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A monthly look at what's new and noteworthy in social science policy

April 8, 2021

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Updates from SBE with Skip Lupia
- ❑ This Month's HOMEWORK



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Sciences (SBE)

This Month's Headlines



CONGRESS

- Science Committee Releases NSF Reauthorization Proposal
 - More: <https://science.house.gov/news/press-releases/science-committee-leaders-introduce-nsf-for-the-future-act>
- House Science Subcommittee Holds Hearing on Rebuilding the Federal Scientific Workforce
 - More: <https://science.house.gov/>
- Census Bureau Faces Questions on Release of 2020 Data
 - More: <https://www.hsgac.senate.gov/>

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

- Biden Signs *American Rescue Plan*, with Funding for NSF, IES, Universities
 - More: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/>
- Biden's Infrastructure Proposal Includes \$250 billion in Research Funding
 - More: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/03/31/fact-sheet-the-american-jobs-plan/>



EXECUTIVE BRANCH (cont.)

- NSF Issues New Framework for Identifying Broader Impacts; NSB Seeks Additional Guidance
 - More: <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21059/nsf21059.jsp>
- NIH Further Extends Registration, Reporting Enforcement Delay for Some Clinical Trials
 - More: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-21-088.html>

COMMUNITY

- CNSTAT Releases Seventh Edition of Principles & Practices for a Federal Statistical Agency
 - More: <https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25885/principles-and-practices-for-a-federal-statistical-agency-seventh-edition>
- NASEM Releases Report Documenting COVID-19's Impact on Women in STEM, Compiles New COVID Resource
 - More: <https://www.cossa.org/tag/national-academies/>

COSSA

- John Anderson, NAE President, Answers "Why Social Science?"
 - More: www.whysocialscience.com



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Deep Dive

Updates from NSF's Directorate for Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences (SBE)



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40 YEARS OF ADVOCACY & ACTION

Updates & Opportunities for SBE Researchers

Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director



- Produce rigorous, precise research that empowers people and improves quality of life.





- NSF-wide:
 - **1,172 research awards**
 - \$197.5 million (\$76 million from CARES Act)
- SBE:
 - **250 research awards (including RAPIDs)**
 - \$32 million (\$9.5 million from CARES Act)

New Initiatives

- Strengthening American Infrastructure
- Build and Broaden 2.0
- America's Data Hub



- **A clarification, not a change.**

- Who Can the Scientific Opportunities and Communicative Products Empower?
- Whose Quality of Life Can the Empowerment Improve?
- What Actions Make These Broader Impacts More Likely?



- “The National Science Foundation is taking a comprehensive approach to investing in research to understand, address, and end bias, discrimination and xenophobia, including against AAPI communities.
- NSF is currently supporting more than 100 grants across the country totaling more than \$33 million dollars of investment.”





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Evolution

- There is a new appetite for larger SBE projects.
 - Big Ideas
 - Convergence Accelerators
 - "Midscale" Research Infrastructure.



Big Ideas

- SBE leads or co-leads
 - The Future of Work at the Human-Technology Frontier
 - Understanding the Rules of Life
- Big Ideas are producing “center-scale” activities.”



Midscale Infrastructure

- At NSF, “midscale” means \$6-100 million over a five-year period.
- The midscale concept has broad support.
- NSB has recently approved an SBE-centered midscale project.



Challenges

- Need a well-conceived idea that advances SBE research.
- Requires “buy-in” from the field.
- Requires professional project management.
- Require operations and maintenance plan.
- Requires demonstrable sustainability.



Convergence Accelerator

- Goal: Accelerate **use-inspired convergence research** in areas of **national importance**.
- Use **partnerships** with non-academic stakeholders.
- Multiple Rounds. Final: **\$5M/year for 5 years**.



CA - 2021

- 2021 Tracks
 - Networked Blue Economy
 - Trust and Authenticity in Communications Systems
- Letter of Intent due **May 5**.
- Full Proposal due **June 14**.
- <https://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2021/nsf21572/nsf21572.pdf>







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Thank you for your service to science & society.

Arthur Lupia, Assistant Director



Homework Assignment



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PAST DEEP DIVE TOPICS:

- March 2021: COVID-19 Relief for Researchers
- February 2021: Biden's First Weeks
- January 2021: COVID-19 Vaccination Communication
- December 2020: 2021 Policy Landscape
- November 2020: 2020 Election
- October 2020: Election Polling
- September 2020: Tracking School Reopening Plans
- August 2020: The Psychology of COVID-19
- July 2020: The Societal Experts Action Network (SEAN)
- June 2020: A Conversation on Police Violence
- May 2020: A Conversation with an Epidemiologist
- April 2020: Communication Strategies in an Emerging Public Health Crisis
- March 2020: White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Updates



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