trials Policy](#)

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Rep. Johnson Seeks Science Chairmanship, Announces Priorities for the New Congress

On November 6, Representative Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX) [announced](#) her interest in seeking the chairmanship of the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. Johnson has served as the Ranking Minority Member of the Science Committee since 2010, and, should she be elected chair-which is expected-she will become the first woman and the first person of color to lead the committee. In her announcement she included three priorities for the committee in the coming year, including: ensuring the United States remains the global leader in innovation, addressing the challenge of climate change, and restoring the "credibility of the Science Committee as a place where science is respected and recognized as a crucial input to good policymaking." Committee assignments will come in the early months of 2019; COSSA will report on the details as they become available.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

Office of Evaluation Sciences Seeks Fellows

The [Office of Evaluation Sciences](#) (OES) at the General Services Administration is currently accepting applications for one-year fellowships beginning in October 2019. OES is a team of applied researchers that work to build insights from the social and behavioral sciences into federal programs. OES designs, implements, and analyzes evidence-based interventions and randomized evaluations. Fellows shape their own high-impact portfolio of work, design and direct projects, and author academic publications. The deadline to submit applications is December 30. More information can be found on the [OES website](#).

NEH Releases 2019 Summer Programs for Teachers

The [National Endowment for the Humanities](#) (NEH) has released information about its 2019 [tuition-free summer programs](#), which it offers each year to provide an opportunity for K-12, college, and university educators to study a variety of humanities topics. These programs focus on specific topics, texts, and questions in the humanities and promote connections between teaching and research in the humanities. Additionally, the NEH offers stipends to help cover the cost of travel and living expenses for these one- to four-week programs. The applications for summer 2019 programs are due March 1, 2019. More information and a list of topics is available [here](#).

Funding Opportunities

- NIH: [Predoctoral Training in Advanced Data Analytics for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research \(BSSR\) - Institutional Research Training Program \[T32\]](#) (Opens: April 25, 2019)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: NSF ENG, GEO, and SBE Directorates Accepting Proposals for Research Related to the 2018 Hurricane Season](#)
- NSF: [Navigating the New Arctic \(NNA\)](#) (Closes: February 14, 2019)
- NSF: [Understanding the Rules of Life: Epigenetics](#) (Closes: February 1, 2019)
- **NEW:** IRS Statistics of Income: [Joint Statistical Research Program](#) (Closes: December 31, 2018)
- NSF: [Understanding the Rules of Life: Building a Synthetic Cell](#) (Closes: December 28, 2018)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- **NEW:** OHRP: [Draft Guidance Document: Activities Deemed Not To Be Research: Public Health Surveillance, 2018 Requirements](#) (Closes: December 19, 2018)
- **NEW:** NIH: [FY19 Fiscal Policies for Grant Awards: Funding Levels, Salary Limits, and Stipend Levels](#)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Decoding NIH Grant Numbers](#)
- Census: [Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; The American Community Survey](#) (Closes: December 17, 2018)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Mid-Scale Research Infrastructure \(Mid-scale RI\) Opportunities](#)
- NIH: [Request for Information \(RFI\) on Proposed Provisions for a Draft Data Management and Sharing Policy for NIH Funded or Supported Research](#) (Closes: December 10, 2018)
- NSF: [Integrative Strategies for Understanding Neural and Cognitive Systems \(NCS\)](#) (FRONTIERS LOI Due: December 7, 2018; FOUNDATIONS LOI Due: January 8, 2019)
- NIH: [Draft Report on Health Research and Development To Stem the Opioid Crisis: A Federal Roadmap; Request for Comments](#) (Closes: December 5, 2018)

Open Positions

- NIH/NIDDK: [Program Director for Diabetes Behavioral Science](#)
- **NEW:** ERS: [Economic Research Service Administrator](#) (Closes: December 14, 2018)
- NIH: [Deputy Director, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and](#)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- **NEW:** NEH: [Summer Programs for K-12 and Higher Education Educators](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)
- **NEW:** FDA: [Tobacco Regulatory Science Fellowship](#) (Closes: March 1, 2019)
- **NEW:** GSA: [Office of Evaluation Sciences Fellowship](#) (Closes: December 30, 2018)

COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

National Academies Establishes Standing Committee on Science Communication Research and Practice

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) announced on November 21 the establishment of a new standing committee to bring together science communication practitioners and researchers. [The Standing Committee on Advancing Science Communication Research and Practice](#) will engage broad networks of stakeholders from across sectors to advance science communication around the goals of building a coherent knowledge base about communicating science, making it easier for science communicators to access research, and support organizations and individuals communicating science outside the science enterprise. More information about the standing committee and a list of members can be found at the [NASEM website](#).

