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## FEATURED NEWS

### Researchers Discuss Projects Targeted by Wastebooks at Capitol Hill Poster Exhibition

On April 13, the COSSA-led Coalition to Promote Research (CPR) and the Coalition for National Science Funding (CNSF) sponsored a Congressional exhibition and reception, "*Wasteful" Research? Looking Beyond the Abstract*, designed to provide researchers whose work had been targeted in the various Congressional "wastebook" publications an opportunity to put their research into context for Members of Congress and their staff. The unique Congressional [exhibition and reception](#) featured nine researchers from across the disciplinary spectrum. Also presented were posters on the peer/merit review process by [National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH) and the [National Science Foundation](#) (NSF).

Participating researchers included: [Aletha Akers](#), Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; [Karen](#)

[Ingersoll](#), University of Virginia School of Medicine; [Jeff Leips](#), University of Maryland Baltimore County; [Frederick Muench](#), Northwell Health, New York; [Sheila Patek](#), Duke University; [Kimberley Philips](#), Trinity University; [Narayan Sastry](#), University of Michigan; [David Scholnick](#), Pacific University, Oregon; and [Megan Tracy](#), James Madison University. [Joshua Shiode](#) of AAAS provided information on the *Golden Goose Awards* along with this year's first announced recipients of the 2016 award for the [Longitudinal Study on Adolescent Health](#), recently renamed the *Longitudinal Study on Adult Health* (Add Health).

[Read on](#) for more details.

## COSSA IN ACTION

### COSSA Submits FY 2017 Testimony on NIH, CDC, Education, and Other Agencies

COSSA submitted its annual Outside Witness Testimony to the House and Senate Appropriations Subcommittees on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies. COSSA's testimony for fiscal year (FY) 2017 addresses the need for strong funding of the National Institutes of Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Institute for Education Sciences, and Title VI and Fulbright-Hays programs. Click [here](#) to read testimony submitted to the House, and [here](#) for the Senate.

## CONGRESSIONAL NEWS

### House and Senate Get Moving on 2017 Spending Bills

More than a dozen markups and hearings are scheduled this week for House and Senate Appropriations committees and subcommittees. Appropriators are moving ahead with writing their respective fiscal year (FY) 2017 appropriations bills, despite no agreement on top-line funding levels by way of a budget resolution.

You will recall that a [bipartisan budget deal](#) was struck back in October, which provided for an extra \$30 billion (of a \$1.1 trillion total federal budget) in discretionary spending-split evenly between defense and nondefense-in FY 2017. However, the most conservative wing of the GOP in the House are digging in their heels, demanding that total funding next year not exceed the caps set in the 2011 budget agreement. Specifically, they want \$30 billion cut from the October deal, taking all of it from the nondefense side where funding for federal research agencies lives. With no end in sight for the debate around top-line spending, House Appropriations Subcommittees have begun pressing forward, writing and marking up their bills consistent with the higher levels agreed to in the fall.

[Read on](#) for more details.

### House Agriculture Appropriations Bill Passes Subcommittee

The House Appropriations Committee has released its [draft bill](#) and [Committee Report](#) for the fiscal year (FY) 2017 funding for the Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration and Related Agencies. The bill passed the Subcommittee by voice vote on April 13

and, at the time of this writing, is currently being debated in the full Appropriations Committee. [Read on](#) for details on the bill's proposed funding for the Department of Agriculture (USDA) agencies important to the social and behavioral sciences, and check back later for updates on the final vote in the Committee and any relevant amendments.

