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Tomorrow, May 1, is Social Science Advocacy Day! COSSA will be supporting about 75 advocates who will head to Capitol Hill to discuss the importance of social science research and funding
COSSA IN ACTION

COSSA Issues Statement Calling for Budget Deal

On April 25, COSSA issued a statement calling on Congress to reach a deal that will prevent the budget cuts scheduled to take effect during fiscal years (FY) 2020 and 2021. The statement highlights the potential impact of these cuts on federal research agencies, particularly those that fund social science research or produce data used by social scientists: "Almost every national priority-health, defense, agriculture and conservation, hazards and natural disasters-relies on science and engineering; the social and behavioral sciences play an important role in helping to address the complex human-centered challenges our nation faces. If America is to continue its global leadership in science and innovation and keep pace with other nations that are doubling-down on their investments in research, we cannot afford to let arbitrary, across-the-board cuts to science and research agencies-including the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, and data-producing statistical agencies-hinder scientific progress."
The full statement is available on COSSA's website.

Development Scholar Joseph Assan Answers "Why Social Science?"

The latest Why Social Science? guest post comes from Joseph Assan, Assistant Professor of International Political Economy of Sustainable Development at Brandeis University, who writes about how insights from the social sciences can help to address sub-Saharan Africa’s youth unemployment crisis. Read it here and subscribe.

Letters & Statements

- 4/12/2019: Letter on FY 2020 Budget Caps

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Congress Returns; Subcommittees Begin Marking Up Spending Legislation

After a two-week spring recess, Congress is back in session and is moving ahead on fiscal year (FY) 2020 spending. As COSSA has reported, many agency leaders have already testified in front of appropriations subcommittees, with more expected in the coming weeks. Additionally, agency leaders important to the social and behavioral science enterprise, including leaders from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) are expected to testify in front of committees with authorization jurisdiction over their agencies in the next month.

Appropriations subcommittees are also moving quickly on drafting spending bills, with the
Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education bill scheduled to be considered in
subcommittee on April 30. This bill, the largest of the non-defense appropriations bills, is
responsible for funding the NIH, Department of Education, Bureau of Labor Statistics, among
many other agencies. Less controversial bills, including those that fund the Legislative Branch
and the Department of Veterans Affairs will be marked up soon after.

Although Congress is moving swiftly on FY 2020 funding, leaders have yet to reach a
compromise on raising the discretionary spending caps put in place by the Budget Control Act of
2011. These spending caps must be raised before FY 2020 spending can be finalized.

COSSA has issued an action alert urging members to write to their Members of Congress to tell
them to prioritize a budget deal that gives fair treatment to vital non-defense discretionary
(NDD) programs—including science and research agencies—which have disproportionately borne
the brunt of federal spending cuts over the past several years.

FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

OBSSR Seeks Examples of Behavioral and Social Science Accomplishments

The Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (OBSSR) within the National Institutes of
Health (NIH) is seeking contributions from the stakeholder community of examples of
noteworthy advances in health that would not have been possible without the behavioral and
social sciences. The project will be hosted on a crowdsourcing platform that will allow anyone
to contribute an idea or vote on the best submissions. OBSSR is seeking as broad a list as
possible—achievements do not need to have been funded by NIH or represent recent advances.
More details are available in a blog post from OBSSR Director Bill Riley. Ideas can be submitted
through the IdeaScale platform through July 31.

NSF Seeks Nominations for Advisory Committees

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has issued its annual call for recommendations for
membership to its various advisory committees and technical boards. These committees advise
NSF’s offices and directorates on program management, research direction, and policies
impacting the agency. Committees of particular interest to the COSSA community include
the Advisory Committee for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences and the Advisory
Committee for Education and Human Resources. Guidelines for recommendations and
committee contact information can be found here. Recommendations for membership are
maintained for 12 months.

Nomination Opportunities

- NEW: NSF: Request for Recommendations for Membership on Directorate and Office
  Advisory Committees
- AHRQ: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (Closes: May 15, 2019)

Funding Opportunities

- NIH: Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences (R21 Clinical
  Trial Optional) (Closes: July 16, 2019); (R01 Clinical Trial Optional) (Closes: July 5, 2019)
- NIH: Improving Patient Adherence to Treatment and Prevention Regimens to Promote
  Health (R21 Clinical Trial Optional) (Closes: July 16, 2019); (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
  (Closes: July 5, 2019)
- NIH: Population Health Interventions: Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence
  (R21) (Clinical Trial Not Allowed), (Clinical Trial Optional) (Closes: July 5, 2019)
**NEW:** BJS: FY 2019 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) (Closes: June 3, 2019)

**NEW:** BJS: NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP) (Closes: June 3, 2019)


BJS: BJS Statistical Support Program (Closes: May 28, 2019)

BJS: Survey of Public Defenders (SPD) (Closes: May 28, 2019)


BJS: FY 2019 Graduate Research Fellowship Program for Criminal Justice Statistics (Closes: May 21, 2019)

NIH/NIGMS: Graduate Research Training Initiative for Student Enhancement (G-RISE) [T32] (Closes: May 21, 2019)

NSF: Dear Colleague Letter: Research on Sexual Harassment and Other Forms of Harassment in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Contexts

NIJ: Tribal-Researcher Capacity Building Grants (Closes: May 13, 2019)

NIJ: Research and Evaluation on Promising Reentry Initiatives (Closes: May 13, 2019)

NIH: Research Project Grant (Parent R01 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required) (Opens: May 7, 2019)

BJS: Law Enforcement Core Statistics (LECS) Program FY 2019 Competitive Grant Solicitation (Closes: May 6, 2019)

