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### **COSSA Advocates Tell Congress to Use Social Science to Fight COVID-19**

On April 28, about 40 social and behavioral scientists and stakeholders participated in COSSA's sixth annual Social Science Advocacy Day, meeting virtually with Members of Congress and their staff about the many ways social and behavioral science is helping to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. Advocates representing 16 states participated, holding 58 individual meeting with Congressional offices. Materials used to help explain the unique contributions the social and behavioral sciences make to fighting COVID-19 and to address other pressing national issues are available on COSSA's [Advocacy Resources page](#). You can help amplify this message by responding to COSSA's [Action Alert](#) on social science and the COVID-19 crisis.

COSSA is particularly grateful to the event's sponsors, who chose to continue to support

Advocacy Day without an in-person component. Sincere thanks to the American Anthropological Association, American Educational Research Association, American Evaluation Association, American Psychological Association, American Society of Criminology, American Sociological Association, Association of American Universities, Boston University, Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences, National Communication Association, Penn state Social Science Research Institute, Population Association of America, Princeton University, SAGE Publishing, Society for Personality and Social Psychology, and Society for Research and Child Development.

## **Congress Remains Focused on COVID-19**

As the COVID-19 pandemic persists, Congress continues to prioritize attention to combatting the disease and addressing the resulting economic repercussions. As lawmakers argue about the contents of another supplemental appropriations bill, a pair of Dear Colleague Letters (DCL) have been circulated in the House and Senate in support of \$26 billion for federal research agencies in the next COVID-19 package. The [House letter](#), sponsored by Diana DeGette (D-CO) and Fred Upton (R-MI), garnered 178 signatories and the [Senate letter](#), sponsored by Ed Markey (D-MA) and Thom Tillis (R-NC), had 33 signatories. The timeline for future supplemental bills is still unclear.

On May 6, the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies (LHHS) held a [hearing](#) addressing the ongoing COVID-19 response. The Subcommittee heard testimony from President and CEO of Resolve to Save Lives and former Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tom Frieden, and Senior Scholar at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security and Assistant Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Caitlin Rivers. Members of the Subcommittee and the witnesses discussed a variety of issues related to the pandemic, including the best methods for reopening parts of the economy, the role of contact tracing in identifying at-risk individuals, best public health practices for rural communities, and the production timeline of a vaccine and other medical supplies. A major topic of discussion was the possibility of the Appropriations Committee to initiate a Health Defense Operations (HDO) account intended to address immediate public health crises such as the current COVID-19 pandemic. This account would be structured similarly to the often-controversial Department of Defense's Overseas Contingency Operations (OCO) account and would allow much greater flexibility in funding public health initiatives without being affected by budget caps or competing with other discretionary accounts. A recording of the hearing and the witnesses' testimonies are available on the [Committee website](#).

## **NSF, National Academies Launch Network to Connect Social Scientists to COVID-19 Policymakers**

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) have formed the Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN) to connect social and behavioral science researchers with decision-makers who are leading the response to COVID-19. SEAN will respond to the most pressing social, behavioral, and economic questions that are being asked by federal, state, and local officials by working with appropriate experts to quickly provide actionable answers. The network will be overseen by NASEM's Standing Committee on Emerging Infectious Diseases and 21st Century Health Threats and an executive committee co-chaired by Robert Groves of Georgetown University and Mary T. Bassett of Harvard University. More information is available in the [press release announcing the network's formation](#). One of the first public activities under the new network is the creation of a [weekly archive of public opinion survey data and reports](#) related to COVID-19. COSSA will continue to report on SEAN's activities as more information becomes available.

## **Golden Goose Award Seeks Nominations Related to COVID-19 Research**

The Golden Goose Award, which typically recognizes federally funded research that may initially sound odd, obscure, or serendipitous, but ends up having a major impact on society, is planning to use its 2020 Awards to highlight federally funded research that has had a significant and demonstrable impact in responding to COVID-19. More information on nomination criteria is available on the [Golden Goose website](#). The deadline for nominations is May 22, 2020.