## **FEDERAL AGENCY & ADMINISTRATION NEWS**

### **OBSSR to Hold Webinars to Present *2016-2020 Strategic Plan***

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) [Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research](#) (OBSSR) is holding two webinars to present the Office's *2016-2020 Strategic Plan* and to solicit feedback from the scientific community, including "researchers in academia and industry, scientific or professional organizations, public health and health care professionals, patient advocacy organizations, and other interested members of the public." OBSSR Director William Riley and Deputy Director G. Stephane Philogene will present the *2016-2020 Strategic Plan* during both webinars; the information provided will be the same. The webinars are scheduled for [Tuesday, May 10, 2016](#) (10:30 - 11:30 am EDT) and [Thursday, May 12, 2016](#) (2:00 - 3:00 pm). Registration is required at the links above.

### **NASS Launches New Local Foods Survey**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) has begun data collection for its first-ever [Local Food Marketing Practices Survey](#), which will produce official benchmark data on the U.S. local food sector. According to a NASS [press release](#), the survey will produce information on "the value of food sales by marketing channel (i.e. farmers markets, community supported agriculture (CSA) arrangements, restaurants, roadside stands, food hubs, and more), value of crop and livestock sales, marketing practices, expenses, Federal farm program participation, and more." NASS expects to release the data in December 2016.

### **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](#). Recommendations for membership are maintained for 12 months. See the [Federal Register notice](#) for details on how to submit names.

### **Nominations Sought for U.S. Preventive Services Task Force**

The [U.S. Preventive Services Task Force](#) (USPSTF) is an independent advisory body that makes evidence-based recommendations about the effectiveness of clinical preventive services and health promotion. The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), which supports the work of the USPSTF, is accepting nominations for candidates to serve on the Task Force. In addition to expertise in evaluation of research, preventive medicine, and implementation of recommendations, candidates are sought with experience in public health, health equity and health disparities, application of science to health policy, behavioral medicine, and communication of scientific findings to multiple audiences. Applications are due by May 15, 2016. More information is available

in the [Federal Register notice](#).

## EPA Seeks Scientific Advisory Committee Members

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is accepting nominations for candidates to serve on two scientific advisory bodies: the [Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee](#) (CASAC) and the [EPA Science Advisory Board](#) (SAB). More information on the jurisdiction of the committees and how to submit nominations is available in the [Federal Register notice](#). Nominations are due on May 6, 2016.

## PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

### National Academies Holds Workshop on ACS Respondent Burden

In March, the Committee on National Statistics (CNSTAT) of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine held a "[Workshop on Respondent Burden in the American Community Survey](#)," which brought together experts from the Census Bureau and the broader statistical community to discuss how to make the American Community Survey (ACS) a more pleasant, less intrusive experience for respondents.

[Read on](#) for more details.

## FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- AHRQ: AHRQ Announces Interest in Innovative Research in Primary Care ([NOT-HS-16-011](#))
- DOJ: Office of Violence Against Women FY 2016 Research and Evaluation Solicitation ([OVW-2016-9780](#))
- NIH: [Click here for a list of recent NIH funding opportunities.](#)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

- [22nd Annual CNSF Exhibition & Reception](#), Washington, DC, April 26, 2016
- [Global Issues Forum: Is mobile the future of evidence in development?](#) Washington DC, April 27, 2016
- [Where Does the Time Go? Understanding Overwhelmed Working Families](#), Washington, DC, May 2, 2016
- [2016 Daniel Patrick Moynihan Lecture: Policy, Politics and Partisanship](#), Washington, DC, May 12, 2016
- [American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Conference](#), Austin, TX, May 12-15, 2016
- [Law and Society Association Annual Meeting](#), New Orleans, LA, June 2-5, 2016
- [Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Annual Meeting](#), Minneapolis, MN, June 24-26, 2016
- [Joint Statistical Meetings](#), Chicago, IL, July 30-August 4, 2016

A list of COSSA members' annual meetings and other events can be found on the COSSA [webpage](#).

COSSA members who have an upcoming event they would like to see listed in the Events Calendar

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Society of Behavioral Medicine  
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Southern Sociological Society  
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### Centers and Institutes

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American Academy of Political and Social Science  
American Council of Learned Societies  
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### Colleges and Universities

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