NIJ: Research and Evaluation on Drugs and Crime FY 2019 (Closes: May 6, 2019)

**Notices & Requests for Comment**

**NEW:** NIH: Accomplishments in Behavioral and Social Sciences Research (Closes: July 31, 2019)


NIH: Request for Information (RFI) Seeking Stakeholder Input on the Need for an NIH Administrative Data Enclave (Closes: May 30, 2019)

IES: Proposed Priorities for the Institute of Education Sciences and Request for Comment (Closes: May 28, 2019)

BJS: Public comments requested on the proposed reinstatement and update of BJS's Identity Theft Supplement (2020/2022) to the National Crime Victimization Survey (Closes: May 20, 2019)

**Recent Reports**

**NEW:** GSA: Federal Data Strategy Proof Points

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**COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS**

**National Academies Seeking Community Input on First Phase of Alzheimer's Decadal Survey**

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine released a call for white papers from the scientific and stakeholder communities on the first phase of a decadal survey focused on reducing the burden of Alzheimer's Disease (AD) and Alzheimer's Disease Related Dementias (ADRD). Individuals and organizations, especially those in the fields of behavioral and social science research and aging at large, are encouraged to submit white papers providing direct input into the initial work of the decadal. White paper submissions are due June 15, 2019. More information and submission guidelines can be found on the National Academies' website.
The decadal survey on AD and ADRD is being led by the National Academies' Division of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Education (DBASSE) and is focused on assessing how research in the behavioral and social sciences can reduce the burden of individuals affected by AD and ADRD over the next decade. More information about the decadal survey can be found on the DBASSE website.

Nomination Opportunities


Funding Opportunities

- NASEM: Building Capacity for Science Communication Partnership Awards: Request for Applications (Closes: July 1, 2019)

Notices & Requests for Comment

- NEW: NASEM: Call #1 for White Papers: Phase One of the Decadal Survey on Reducing the Burden of Alzheimer's Disease and Alzheimer's Disease-Related Dements (Closes: June 15, 2019)
- NASEM: Stronger Food and Drug Regulatory Systems Abroad - Call for Comments (Closes: June 14, 2019)

Fellowships & Professional Development

- NEW: ASCB: Kavli Civic Science Fellowship

EVENTS CALENDAR

- COSSA 2019 Social Science Advocacy Day, April 30-May 1, 2019, Washington, DC
- NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration, May 15-17, 2019, Baltimore, MD
- COSSA Headlines | May Headlines & Deep Dive TBA, May 16, 2019, 2:00 pm
- American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference, May 16-19, 2019, Toronto, Canada
- NSF Grants Conference, May 20-21, 2019, Los Angeles, CA
- Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting, May 28-31, 2019, San Francisco, CA
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 30-June 2, 2019, Washington, DC
- COPAFS: Stats for America Conference, June 3, 2019, Washington, DC
- CNSTAT: New Approaches for Protecting Privacy in Federal Statistical Programs, June 6-7, 2019, Washington, DC
- COSSA Headlines | June Headlines & Deep Dive TBA, June 13, 2019, 2:00 pm
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Summer Conference, June 21-23, 2019, San Diego, CA
- History of Science Society Annual Meeting, July 23-27, 2019, Utrecht, Netherlands
- AMSTAT: Joint Statistical Meeting, July 27-August 1, 2019, Denver, CO

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@cossa.org.
**Consortium of Social Science Associations**

**Members**

### Governing Associations
- American Anthropological Association
- American Association for Public Opinion Research
- American Economic Association
- American Educational Research Association
- American Political Science Association
- American Psychological Association
- American Society of Criminology
- American Sociological Association
- American Statistical Association
- Law and Society Association
- Linguistic Society of America
- Midwest Political Science Association
- National Communication Association
- Population Association of America
- Society for Personality and Social Psychology
- Society for Research in Child Development

### Membership Organizations
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- African Studies Association
- American Association of Geographers
- American Council of Learned Societies
- American Evaluation Association
- American Historical Association
- American Psychosomatic Society
- Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies
- Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
- Association of Academic Survey Research Organizations
- Association of American Law Schools
- Association of Research Libraries
- Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences
- Council on Social Work Education
- Economic History Association
- History of Science Society
- Midwest Sociological Society
- National Association of Social Workers
- National Council on Family Relations
- North American Regional Science Council
- Rural Sociological Society
- Social Science History Association
- Society for Prevention Research
- Society for Research on Adolescence
- Society for Social Work and Research
- Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues
- Society of Behavioral Medicine
- Southern Political Science Association
- Southern Sociological Society
- Southwestern Social Science Association

### Colleges and Universities
- Arizona State University
- Boston University
- Brown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Columbia University
- Cornell University
- Duke University
- Fielding Graduate University
- George Mason University
- Georgetown University
- Harvard University
- Indiana University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Michigan State University
- North Carolina State University
- Northwestern University
- Ohio State University, The
- Pennsylvania State University
- Princeton University
- Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey
- Stanford University
- Texas A&M University
- University of Arizona
- University of California, Berkeley
- University of California, Irvine
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Barbara
- University of Chicago
- University of Colorado, Boulder
- University of Georgia
- University of Illinois
- University of Iowa
- University of Maryland
- University of Michigan
- University of Minnesota
- University of Nebraska, Lincoln
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- University of Oklahoma
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- University of Texas, Austin
- University of Texas, San Antonio
- University of Virginia
- University of Washington
- University of Wisconsin, Madison
- Virginia Tech
- West Virginia University
- Yale University

### Centers and Institutes
- American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- American Academy of Political and Social Science
- Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
- Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research
- Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan
- Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- NORC at the University of Chicago
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