## Notable COVID-19 Resources

- American Educational Research Association: [Coronavirus Pandemic and Relevant Education Research Resources](#)
- National Center for Health Statistics: [Excess Deaths Associated with COVID-19](#)
- Social Science Research Council: [#coronavirussyllabus](#)
- Social Science Research Council: [Rapid-Response Grants on Covid-19 and the Social Sciences](#)
- Social Science Research Council: [Social Data Initiative Fellowships](#)
- CONVERGE (University of Colorado Boulder Natural Hazards Center): [COVID-19 Global Research Registry for Public Health and Social Sciences](#)
- [Social scientists can play a key role in stopping the coronavirus](#), Sandro Galea, May 7, 2020
- [Pandemics Call for Systems Approaches to Research and Funding](#), Jennifer Kuzma, Khara D. Grieger, Christopher L. Cummings, Zachary S. Brown, *Issues in Science and Technology*, May 4, 2020
- [Seven crucial research findings that can help people deal with COVID-19](#), Kirsten Weir, American Psychological Association, March 16, 2020

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## COSSA IN ACTION

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### May's Headlines Webchat to Feature a Deep Dive Conversation with Epidemiologist Natalie Dean



COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the monthly Headlines webchat on Thursday May 14. The COSSA team will break down the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month and answer your questions. This month's deep dive will feature a conversation with University of Florida epidemiologist [Natalie Dean](#), who will answer your questions about studying a pandemic. Ron Wasserstein, Executive Director of the American Statistical Association, will moderate the discussion. Participants may submit questions in advance by emailing Julia Milton ([jmilton@coffa.org](mailto:jmilton@coffa.org)). Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat [here](#).

### COSSA Submits Senate Testimony in Support of Social Science at NSF, Census, NIJ and BJS

Each year, COSSA submits outside witness testimony to the Congressional Appropriations subcommittees responsible for funding federal agencies important to the social sciences. Earlier this month, COSSA submitted [testimony](#) to the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies calling for robust funding for the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Bureau of Justice Statistics, and Census Bureau in fiscal year (FY) 2021. All of COSSA's FY 2021 testimony will be posted on the [COSSA website](#).

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## Share Your Story with COSSA!

COSSA is always looking for tangible examples from the social and behavioral sciences to help

make the case that federal investment in these sciences is not only a wise use of taxpayer dollars, but that this research yields results that make the nation and world healthier, safer, and more prosperous. If you have a social science story-- a research success, an example of how social science is being used effectively in your community, an educational experience or teacher who shaped the trajectory of your social science career, or any other experience or activity that showcases the many positive impacts the social and behavioral sciences make to all aspects of life-- share it with COSSA by filling out the [form on our website](#).



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## FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS

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### Funding Opportunities

- DOD: [Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program Anticipated Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2020](#)
- NIH/NIMHD: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Competitive and Administrative Supplements for the Impact of COVID-19 Outbreak on Minority Health and Health Disparities](#) (Closes: May 1, 2021)
- NIH/NIA: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): NIA Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: May 1, 2021)
- NIH/NIMH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Mental Health Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) (Closes: April 16, 2021)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and the Behavioral and Social Sciences](#) (Closes: April 1, 2021)
- NIH/NIDA: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus](#) (Closes: March 31, 2021)
- NIH/NIGMS: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) and the Causative Virus SARS-CoV-2](#) (Closes: February 6, 2021)
- NIH/NCCIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for Research on Stress Management in Relation to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 7, 2021)
- NIH/NHLBI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): Availability of Administrative Supplements and Revision Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: October 6, 2020)
- NSF/SBE: [NSF Dynamic Language Infrastructure - NEH Documenting Endangered Languages \(DLI-DEL\)](#) (Closes: September 15, 2020)
- ED/IES: [Statistical and Research Methodology in Education and Using Longitudinal Data To Support State Education Policymaking Grant Programs](#) (Closes: July 30, 2020)
- NSF: [Program on Fairness in Artificial Intelligence in Collaboration with Amazon](#) (Closes: July 13, 2020)
- NIH/NCI: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\): National Cancer Institute Announcement Regarding Availability of Urgent Competitive Revision and Administrative Supplements on Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#) (Closes: June 26, 2020)
- USDA/AFRI: [Rapid Response to Novel Coronavirus \(SARS-CoV-2\) Impacts Across Food and Agricultural Systems](#) (Closes: June 4, 2020)
- BJS: [National Pretrial Reporting Program \(NPRP\) 2020](#) (Closes: June 2, 2020)
- NIH: [Notice of Special Interest \(NOSI\) regarding the Availability of Administrative Supplements to Support Strategies to Reduce Stigma in Pain Management and Opioid Use Disorder \(OUD\) and Treatment](#) (Closes: May 30, 2020)
- NIH: [Firearm Injury and Mortality Prevention Research \(R61 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#) (Closes: May 15, 2020)