National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research Seeks Recommendations for Areas of Study

The [National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research](#), an effort backed by philanthropic donors, will issue the first of four annual requests for proposals in January 2019 and is seeking input from researchers on areas of focus for gun-policy research funding. The annual request for proposals will be comprised of \$20 million to \$50 million awarded over a five-year period, with up to \$10 million in research grant funding and dissertation research awards available in the first round. Researchers who would like to suggest areas of focus for gun-policy research funding can email ncgvr@rand.org and those interested in receiving alerts about funding opportunities can sign up at [NCGVR.org](#).

The collaborative was launched by the Laura and John Arnold Foundation and is administered by the RAND foundation under the direction of an independent advisory committee that will set research priorities and make all decisions on grant awards.

Academies Releases "Science and Engineering for Grades 6-12"

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) released a new consensus study report, *Science and Engineering for Grades 6-12: Investigation and Design at the Center*. The report revisits the National Research Council's 2006 *America's Lab Report: Investigations in High School Science* and reviews relevant research with a focus on how to engage today's middle and high school students in science and engineering.

This report provides guidance for teachers, administrators, creators of instructional resources, and leaders in teacher professional learning on how to support students. Recommendations center around changing science and engineering instruction to focus on investigation and design through new instructional resources and professional learning opportunities for teachers, instruction on how to provide multiple opportunities for students to engage in

science projects, and guidance for administrators to account for historical inequities by implementing science investigation and engineering design for all students.

The full report is available for download on the [National Academies 's website](#).

This article was contributed by COSSA's fall intern, Victoria Deck of Emerson College.

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Committee on Applying Lessons of Optimal Adolescent Health to Improve Behavioral Outcomes for Youth](#) (Closes: November 30, 2018)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NASEM: [Committee on Assessing the Minerva Research Initiative and the Contribution of Social Science to Addressing Security Concerns: Call for Public Comments](#)

Recent Reports

- **NEW:** NASEM: [Science and Engineering for Grades 6-12: Investigation and Design at the Center](#)

COSSA MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Fellowships & Professional Development

- APA: [Congressional Fellowship](#), [Jacquelin Goldman Congressional Fellowship](#), and [Executive Branch Science Fellowship](#) (Close: January 6, 2019)
- AERA: [AERA Congressional Fellowship](#) (Closes: December 15, 2018)
- SRCD: Federal and State Policy Fellowships (Close: December 14, 2018)

EVENTS CALENDAR

- [African Studies Association Annual Meeting](#), November 29-December 1, 2018, Atlanta, GA
- [Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting](#), January 2-6, 2019, New Orleans, LA
- [American Historical Association Annual Meeting](#), January 3-6, 2019, Chicago, IL
- [Linguistic Society of America Annual Meeting](#), January 3-6, 2019, New York, NY
- [American Economic Association Annual Meeting](#), January 4-6, 2019, Atlanta, GA
- [Society for Social Work and Research Annual Meeting](#), January 16-20, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- [Southern Political Science Association Annual Conference](#), January 17-19, 2019, Austin, TX

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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CSSA ★ 2019

SOCIAL SCIENCE ADVOCACY DAY
April 30 - May 1, 2019 ★ Washington, DC

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American Anthropological Association
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American Economic Association
American Educational Research Association
American Political Science Association
American Psychological Association
American Society of Criminology
American Sociological Association
American Statistical Association
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Law and Society Association
Linguistic Society of America
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National Communication Association
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Economic History Association
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Midwest Sociological Society
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Society for Research on Adolescence
Society for Social Work and Research
Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
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Southern Political Science Association
Southern Sociological Society
Southwestern Social Science Association

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The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) is a nonprofit advocacy organization working to promote sustainable federal funding for and widespread use of social and behavioral science research and federal policies that positively impact the conduct of research. COSSA serves as a united voice for a broad, diverse network of organizations, institutions, communities, and stakeholders who care about a successful and vibrant social science research enterprise. The COSSA membership includes professional and disciplinary associations, scientific societies, research centers and institutes, and U.S. colleges and universities.

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