FEATURED NEWS

Message from COSSA on Police Violence and Racial Injustice

We stand in solidarity with those protesting against the abuses of police power and the racist systems that perpetuate this violence. One of the fundamental lessons from the social sciences is that our lives are governed by social systems that were designed to bestow advantages and disadvantages unequally. While the social sciences have helped to illuminate those structures
and the inequities and harms they create, the science community has failed to effectively address them within the scientific enterprise itself.

While we cannot undo the horrific injustices of the past, we are committed to eradicating the scourge of white supremacy—both within the sciences themselves and in our own communities. In our collective efforts to confront the daily suffering perpetuated by racism and racist systems, we can bring the strength of the social and behavioral sciences to bear on society’s greatest challenges—to understand and work toward real change.

#BlackLivesMatter
#WhySocialScience

Notable COVID-19 Resources

- Penn Wharton Budget Model: Coronavirus Policy Response Simulator
- University of Massachusetts Amherst: Social Science Research on the Impacts of COVID-19

COSSA IN ACTION

June's Headlines Webchat to Feature Deep Dive Discussion on Police Violence with Dr. Kristin Dukes

COSSA members are encouraged to sign up for the monthly Headlines webchat on Thursday, June 11 at 2:00 pm Eastern. The COSSA team will break down the most important social and behavioral science news from the past month, followed by a deep dive discussion with Allegheny College Dean for Institutional Diversity Kristin Dukes, PhD, a social psychologist whose work has focused on police violence against racial and ethnic minorities. Participants may submit questions in advance by emailing Julia Milton (jmilton@cossa.org). Individuals employed by or affiliated with a COSSA member organization or university can register for the webchat here.

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.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

Congress Looking to Move FY 2021 Funding Bills in Coming Weeks

While Congressional leaders continue to negotiate their next response to the COVID-19 pandemic and, now, renewed calls for policing reforms in the wake of the killings of unarmed
Black men and women at the hands of law enforcement, lawmakers are also looking to make progress on the fiscal year (FY) 2021 appropriations bills. According to House leadership, the House of Representatives will work to pass its FY 2021 bills ahead of the month-long August recess. This leaves the House with less than two months to write, mark-up and bring to the floor all twelve annual spending bills. The Senate has not yet released plans for moving ahead on FY 2021 appropriations, though leaders have expressed hopes to begin in late June.

Advocates, including COSSA, are busy making their final pitches to Congress for next year's funding. A major unknown this year is the impact that recently enacted supplemental funding to address the COVID-19 outbreak will have on regular appropriations. COSSA will report on the details of the annual spending bills for federal science agencies over the next several weeks. You can follow our coverage at: https://www.cossa.org/policy.

**Bipartisan Bill Would Mandate DOD Fund Social Science Research**

On June 5, Reps. Daniel Lipinski (D-IL) and David McKinley (R-WV) introduced the Social Sciences Protect Our Nation Act (H.R. 7106), a bill that would require the Department of Defense (DOD) to maintain a basic social sciences research program. Rep. Jim Langevin (D-RI), Chair of the House Armed Services Committee’s Subcommittee on Intelligence and Emerging Threats and Capabilities, joined as an original co-sponsor of the legislation. The bill was introduced in response to DOD's plans to cut Defense-wide funding for social and behavioral science research, including the Minerva Research Initiative, a university-based social science research program, in the coming fiscal year. According to the legislation, "Maintaining a basic social sciences research program provides the Department of Defense critical access to expertise to inform cultural understanding, support technological edge, counter adversarial social interventions, and understand drivers to strengthen alliances and attract new partners."

COSSA released a statement on the legislation that was included in a press release from Rep. Lipinski's office:

"The Consortium of Social Science Associations (COSSA) applauds Representatives Daniel Lipinski and David McKinley for introducing the Social Sciences Protect Our Nation Act, which recognizes the essential role basic social and behavioral science research plays in supporting national defense and the need for such research to have a home within the Defense Department, where it can be put to immediate use. Social science research has enhanced America's national security by improving our understanding of complex dynamics such as terrorism and radicalization, gang behavior, political instability, and demographic shifts in nations around the world. The Social Sciences Protect Our Nation Act will ensure that this research continues to thrive within our national security enterprise."

Upon its introduction, the legislation was referred to the House Armed Services Committee, although a timeline for consideration is unclear.

**FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

**White House Launches Search for Chief Statistician**

The White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has posted a vacancy announcement for the position of Chief Statistician of the United States, following the departure of former Chief Statistician Nancy Potok at the end of 2019. The Chief Statistician oversees OMB’s Statistical Policy and Science Branch and is responsible for implementing cross-agency data and statistics policies, including the Federal Data Strategy and the implementation of the Foundations for Evidence-Based Policymaking Act. The window for applications closes on June 29.
IES Announces Changes, Requests Applications for Several of its Largest Grant Programs

On May 27, Mark Schneider, the Director of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) within the Department of Education, issued an announcement of new Requests for Applications (RFA) for several of the Institute's largest grant programs for fiscal year (FY) 2021 as well as updates to some of the Institute's programs. The Requests for Applications are mainly in the Education Research and Training Grant Programs and in Special Education Research and Training Grant Programs. A full list of the RFAs are available on the IES website.

Some of the programmatic changes mentioned in the announcement include higher funding limits to meet growing demands for dissemination and the reorganization of the programs at the National Center for Special Education Research (NCSER) into fewer, broader program topics. According to the announcement, the changes were guided by the Institute's Standards for Excellence in Education Research (SEER). Director Schneider's announcement and more information are available on the IES website.

Nomination Opportunities

- **NEW:** Census: [Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the Census Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (Closes: August 1, 2020)
- **NEW:** Census: [Request for Nominations of Members To Serve on the National Advisory Committee on Racial, Ethnic, and Other Populations](#) (Closes: August 1, 2020)

Funding Opportunities

- 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/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)
- **NEW:** NIH: [Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Competitive and Administrative Supplements for Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations](#) (Closes: December 30, 2020)
- 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)
- NIH/OBSSR: [Advancing Research to Develop Improved Measures and Methods for Understanding Multimorbidity (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)](#) (Opens: September 5, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Education Research (FY 2021) (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Research Training Programs in the Education Sciences (FY 2021) (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Education Research and Development Centers (FY 2021) (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Research Grants Focused on Systematic Replication (FY 2021) (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Special Education Research (FY 2021) (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Research Training Programs in Special Education (FY 2021) (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Research Grants Focused on NAEP Process Data for Learners with Disabilities (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: ED/IES: Research Grants Focused on Systematic Replication in Special Education (FY 2021) (Closes: August 20, 2020)
NEW: HUD/PD&R: Impact of RAD on Children in HUD Assisted Households (Closes: July 30, 2020)
ED/IES: Statistical and Research Methodology in Education and Using Longitudinal Data To Support State Education Policymaking Grant Programs (Closes: July 30, 2020)
NEW: NIH: Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Community Interventions to Address the Consequences of the COVID-19 Pandemic for Health Disparity and Vulnerable Populations (R01- Clinical Trial Optional) (Closes: July 22, 2020)
NSF: Program on Fairness in Artificial Intelligence in Collaboration with Amazon (Closes: July 13, 2020)
NEW: NSF/SBE: The Science of Learning and Augmented Intelligence Program (SL) (Closes: July 8, 2020)
NEW: ODNI/IARPA: COVID-19 Seedling Research Topics (Closes: July 7, 2020)
HUD: Estimating the Prevalence and Probability of Homeless Youth (Closes: July 1, 2020)
NIH/OBSSR: Notice of Special Interest: Administrative Supplements for NIH grants to Add or Expand Research Focused on Maternal Mortality (Closes: June 23, 2020)
NEW: HUD/PD&R: Cooperative Research in Housing Technologies (Closes: June 18, 2020)

Notices & Requests for Comment

NEW: Census: Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Internet Panel Pretesting and Qualitative Survey Methods Testing (Closes: August 3, 2020)
NEW: Census: Submission to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Household Pulse Survey (Closes: August 3, 2020)
Census: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Household Pulse Survey (Closes: July 20, 2020)
Census: Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Household Pulse Survey (Closes: July 20, 2020)
Census: Comment Request; Supplemental Questions Related to the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Businesses (Closes: June 29, 2020)

Recent Reports

NEW: GSA: Federal Data Strategy: Improving Agency Data Skills Playbook

Open Positions

NEW: OMB: Chief Statistician/Statistical Policy and Science Branch (Closes: June 29, 2020)
COMMUNITY NEWS & REPORTS

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. Bhauumik 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)

Recent Reports

- **NEW: NASEM: Measuring Success in Substance Use Grant Programs**

EVENTS CALENDAR

- **VIRTUAL: COSSA Headlines | June Headlines**, June 11, 2020 @ 2:00 pm
- **VIRTUAL: COSSA Headlines | July Headlines**, July 9, 2020 @ 2:00 pm
- **VIRTUAL: Join Statistical Meetings**, August 1-6, 2020
- **VIRTUAL: American Psychological Association Annual Convention**, August 6-9, 2020
- **CANCELLLED: Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting**, August 6-9, 2020
- **VIRTUAL: American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, August 8-11, 2020
- **VIRTUAL: COSSA Headlines | August**, August 13, 2020, 2:00 pm
- **VIRTUAL: American Political Science Association Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, September 10-13, 2020
- **VIRTUAL: COSSA Headlines | September**, September 10, 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@cossa.org.

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