- NIH: [Competitive Revisions for Firearms Injury and Mortality Prevention Research](#) (Closes: May 15, 2020)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

## Notices & Requests for Comment

- HHS: [Office of Human Research Protections Guidance on COVID-19](#)
- NIH: [UPDATE: NIH Late Application Policy Due to Public Health Emergency for United States for 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- NSF: [Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) for National Science Foundation \(NSF\) Proposers and Awardees](#)
- NIH: [Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19](#)
- NIH: [General Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\) - Proposal Submission and Award Management Related to COVID-19](#)
- Census: [Comment Request; Supplemental Questions Related to the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Businesses](#) (Closes: June 29, 2020)
- NSF: [Dear Colleague Letter: Request for Information on Future Topics for the NSF Convergence Accelerator and Call for Future Topics Conference Proposals](#) (Closes: May 18, 2020)

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

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### COPAFS Names New Executive Director

The Council of Professional Associations on Federal Statistics (COPAFS) has [announced](#) the selection of Paul Schroeder as its next executive director effective May 15. Schroeder has previously held positions at the research firm EurekaFacts, Abt Associates, and Westat. Schroeder holds a master's degree in sociology from the University of Virginia. He succeeds Cynthia Clark, who has led the organization since December 2018. COSSA congratulates Schroeder on his appointment and looks forward to continuing to work closely with COPAFS on issues affecting federal statistical agencies.

### Nomination Opportunities

- AAAS: [Kavli Science Journalism Awards](#) (Closes: August 1, 2020)
- AAAS: [AAAS/Subaru SB&F Prize for Excellence in Science Books](#) (Closes: July 20, 2020)
- AAAS: [Award for Science Diplomacy](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Award for Scientific Freedom and Responsibility](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Early Career Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Mani L. Bhaumik Award for Public Engagement with Science](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Mentor Awards](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Newcomb Cleveland Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [John P. McGovern Award Lecture in the Behavioral Sciences](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- AAAS: [Philip Hauge Abelson Prize](#) (Closes: June 30, 2020)
- NEW: [Golden Goose Awards: COVID-19 Nominations](#) (Closes: May 22, 2020)

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

- CANCELLED: [American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference](#), May 14-17, 2020, Atlanta, GA
- VIRTUAL: [COSSA Headlines | May Headlines](#), May 14, 2020, 2:00 pm
- CANCELLED: [Society for Prevention Research Annual Meeting](#), May 26-29, 2020,



Washington, DC

- **VIRTUAL:** [Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#) May 28-31, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | June Headlines](#), June 11, 2020 2:00 pm
- **VIRTUAL:** [National Association of Social Workers National Conference](#), June 15-17, 2020
- **CANCELLED:** [Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Summer Conference](#), June 26-28, 2020
- **VIRTUAL:** [COSSA Headlines | July Headlines](#), July 9, 2020, 2:00 pm

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](mailto:jmilton@coffa.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  
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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

### Colleges and Universities

Arizona State University  
Boston University  
Brown University  
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Columbia University  
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Duke University  
George Mason University  
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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 Pennsylvania  
University of Pittsburgh  
University of Texas, Austin  
University of Virginia  
University of Wisconsin, Madison  
Virginia Tech  
West Virginia University  
Yale University

Southern Political Science Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Southwestern Social Science Association

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